Special Summer Opportunity for Mission Outreach

If your congregation has youth about to finish grades 6 through 12, and they want to be involved in helping others less fortunate this summer, but have not yet decided on a place to serve...you'll want to suggest they register for Mission Camp at Laurel Ridge. This program—which works out of Higgins Lodge—began in 2004, and it offers four weeks each summer for youth groups to participate together in home improvement projects across Ashe, Alleghany, and Wilkes Counties. Referrals from local helping agencies provide the names of residents in the area, along with their specific needs. The youth groups and their advisers are then matched to the individual work sites, based on their skill level and the projects to be accomplished. Groups bring capable adult leaders—1 per every 5 youth—and provide their own transportation to and from the homes where they are working.

Ten congregations have already registered for this summer, and the schedule is as follows:

- Mission Camp I, with Donna Hurt serving as Dean --- June 26 through July 2
- Mission Camp II, with Justin Rabbach serving as Dean --- July 3 through 9
- Mission Camp III, with Jennifer Boles serving as Dean --- July 17 through 23
- Mission Camp IV, with Sam Gray serving as Dean --- July 24 through 30

Each day after breakfast, participants come together for about 15 minutes to prepare for the day, then gather with their team to depart for their assigned work site. There they remain until mid to late afternoon, except on Wednesday when several hours of fun activities after lunch are planned back at camp. Following dinner is the evening program, then time for youth groups to gather individually, and finally the beloved campfire with vespers. On Saturday morning, the week concludes with a lovefeast.

This year's theme of “being a Christian example” comes from I Timothy 4:12, which says, “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” The five components, in which to set an example, provide fertile soil for discussion, videos, and activities during the five weekday evenings, with lots of singing mixed in of course. Your youth group is encouraged to join the others already registered, and be part of this awesome experience at Laurel Ridge.

Plus, a new and shorter mission camp experience is on the Laurel Ridge schedule for adults this year. Led by assistant camp director Terry Rausch, the dates are August 7-11. Projects will be more varied, including choices to help at social agencies in the area as well as working at people’s homes. This is a great opportunity to meet Moravians from other congregations, while caring for “the least of these.”

Donna Hurt
President
MORAVIAN CHEROKEE CONNECTION SEMINAR

I was one of the 157 people who gathered at Clemmons Moravian on April 9th for the Yadkin View RCC Gathering. Our region is comprised of Macedonia, New Hope, New Philadelphia, Unity and Clemmons Moravian churches, but the well-publicized event drew attendees from twenty-four Moravian congregations and two Methodist churches. Two people came all the way from fellowships in South Carolina. As a member of Clemmons Moravian, I must say I felt proud of the work done by our hard-working women (with help from a few key men) led by our RCC Planning Committee. From the registration and refreshments to the end of the day everything flowed smoothly.

Malissa Bumgarner, RCC Chair, welcomed us to the event. Rev. Ray Burke greeted guests and led us in a short devotional period consisting of liturgy and song.

Martha Clopton introduced our next event, Dr. Daniel Crews speaking on the subject "Moravians and Cherokees: A Journey Toward Respect." We are so blessed to have a person of his knowledge and experience among us here in the Southern Province. Not only was I completely captivated by the information he shared, but his subtle sense of humor almost made me forget how hard my chair was!

Dr. Crews and his wife Linda shared the blanket presented as a gift to them for their wedding from the Cherokee Nation.

Lunch was catered by Mrs. Pumpkin. We learned from the New Hope folks last year that a well-organized lunch can be both easy and delicious.

Our first speaker after lunch was Dr. John Hutton who told of a series of books he has written and illustrated about Old Salem. In these books, Sister Maus, a mouse resident of The Sisters’ House, tells of early life in Salem. The book he chose for us was *Sallie Jane and the Wonderful Stories: A Cherokee Student at Salem*. While my Southern ears could not keep up with his rapid speech, I could enjoy the art and story via the slide program he presented.
Our last speaker, Celeste Handy, was introduced by Sheila Beaman. Celeste is a seminary student at Duke University, and pastors two Methodist churches in Warren County, NC. She is of Cherokee heritage and has previously worked in campus ministry in New Mexico for 17 years. She spoke on “Current Life and Culture of Native Americans.” Since the technology for photos was not working, she shared experiences from her years of ministry among Native American college students.

