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Who are we? What do we believe?

Unitas Fratrum is the ancient name by which the Moravian Church was first known. It is a Latin phrase meaning, “Unity of the Brethren.” Worldwide, it is still our official name. We are called Moravians because the church got its start in Moravia and Bohemia.

The History of the Moravian Church is usually divided into the time of the Ancient Unity, and to the time of the Renewed Church.

The Ancient Unity sprang to life in Moravia and Bohemia in the mid-15th Century after the martyrdom of John Hus. Hus was a Catholic Priest and the Dean of the Chapel at the University of Prague. He was immensely popular because he preached the simple Gospel of Christ in the language of the people. Unfortunately, when Hus began to speak out against the immorality of the clergy and other inconsistencies in the Church of his day, he made enemies in high places. Charged as a heretic and condemned by the Council of Constance, Hus was burned at the stake on July 6, 1415. It is often said that the Moravian Church “grew-up out of the ashes of Hus.” The church was officially founded in 1457. The Ancient Brethren’s Church flourished for a time, but was persecuted almost out of existence during the 30 Year War. Bishop John Amos Comenius—also known as “the Father of Modern Education,” prayed that “a hidden seed” might be preserved until an appropriate time.

The Renewed Church flourished in Germany in the third decade of the 18th century after a party of religious refugees found a safe haven on the estate of Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf. In Herrnhut, a small village on the Count’s estate, the Renewed Church put down roots and then quickly put out branches that would ultimately reach around the world.

Moravians became leaders in the Protestant Mission Movement, sending missionaries to peoples as diverse as the African slaves working on the plantations of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands and the Eskimos in Greenland.

In Germany the Moravian Church formed solid ties with the Lutheran Church. The relationship was an enduring one, and even today the Moravian Church in America has a full communion agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that provides for a mutual recognition of ministry, and an orderly exchange of clergy.

In the 18th century, much of the movement in the world was from Europe to America. It was quite natural that the Moravians would follow suit. Since the American colonies were largely under the government of Great Britain, Zinzendorf sought to establish ties with the Church of England. In 1749 the British Parliament declared the Moravian Church to be *“an Ancient Protestant Episcopal Church, most similar in doctrine to our own.”*

In coming to the New World, the Moravians first traveled to Georgia where they made initial contact with John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. Wesley was greatly influenced by the Moravian understanding of faith. Today, Moravians and Methodists still have much in common. From Georgia the Moravians went to Bethlehem and other settlements in Pennsylvania. The Georgia settlement was short lived, but Moravians thrived in Penn’s Woods. Today Bethlehem is the home of Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary.

In 1753 Moravians traveled south into North Carolina. Bethabara, meaning “house of passage,” was the first settlement in our state. In 1756 Bethania was established, and then, in 1766, Salem. A visit to Bethabara Park, Bethania, or Old Salem is a great way to learn about Moravian history. It is a wonderful window into early American life. Visit Old Salem on the World Wide Web at www.oldsalem.org and Historic Bethabara Park can be found at: www.bethabarapark.org

The desire to spread the Good News about Jesus Christ carried the Moravian Church literally around the world. Today there are over eight hundred thousand Moravians in more than a dozen countries including Canada, the Czech Republic, Jamaica, Germany, Guyana, Honduras, Nicaragua, South Africa, Surinam, Tanzania, the United Kingdom and the United States.

For more details, check-out: <http://newphilly.org/pdf/moravian.ashorthistory.pdf>

Moravian Firsts

- The Moravian Church is the oldest Protestant Church.
- Moravians published the first Protestant Hymnal.
- Moravians were the first to translate the Bible from the original Hebrew and Greek into the language of the people.
- Bishop John Amos Comenius (1592-1670) is known as “the father of Modern Education,” and Moravians led the way in the education of children of both sexes.
- For many years the Renewed Church was the standard bearer of the Protestant Mission Movement. Though all our provinces around the world are now Home Provinces, Moravians in America still support Christian mission of all kinds at home and aboard.
- Count Zinzendorf has been called “the Ecumenical Pioneer.” Since the time of Zinzendorf Moravians have sought the Christian Unity for which Jesus asked in John 17, when he prayed, “May they all be one.” Though decidedly evangelical in spirit, the Moravian Church is a broad church in its desire to include all Christians in its circle of brothers and sisters.

The Moravian Church is small in comparison to some denominations, but in one sense, it may be viewed as the small hub in the center of the large wheel that is Protestant Christianity.

Moravians tend to be closer to almost every other denomination than virtually any other denomination. Our ties are not just with other Protestants. Moravians are indebted to the Greek Orthodox Church whose missionaries Cyril and Methodius first brought the gospel to our forbearers. Likewise, Moravians have a fond regard for the rich history of the Roman Catholic tradition.

