

ANNOTATIONS

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SERVING CHURCH, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY DURING THE PANDEMIC



by J. Eric Elliott, Archivist

The COVID-19 pandemic has altered all of our daily routines, and the work of the Archives has been no exception. Since mid-March Nicole Crabbe and I have been working remotely, learning how to Zoom videoconference, answering e-mails and reference questions using digital resources on office servers, and making occasional trips to our vault. We hope to open to the public after “Phase Three” re-opening is approved by state public health officials. When we do, we will admit guests and volunteers by appointment only to maintain social distancing. Patrons will be required to wear face coverings, have their forehead temperatures taken before entrance to the building, and answer a familiar set of reminder questions to ensure limited exposure to the virus. Materials requested from our vault and library will be quarantined between users for several days which will impact research stays. Our Facebook page and Web site will announce our re-opening schedule. Please e-mail our office at moravianarchives@mcsp.org to inquire about specific research needs.

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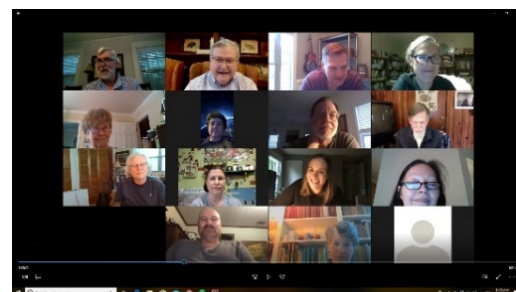
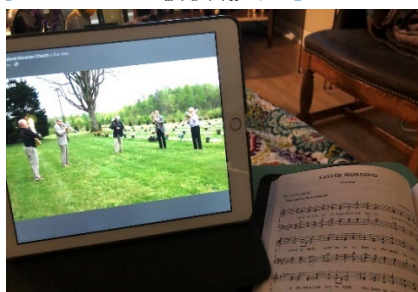
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To address the strain that the closing has for our budget, we are having to make expense reductions. This newsletter will now be delivered by e-mail rather than be printed and mailed.

In this issue we celebrate the banner support we received in 2019, with 150 gifts totaling \$34,251.58 to our Dr. C. Daniel Crews Friends Fund for unrestricted use. Included in that was an anchor gift of \$10,000 from the Starbuck Advisory Committee. We also had 25 donors to our Special Projects Fund for Technology, totaling \$12,150, including a \$5000 matching gift from Sallie Greenfield. We are grateful for the continued support of our friends in these uncertain times.



New Digital Offerings: Monthly E-News, Photo Contest, How-To Videos, MSC Zoom Meetings, Virtual Office Hours. Pandemic restrictions motivated several new digital Archives services. In April we converted our monthly e-news notice to an interactive publication (*left*), and we launched a public photo contest “Moravians Documenting the Pandemic” (*entry by Friedland Moravian member Kim Reed below left*). In May we offered YouTube “how-to” videos on the use of our Web site (*center*) and conducted our first Moravian Studies Collaborative meeting via Zoom videoconference with scholars up and down the East Coast (*right*). Zoom technology also allows staff to hold virtual office hours for the public Monday- Thursday from 11am until noon.



REYNOLDA CONFERENCE RESCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 23-26

The Humanities Institute at Wake Forest University rescheduled the “Becoming American: Moravians and their Neighbors, 1772-1822” Reynolda Conference for September 23-26. Co-conveners Professors Grant McAllister (Department of German and Russian) and Ulrike Wiethaus (Department for the Study of Religions) and Eric have assembled a diverse group of scholars for private academic working groups and public presentations. Details on the conference and participation opportunities, even if the conference becomes an all-online event, will be updated at this website:



<https://humanitiesinstitute.wfu.edu/programming/ba>

Academic working groups will meet during morning sessions and public presentations will be in the evenings, except the last two sessions, which will be held on Saturday morning at Reynolda House. Public programming currently includes:

September 23: Cultural Performance at Hanesbrands Theatre : “The Search for Wachovia: The Wachovia Experience for American Indian and African American Peoples” with André Minkins (Winston-Salem State University), Producer and Director; Dylan Morgan (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian), Artist and Cherokee Cultural Consultant; Laura Semilian, Solo Vocalist; Matthew Tooni (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian), Cherokee Cultural Consultant, Storyteller, Spoken Word Artist; Moravian Music Ensemble Winston-Salem (courtesy Moravian Music Foundation), theatre students at WFU and WSSU. **September 24:** Panel Discussion at Salem College Hanes Auditorium:

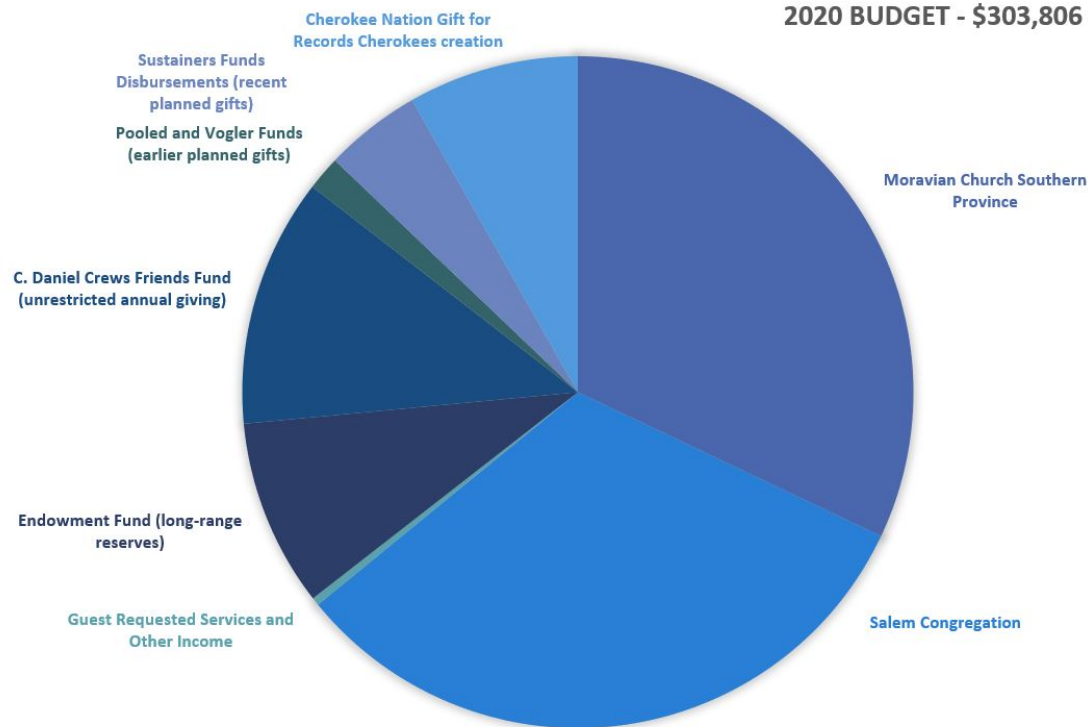
“Cultural Interactions During Times of Upheaval: Language, Translation, and the Kituwah (Cherokee) Worldview.” Panelists: Thomas N. Belt (Oklahoma Cherokee), T.J. Holland (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), and Constance Owle (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians). **September 25:** Keynote Lecture: “Black People-White God: Moravianism and the ‘Cultural Purification’ of the Afro-Caribbean in Antigua and Tobago.” Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts (Eastern West Indies Province, Moravian Church). **September 26:** Panel Moderator and Closing Remarks: Jon Sensbach (University of Florida). Panelists: The panelists will represent four conference working groups of scholars at the conference. Working Group Topic “Religion, Gender, and Economics”: Craig Atwood, Grant McAllister, Jake Ruddiman, Larry E. Tise, and C. Riddick Weber. Working Group Topic “Arts, Artisans, and Architecture”: David Bergstone, David Blum, Stewart Carter, and Geoff Hughes. Working Group Topic “New Insights from the Moravian Archives”: Eric Elliott, Thomas McCullough, and Paul Peucker. Working Group Topic “African American and American Indian Relationships”: Martha Hartley, Rowena McClinton, Andre Minkins, Charles Rodenbaugh, Ulrike Wiethaus. Online Keynote Lecture: “In Essentials, Unity; in Non-essentials, Liberty; and in all Things, Love’: Tracing Identity in the 18th century Moravian Lebenslauf (Spiritual Memoir).” Keynote Presenter: Katherine Mary Faull (Bucknell University).

Winter/Spring Photo Highlights In late January the Archives held its second luncheon honoring volunteers at the Flour Box Tea Room (*top right*). For outstanding work in 2019, we are grateful to Mary Audrey Apple, Janet Beck, Carol Brown, Cindy Casey, Bethany Collins, Sherry Griggs, Jennifer Holton, Julia Jennings, Johnnie Pearson, Marlow Sherrill, Brittany Tatman, Sharon Weibel and Mel White. In March, we hosted our fifth and largest class of Family History Docents for special training to help our genealogy researchers (*middle right*). Congratulations to Dennis Ford, Martha Hartley, Margie Lamb and Betsey Willard. Also in March, we welcomed members of the Forsyth County Genealogical Society to tour our facility (*bottom left*), and Eric gave a lunchtime lecture on the future traveling exhibit “Nurturing the Gardeners of Wachovia” (*bottom right* from album of Alberta Catherine Kern, Moravian Archives).

