Read all about it!

77 years of Church history now on the worldwide web

The latest major project of the Moravian Archives has made its debut on the Internet and is now available for the entire world to view.

Go to the Archives website, www.MoravianArchives.org. Click the “History” button on the left. Then click “The Wachovia Moravian.” Before you is the entire 77-year run of the monthly newspaper of the Moravian Church, Southern Province, from March 1893 to August 1970.

Those happen to be the years of greatest growth of the Southern Province, and The Wachovia Moravian covered the life of the Church with thoroughness that delights historians, genealogists, and even casual readers.

Ministers and lay workers contributed articles that ranged from historical and See Province’s, page 5

Assistant Archivist Nicole Crabbe reads up on 1957’s 500th anniversary of the Moravian Church as reported in The Wachovia Moravian via Internet.
Enough of Internet — cuddle up with a good read

With all the hullabaloo on page 1 over The Wachovia Moravian on the Moravian Archives web site, we don’t want you to think we are ignoring our main means of spreading around Moravian history and heritage. Of course that is our publications.

After all, there is something really special about cuddling up late night or sprawling out on the beach with a rollicking Daniel Crews tale of Moraviana. You can’t do that with a computer. And don’t try it either.

So with that in mind, we commend our publications to you, especially our two latest from last year plus the big “four-pounder.”

In Faith, Love, Hope: A History of the Unitas Fratrum, Br. Crews tells the truly heroic story of the early Moravian Church. Born in the Bohemian Reformation following the martyrdom of John Hus in 1415, the Unity sought to live a life of Christ-like simplicity but ultimately succumbed to the pressures and persecution from others.

At 440 pages, Faith, Love, Hope is a major hardcover publication with three maps, 63 pictures, a timeline, bibliography, and lists of bishops of the Unity and rulers of Bohemia. It retails at $29.95 plus tax. (It’s also a handy companion to Craig D. Atwood’s new Theology of the Czech Brethren from Hus to Comenius. One (Crews) emphasizes the history of the Unity, the other (Atwood) its theology. Be smart; buy both.)

For something completely different from the Moravian Archives, take an Around the World Moravian Cookbook tour. “Chef” Daniel serves up 212 recipes of lands that show the rich diversity of the Moravian Church from Alaska to South Africa, Nepal to Nicaragua, Denmark to Suriname. The 248-page spiral-bound soft-cover book retails at $12.95.

And then there is the “four-pounder,” With Courage for the Future, the 250th anniversary history of the Moravian Church, Southern Province. So it looks as big as Gone with the Wind. But it is a better read and has a much better ending (actually continuation). One minister declared it should be in every Moravian household. He was right. At 950 pages, With Courage features 12 maps and 58 pictures, a timeline of events from 1751 to 2002, pastorates and historical dates of churches, and bishops of the Province. And all for a mere $34.95 plus tax.

If it didn’t make it into With Courage it will need another history. The Wachovia Moravian on the Internet? It’s all summarized (with corrections) in With Courage.

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All publications of the Moravian Archives are available at Moravian Book & Gift Shop (336-723-6262) on Salem Square in Winston-Salem and of course at the Archives “in the graveyard” (457 S. Church Street in Salem, 336-722-1742). You can also make secure purchases through PayPal on the Archives web site, www.MoravianArchives.org.

Happy Moravian history reading! (And don’t forget, Christmas is just around the corner.)
Treasures in the Box: Opening the Clemmons Cornerstone

Soon the Clemmons Congregation will have a fine new Christian education facility. That meant, however, that the original building, built in 1900, had to be taken down. As a part of that, the box inside the cornerstone was removed. The question was, what is in the box. Or is anything left inside the box? The outside looked good, but what had the years done to the contents? The only way to know was to open it and find out. Br. Ray Burke, the pastor at Clemmons, set about doing just that.

The first thing was that the box lid inside was inscribed with the name of its maker. This was none other than Samuel T. Mickey, leader of the renowned 26th North Carolina Regiment band during the Civil War. Br. Mickey, who lived until 1914, had done his usual fine job, for the inside was clean and dry.

Within the box was a fascinating collection of documents from over a century ago. There was a pristine copy of the Moravian Hymnal (1876), the one still in use in 1900. There was also a copy of the (then) recently released Shorter Moravian Hymnal as well as a Daily Text for the year. Since the Clemmons building was to be used as a school, there were catalogs of related Moravian educational institutions: Salem Academy and College, Salem Boys School, and Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. There were also newspapers from the area, including some from Davie and Davidson County. All these looked almost as if they had just come off the newsstand.

Local legend says that while the dignitaries gathered for the cornerstone laying were looking elsewhere, a mischievous young boy (William Hall, son of the minister, James E. Hall) slipped a few marbles into the box. No marbles were found (perhaps somebody noticed after all), but there was a cigar, likewise in pristine condition. Our only speculation is that they may have thought that the tobacco would absorb any dampness that gathered, and thus help preserve the contents. If so, it worked!

So what now? Needless to say, these things will not simply be tossed out (after all, we are Moravians). Proper measures are being taken to preserve these precious artifacts, making sure that when Clemmons celebrates the 100th anniversary of its 2009-10 building, these things will still be around to fascinate our great-great grandchildren.
Who’s buried where? Shh! It’s a big secret

A question often asked of Moravian Archives is: “Where is my ancestor buried in the Salem God’s Acre?” Families especially want to know at Easter or Christmas when they want to set flowers on the right grave. And with almost 7,000 look-alike graves to choose from, it is a serious question indeed.