The character of the Moravian Church is expressed in its seal and its motto: The seal portrays a Lamb with a banner of victory and proclaims, “*Vicit Agnus Noster Eum Sequamur,*” which means, “Our Lamb Has Conquered, Let Us Follow Him.”

The motto, beloved by many, confidently states:

Our Lamb Has Conquered, Let Us Follow Him.

Moravian Doctrine

Our official Moravian statement of doctrine, “The Ground of the Unity”, can be found on-line at: newphilly.org/gotu/

Moravians have long argued for the simplicity of the Christian faith, albeit a simplicity that is found on the far side of complexity.

Luke of Prague, a premier theologian of the Ancient Unity, taught that the one essential (see motto above) was “*a heart relationship with the Triune God that issues in faith, hope and love.*” Count Zinzendorf said that all essential Christian doctrine could be written down on one large sheet of paper.

Our current understanding of the essentials is based on the writings of Luke of Prague. We believe that God creates, God redeems, God blesses: we respond with faith, love, and hope.

Moravians, like most Trinitarian Churches, are almost universally agreed on the following “*Eight Essentials,*” which date to lists composed by two 19th-century Moravian Synods.

1. The Universality of sin and humankind’s inability to save itself from sin’s power.
2. The Love of God the Father for the world.
3. The Two Natures of Christ, Human and Divine.
4. The At-One-Ment-or “atonement” between God and Man that God accomplishes through Christ and his cross.
5. The gracious operation of the Holy Spirit in enabling us to believe in Christ and come to him.
6. The Fruit of the Holy Spirit that should be evident in the life of all believers.
7. The Fellowship of all believers with one another.
8. The Second Advent of the Lord in Glory. Though usually associated with

apocalyptic imagery, this confession simply means that the Christ who appeared for the first time on the plane of human history in humility and hiddenness, visible only to the eyes of faith, must, of necessity, appear a second time, visible to faith and unbelief alike. This is a mystery, but one we hold dear.

It is interesting how closely this list of essentials parallels the actual content of the Apostolic Proclamation of the Gospel recorded in the New Testament!

Moravian Sacraments, Customs & Practices

Baptism

Moravians recognize baptism in all forms. We receive our children into the church through Infant Baptism. Customarily the methods of sprinkling or pouring are used.

Baptized children are admitted to the Lord's Table after they have demonstrated appropriate interest, and completed a period of instruction by one of the pastors. If you have a baptized child who wishes to take the Holy Communion, please contact us.

In the ritual of Confirmation children who were baptized on the basis of the faith of their parents and of the church are received into full membership by the laying on of hands after a period of instruction.

Adults who wish to become members of the Moravian church are received by Adult Baptism, by Reaffirmation of Faith, or by Letter of Transfer from their former churches, whichever is most appropriate.

A statement about baptism approved by both provinces of the Moravian Church in America can be found on-line here: newphilly.org/baptism/

The Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated throughout the church year. All Christians are invited to participate, whether Protestants or Catholics. While the elements are being distributed, the congregation joins in singing hymns appropriate to the occasion, and then all partake together.

Unlike some churches, Moravians do not attempt to define how Christ is present in the Holy Communion; we simply trust that He is with us, the unseen host at the table who grants us the forgiveness of sins and the grace to go forward with God in this world and the next.

The Lovefeast

The Moravian Church is one of the very few churches which have a service dedicated to the greatest of virtues, Christian Love. It is called a Lovefeast, after the practice of the Apostolic Church which often preceded the Lord's Supper with a common meal partaken in love and fellowship; it is not a sacrament, but a fellowship meal. Lovefeasts regularly take place at Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving. The Christmas Lovefeasts at New Philadelphia draw thousands of visitors each year. As a part of the service we partake of a special Lovefeast bun and Lovefeast coffee laced with cream and sugar. The highlight of the evening takes place when lighted candles are distributed to every member of the congregation. The service appeals to all the senses – and to the heart.

The Daily Text

The Moravian Church was a pioneer in the field of daily devotional literature. The Moravian Daily Texts is a book of scriptures, hymn stanzas, and a prayer for each day. It is used by millions of Christians of all persuasions living around the world. The Moravian Daily Texts is published annually and is available through the Church Office. It is also available by email from: [Moravian Daily Text](#).

Our Local Congregation

New Philadelphia Moravian Church was established on July 25, 1846 to serve the New Philadelphia Community, hence our name. The community itself is gone, long ago swallowed up by Winston- Salem; but the church remains. Today New Philadelphia is a large regional church serving western Winston-Salem, Clemmons, Lewisville and beyond. Several of our members come weekly from Kernersville, Greensboro, Mt. Airy, Advance, etc.