There was opportunity to purchase books by Dr. Hutton and Dr. Crews. Jewelry made by a Native American was also available.

All in all, it was wonderful day and a great learning experience about our “Moravian Connection” with the indigenous people in our nation. We collected over $800 for the Oaks Indian Mission in Oaks, OK. It provides resident care for Native American children of all tribes. I consider my time and resources well spent.

A very special thanks goes to the RCC Planning Committee, chaired by Brenda Davis, and members of Clemmons Moravian.

Submitted by Helen Everhart
Hope Moravian Church
2759 Hope Church Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27127

All are invited to come get your cars washed, enjoy a hot dog, and hear stories from our experiences of recent mission service. The event is free! Donations are welcome and will be used in preparation for this year’s Mission Camp at Laurel Ridge: Sunday July 24th - Saturday July 30th. Please call 336.765.8017 or email: hopemoraviannc@triad.rr.com with questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Saturday, May 7, 2016 - 10AM—2PM

Konnoak Hills Neighborhood Music Festival
Saturday, May 7, 2016—10:30 am to 3:00 pm

♥ Red Cross Blood Drive ♥ 11:00 AM—3:30 PM

Music
Moravian Band Prelude (10:30) Philo-Hill Band (11:00)
Grace Community Praise Team (11:30) The Rockers (12:00)
Konnoak School D-Unity (12:35) Peter May and the Maybirds (12:45)
The Last Resorts (1:30) Phillips Chapel Male Chorus (2:00)
James Jarvis and Friends (2:30) Finale (3:00)

Children’s Activities
Moon Bounce, Face Painting, Fire Trucks from Station #5, and more

Hot Dog Specials
Profits from food sales will be donated to Konnoak and Philo-Hill Schools.

3401 Konnoak Drive, Winston-Salem, NC—336-788-9321

Bring a lawn chair and a friend!
MISSION AWARENESS CELEBRATION

BETHANIA MORAVIAN CHURCH

5545 MAIN ST., BETHANIA, NC 27010

JUNE 5, 2016—6:00 p.m.

REV. DAN NELSON
SHARES UPDATE FROM FRIEDBERG MISSION TRIP TO AHUAS, HONDURAS

CHICKEN PIE DINNER

$10.00 AT THE DOOR OR MAIL CHECK PAYABLE TO MISSION SOCIETY,
500 S. CHURCH ST., WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27101
FOR RESERVATIONS BY MAY 15, 2016

PHONE 336-773-1732 OR E-MAIL SBEAMAN@MCSP.ORG

RYC MUSIC GROUP  COMMISSIONING OF TEAMS  DISPLAYS
1. Sunday. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead. Pray for Phil & Eunice Raiford. pbrmissions@gmail.com
2. He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Pray for Justin Rabbach, Dir. of Moravian Volunteer Resources. justin@moravianmission.org
5. Ascension. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Pray for Joe Jarvis and the work with Cuban Moravian Church. http://moravianmission.org/cuba/
7. Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven. Pray for Phil and Ashley Sineath in Campus Outreach Phil.sineath@campusoutreach.org
9. I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the Lord. Pray for BWM board and staff. https://www.facebook.com/pages/Star-Mountain-Rehabilitation-Center/269617783228352
10. I will save you that you may become a blessing. Pray for Annie B. Mission with Star Mountain in Palestine
12. Do not fear or be dismayed! Pray for the Solar Program, the Food Program, and Saffiato and Mohammed in the Sierra Leone Moravian church http://moravianmission.org/sierra-leone/
13. There is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. Pray for camp directors, campers, and workers. http://www.laurelridge.org/index.html
14. This is the will of God, that you abstain from fornication. Pray for Adopt-a-Village Program in Tanzania. http://www.moravian.org/the-moravian-magazine/adopt-a-village-at-nine-years/
15. Sunday. Pentecost. It is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson with “Changed Choices.” http://www.changedchoices.org/
16. I will say, “they are my people;” and they will say, “the Lord is our God.” Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton with WEC. https://about.me/susansutton8
17. I will remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you. Pray for K & C in the Middle East.
18. You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. Pray for Charlie & Vicki and Family with Bridges International Campus Ministry. cbrent@bridgesinternational.com
19. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent with Campus Crusade in Croatia. Michael.brent@cru.org
20. Put away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, and Blessing Tesh at the Ray of Hope orphanage in Kenya. Mtsh23@gmail.com
22. Sunday. Through him we have access by one Spirit to the father. Pray for Mountain Laurel Moravian Fellowship in Laurel Springs, NC https://mountainlaurelfellowship.com/
23. Outdo one another in showing honor. Pray for George Goff & Wayne Miller - Wings of Mercy, Honduras. Gene2goff@hotmail.com
25. Paul wrote: the Lord stood by me and gave me strength. Pray for the Woo Family serving in Asia.
26. Make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim his name. Pray for Rob & Anne Thiessen, Mexico. rvthiessen@gmail.com
28. God raised the Lord and will also raise as by his power. Pray for safe delivery of the cargo container being shipped to Sierra Leone.
29. Sunday. Come to me, all that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF. smarx@maf.org
31. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison with Greek InterVarsity Campus Ministry at Clemson University. dustyharrison@gmail.com
Dear Friends of the Mission Society,