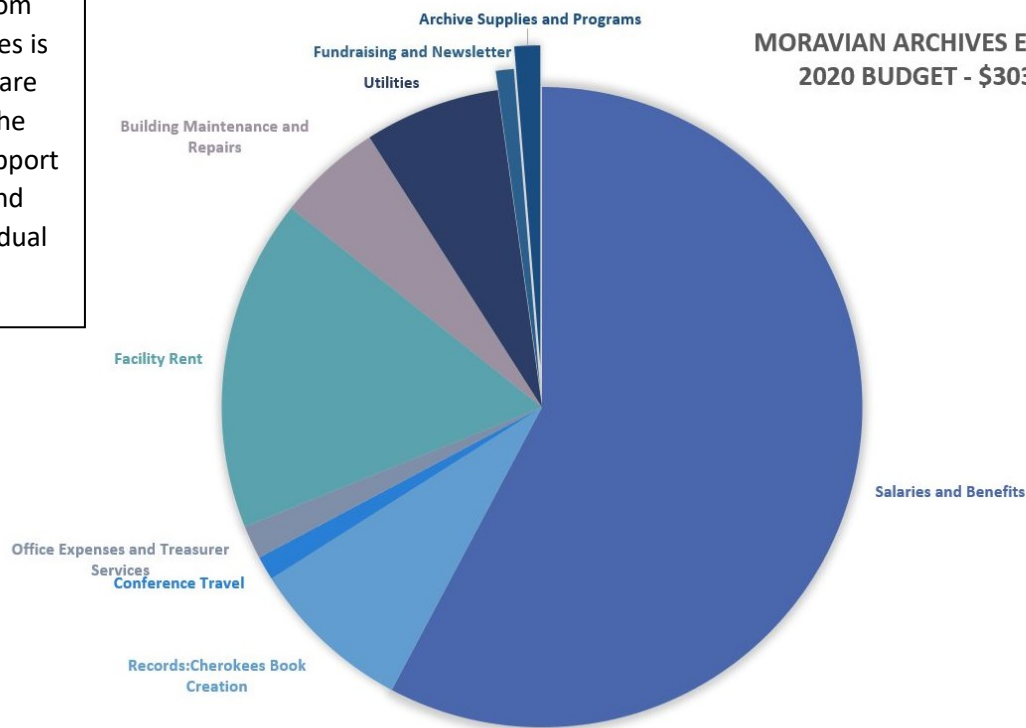


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2020 BUDGET - \$303,806



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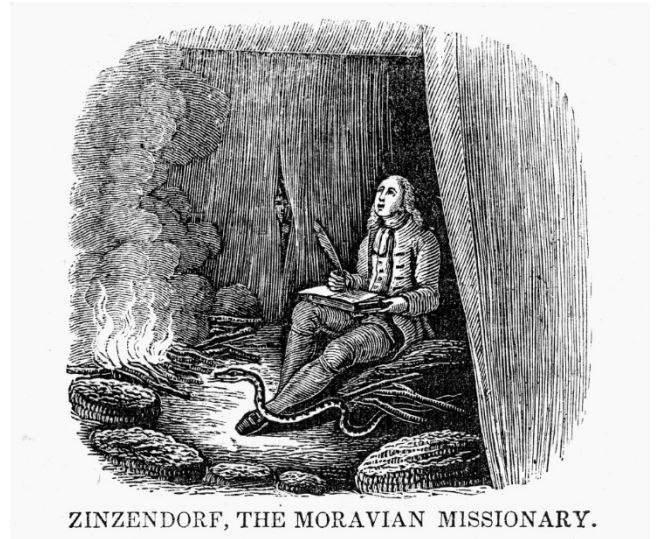
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The Archives Commission created a Special Projects Fund for Technology in 2019 with a goal to raise \$20,000 by June 30, 2020. By mid-June 2020 the Fund had raised \$14,575. The Fund will upgrade the Archives' computers and software to better access holdings and share them with the public. Sallie Greenfield, through her Greenfield Ministries Fund, offered to match dollar-for-dollar the first \$5000 given to the Fund. We thank these donors for their investment in our future!

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