Our aim is to have a quality, large church program that can meet the needs of individuals and families regardless of their age or station in life. We take pride that,

though we have grown in numbers, we have maintained a personal touch. Our character is summed up in our mission statement:

New Philadelphia seeks to be a caring congregation, worshiping God, and encouraging one another to seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, as we follow the lead of the Holy Spirit in service and in mission.

If you want to know more about our church, you will find our comprehensive website a favorite reference. Find it at: newphilly.org

Weekly Schedule

Worship

New Philadelphia offers two services of worship each Sunday.

The 9:30 a.m. service is the largest. It is very traditional. The 11:30 a.m. service has lots of opportunity for growth – it is more contemporary, though it retains a Moravian flavor. A nursery is provided at each service.

Sunday-School

Sunday School is offered for adults and children of all ages from 10:45 a.m. each Sunday. Many adult Sunday School classes are offered.

Music at New Philadelphia

Visitors frequently comment upon the simplicity, dignity and beauty of the Moravian liturgical service. Moravian music is inevitably associated with the chorale form pioneered by J.S. Bach, but Moravians often add a contemporary note to anthems and hymns.

Choir

The Choir leads worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and meets at 7:00 p.m. each Monday for practice. Michael Westmoreland is our Organist. This Choir is led by Steve Gray. steve@newphilly.org

Bells of Joy

The Bells of Joy have played with the Winston-Salem Symphony, and are a real favorite at our church. Check the schedule, posted weekly for practice & performance times. Contact bells@newphilly.org for more information.

Band

The New Philadelphia Moravian Church Band under the direction of Mr. David Teague meets weekly. Check the church weekly schedule (on-line) for practice schedule or email David at band@newphilly.org. There are classes for beginning band members, and scholarships are presently available for children who wish to play an instrument. Although the Band takes a special interest in Church Festival occasions (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Palm Sunday, Passion Week, Easter, Pentecost, 4th of July, August 13th, Church Anniversary, and Thanksgiving), the band plays a prelude for each Sunday morning worship service. During Lent and Advent, the Band plays rounds through the community and in the homes of shut-ins. The Band is also committed to supporting funeral services of members within this and other Moravian congregations.

Several New Philadelphians are accomplished musicians, and we frequently enjoy the trumpet, flute, violin, or guitar in our worship services. We invite members and friends of New Philadelphia to participate in one or both choirs. For more information, contact: band@newphilly.org.

Stewardship

We believe that stewardship is our total response to God's grace and gifts, not just our financial response.

We believe promoting stewardship year-round helps members connect the meaning of Christian stewardship to other ministries of the congregation.

Members are encouraged to find a place in our church where they grow spiritually, through Sunday school, small group ministries and other fellowship groups; and to find a place in our church or in the community where they are serving others in some way.

We invite you to join us on as we seek to become good stewards of our time, talent and treasure. If you wish to speak to someone about your contributions, or a special gift, please contact Donna Wright donna@newphilly.org or call 336-765-2331, ext 1302.

Adult Sunday-School Classes

The Risen Christ instructed his followers to “make disciples of all nations.” A disciple is always learning, and growing. Sunday- School is a key component of that growth. There are a variety of adult classes.

Advent Class, 3rd Floor

This is a mid-sized class of middle-aged and older adults that utilizes a lecture-style format and a standard curriculum. For information concerning the class please contact Bill Sides at 336- 766-8356.

New Friendship Class, 3rd Floor

This is a large class consisting of adults of all ages that utilizes a discussion style format, with many of the class members taking turns leading the discussion. A standard curriculum is used. The class participates in several large fundraising projects each year in addition to fellowship events. For information concerning the class please contact Jane Shore at 336-768-1898.

Inklings Class, Main Level

This is a class that seeks to combine an in-depth study of the Bible, and significant Christian theologians with practical application. The name was inspired by the great 20th Century theologian, C. S. Lewis.

David Jones Class, 2nd Floor

This is a medium-sized class of older adults that utilizes a combined lecture/discussion format and a standard curriculum with a variety of teachers. The class contributes to missionary projects and to Sunnyside Ministry and various missionary and local charities. Projects are funded by special offerings. The class contributes funds to Mrs. Coleman, a mission widow in Nicaragua.

Discipleship Class, 1st Floor

The Discipleship Class is made up of single and married adults in their 20’s and 30’s. A weekly newsletter, with notes from class discussions, announcements and prayer requests is emailed to each class member. They serve a minimum of one meal each month at the Samaritan Inn. For more information, contact Paul Williams at 336-774-1203.

Discovery Class, 1st Floor

This is a large class of middle-aged adults that utilizes a discussion-style format where many of the class members take turns leading the discussion. A varied curriculum is used. The class contributes to a large number of community and church programs.

Mary Martha Class, 3rd Floor

A small women's group discussion and book study class that chooses to study texts grounded in Biblical interpretation and aspects of faith practice.