God’s rich blessings, according to His timetable, are very generous! He is covering our financial support need through you, which is so encouraging, and it’s a confirmation that at this time we are where He wants us. We are so thankful for His provision and so grateful for your partnership with us to reach many isolated people with the Gospel through missionary aviation. You are a vital part of MAF’s outreach!

Here in Idaho in the past ten days we’ve had warmer than normal temperatures with sunny days, which have been very nice. However, we empathize with you as you’ve had rough weather and late snow recently. We trust you have not had any emergencies or damage from dangerous conditions.

Our oldest son, Brian, and his family were given permission by MAF to come Stateside for six weeks, which is in the middle of their normal term of service overseas. They have already spent four weeks in Louisiana with Heather’s relatives. Her sister was married last month, and Heather and the three children participated in the wedding. Today they will be flying commercially into Boise. We will meet them tonight at the airport, and they will spend the next two weeks here with us before returning to Indonesia. Of course we look forward to spending some quality time with Brian and Heather and our grandchildren.

MAF’s fleet of planes overseas has been doing lots of flying, which in turn has kept us in the parts purchasing office also quite busy, filling requests from the various flight bases for parts and supplies to keep the fleet in tip-top operating condition. We are so thankful to have a part in MAF’s aviation ministry.

Thank you for your faithful partnership with us! We’re so grateful that you’re standing with us, and we appreciate your recent most generous gift and your prayers.

Together in His service,

Steve and Ann Marx

MAF Photo
Kalimantan, Indonesia
I hope this finds each of you well. In the past week, we have enjoyed our “Leadership Last Supper” with this year’s Greek IV Student-Leadership Team, prayerfully selected and welcomed a new team of student-leaders for 2016-2017, and hosted our annual Senior Dessert for graduating students and Senior Night large group gathering. At times this week I have stopped to thank God for the privilege of getting to know and be part of these amazing students’ lives. **There is much to celebrate and be excited about as I think about the impact these students are making for Christ on campus now, and will continue to make beyond college.**

At the same time, on the same campus, there is still **great brokenness and much to grieve and lament.** You may have heard about a peaceful student protest happening at Clemson (it’s been in the news and social media) in response to a racist incident last week and deeper underlying racial tensions and demands for equality on campus. I have been appalled by some of the ignorant and racist responses and threats to students who are peacefully fighting for change. At times this week, I have also been in tears, praying “Come, Lord Jesus” in the midst of such ignorance and pain, which I believe grieves the heart of God. In the past few days, I have seen glimpses of God answering prayer in the way of students of different backgrounds and ethnicities coming to Sikes to listen, to learn from, and to sit in solidarity with each other; the CU Gospel Choir leading worship and encouraging Christ-like perseverance; and the Body of Christ from various ministries rallying together to pray and respond in love. I am encouraged by our Greek IV students who are engaging and seeking to shed light on the issue with their fraternity brothers and sorority sisters. Today at 4PM, we will have a time of prayer together at Sikes. You are welcome to join us in praying for God’s peace and reconciliation here and for the Gospel to continue to go forth.

Dusty and Christin

UPDATE FROM THE HARRISONS AT CLEMSON