Of course the Archives has the answer for every burial from the first one, John Birkhead in 1771, to just a few days ago. It’s all on an Internet site labeled: www.SalemCongregation.org.

Salem Congregation, which owns and maintains the Salem God’s Acre, also maintains a complete listing of not only who is buried in God’s Acre but even more important — where.

On the Salem Congregation “home page” click “The Salem Moravian Graveyard – ‘God’s Acre,’” enter your family’s name, click “submit,” and up pops the data on everyone with that last name in Salem God’s Acre. An accompanying map helps locate each grave. Best of all, a photograph of each gravestone appears. And the entire entry can be printed.

Salem Congregation’s web site also features:
- a listing of ministries of service, to the Moravian Church and to the wider community;
- postings of news and a calendar of events;
- a picture gallery of Salem scenes plus pictures of the 12 member churches that make up Salem Congregation;
- a history of Salem Congregation going back to the early days of Salem in 1772 plus a description of Salem Congregation today.

So call Moravian Archives to learn where your ancestors are located in Salem God’s Acre. We know exactly where they are — by looking them up on Salem Congregation’s web site, www.SalemCongregation.org.
Province’s newspaper now rides the Internet

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theological accounts to monthly reports of events at each church in the Province. Baptisms, marriages, and deaths were regularly listed. Bishops Edward Rondthaler and J. Kenneth Pfohl summarized events of the larger world and the Moravian world in a “Memorabilia” for each year. Archivist Adelaide L. Fries often contributed “Chips from Historic Timber.” John Greenfield, “Moravian Evangelist,” traveled to Florida in 1934 and discovered a “Moravian congregation” singing Moravian hymns. Kenneth Hamilton wrote that for 1959 the motto for Moravians would be “The Church Looks Ahead.”

The October 1960 Wachovia Moravian announced (page 1) the “first test” of Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference Grounds was Sunday, July 31, when a group of 95 Junior Highs arrived for a week. The same issue announced (page 3) that the “first to hold a conference” at Laurel Ridge were 30 college students who arrived Friday, July 29, for the weekend.

Even advertisements in The Wachovia Moravian give a glimpse to the past. Men, get your Stetson hats at Boyles Bros. Smart women do their shopping at The Ideal store. Salem Congregation will be happy to sell you a home site in Granville Place one block south of Granville School. Heat your house with “clean” coal available from several dealers. Tuition in 1899 is $60 a year at the University of North Carolina and $1 to $3 a month at Salem Boys School. And Salem Academy & College is “my grandmother’s school, my mother’s school, and the school for my daughter.”

The Wachovia Moravian emphasized the mission aspect of the Moravian Church by publishing numerous reports and letters from the mission field. In fact, mission fields that are now Provinces of the worldwide Moravian Church can find much of their early history, both triumphs and tragedies, chronicled in The Wachovia Moravian. Mary Yorke regularly reported “the news from our orphanage in Alaska.” Bob and Helen Iobst filed numerous accounts and letters detailing their work in Nicaragua. In 1964 Bishop Hedley Wilson looked back on 30 years of transformation in Nicaragua. The Wachovia Moravian reported the tragic loss of Ernst and Carrie Weber and child early in the Alaska mission work and then almost 40 years later the loss of Frederic T. Schwalbe. Other Moravian centers throughout the world — West Indies, Africa, Labrador, Honduras, as well as the “Home Provinces” in Europe and the Northern Province of America — told their news through the pages of The Wachovia Moravian.

The Internet edition of The Wachovia Moravian was digitized from microfilms. The North Carolina Newspaper Project of the North Carolina Office of Archives and History kindly provided the microfilms through December 1914. The remaining microfilms are from the Moravian Archives collection. Our Friends of the Archives fully funded the digitizing of the microfilms and fully support the web site, www.MoravianArchives.org. Your contribution too can help make a difference in the work of the Moravian Archives.

Special note: Please don’t everyone rush to the web site all at once, because when you do you get the note: “Bandwidth Limit Exceeded.” That means you crashed it. Or the one before you did. The Wachovia Moravian is very big, 2.7 gigabytes (that’s a ton of itty-bitty bytes). Our web master has already upped our bandwidth to 6 “gigs,” which should be room enough for a normal number of hits. But not if you all hit it at once. So go easy on it. Take turns. Please!

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Lectures highlight ‘Moravian Ideals’

This season’s Lunchtime Lecture Series of the Moravian Music Foundation and Moravian Archives is well under way with six lectures remaining for you to enjoy.

For the first time in the six seasons of Lunchtime Lectures, a central theme is running throughout a series. Archivist C. Daniel Crews and Music Foundation Director Nola Reed Knouse are presenting “Moravian Ideals,” based loosely on Bishop Clarence Shawe’s booklet, *Spirit of the Moravian Church*. Already Br. Crews and Sr. Knouse have spoken on the Moravian ideals of “Devotion to the Savior” and “Simplicity and Stillness.” Other lectures in the 2009-2010 series will be:

- Dec. 10: “Moravian Ideals 3: Community and Fellowship” with Daniel Crews and Nola Knouse;
- Feb. 11: “Br. Reuter, Community Member and Wachovia Shaper” with guest lecturer William Hinman;
- March 11: “Moravian Ideals 5: Faith Manifested in Works” with Daniel Crews and Nola Knouse;
- April 8: “Alexander Meinung, Salem Musician” with Philip Dunigan, Moravian Music Foundation researcher;

The lectures are given the second Thursday each month, September through May, and run about 30 minutes long, 12:15-12:45 p.m. They are free, and you are welcome to bring your lunch (it isn’t provided). Parking is free in the Salem College Fine Arts Center parking lot off Salem Avenue.