Radicals Class, 1st floor

A place for young adults from all walks of life to connect, enjoy fellowship, and grow in our relationship with Christ. We will use scripture and pray for the Holy Spirit to provide wisdom for our lives and grow us in our faith.

New Classes

We start new classes as the demand arises. If you have an interest in a new class, and would like to be a part of a core group, please contact Evelyn Blum or another member of the Christian Education Committee. Email: evie@newphilly.org.

Small Group Bible Studies

We invariably have several Bible Study Groups meeting at various times during the week. Due to the ever-changing status of our studies, please contact Evelyn Blum at 336-765-2331 ext. 1304 to see what opportunities are available; email evie@newphilly.org.

Bible Study

We offer a variety of Bible Studies. Please call Evelyn Blum at 336-765-2331, ext. 1304 to express your interest in participating in a Bible Study or class. For more information, email evie@newphilly.org.

Library

A variety of library books and tapes are available for anyone to check out of our church library. Sunday-School teachers will find a variety of resources there.

Children & Youth

At New Philadelphia Moravian Church, we are dedicated to helping all our youth learn to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Let the children come

unto me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of God.”
Matthew 19:14 If you have questions, please call the church office and speak with our Director of Christian Education, Evelyn Blum, or email evie@newphilly.org.

Infant/Toddler Nursery/Pagers

Care is provided for infants and toddlers on Sunday mornings during both services and the Sunday-School hour. Professional child care workers and volunteer members of the church staff the nursery. Nursery care is also provided for other church sponsored activities as needed. All parents are provided with pagers, so they can be confident of the care their child or children received.

Children and Worship

Children enjoy worshiping with their families at our 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. services. Special age appropriate bulletins are available from the ushers. During worship, younger children who feel comfortable are invited forward for the Children’s Worship.

Sunday-School

Classes are available for children three years of age through 12th grade from 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. These classes provide children and teens the opportunity to hear God’s word, learn about life in Biblical times, and learn how the Christian faith impacts life today. All first graders participating in our Sunday-School are presented Bibles during a worship service in the fall. During the summer, Vacation Bible School is offered. Children, ages Kindergarten through 5th grade, are involved in a rotational Sunday School Program. At the beginning of the five- week rotation, an assembly “kick-off” is offered to introduce the upcoming theme for the following five weeks. The following weeks include stations for each rotation involving art, cooking, storytelling, computers and games.

Communion Class

This class is designed for elementary students 2nd grade and older, and is taught by the pastors. It is designed to prepare young people for their first communion. Parents should look for signs that their child is ready to participate in the Lord’s Supper. One of the pastors would be happy to speak with you regarding your child’s interest. Once it is determined that they are ready, children and their parents are invited to attend the class, ordinarily offered each spring.

Confirmation Class

This class is designed for young people 6th grade or older. It is taught by the pastors, and is designed to prepare the class members to “confirm their faith,” and to take their place as responsible members of the church. It is taught each spring, and announced through the Newsletter and Bulletin.

Middle School & Sr. High Youth Groups

These Groups meet throughout the month to focus on fellowship, discipleship, worship, ministry and evangelism within the church and community. In addition to a Sunday Afternoon schedule, there are, at present, two midweek Bible Studies for Youth which are led by adult volunteers. Many of our youth attend one or both. Guests are both welcome and expected! For more information, email: abby@newphilly.org

The Staff

The Rt. Rev. Sam Gray, Pastor: Bishop Gray was born in Winston-Salem and grew up in a missionary family with his parents, the Rev. Joe and Lahoma Gray and four siblings, and lived in Nicaragua for 11 years. He graduated from the Stony Brook School (Long Island, NY), attended Moravian College, worked for a year in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, completed studies in Elementary Education at Moravian College, and took additional coursework at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California. For more than 13 years he was a missionary in Honduras as a high school teacher, Director of the Bible Institute, Christian Education Director, as well as organizing pastor of Israel Moravian Church in Tegucigalpa. Sam returned to Moravian Theological Seminary in 1993, earned the Master of Divinity degree in 1996, was ordained and served as the Assistant Pastor of Emmaus Moravian Church and Director of Youth Ministries with the Eastern District of the Moravian Church, Northern Province. He was pastor of the New Hope Moravian Church, Miami, FL from 1998 until joining the staff of the Board of World Mission in 2004. Sam was elected a Bishop of our worldwide Unity by our 2006 Southern Province Synod. Sam and his wife, Lorena, have three sons: Luke, Tim, and Christian David, as well as two grand-daughters, Rachel and Gabriella Marie. sam@newphilly.org

Ms. Claudia “Clyde” Manning serves as our Director of Adult and Special Ministries. She is a graduate of UNC-G and recently earned a certificate in Non-Profit Management from Salem College. Clyde comes to New Philadelphia after more than 22 years of work with the homeless. During that time, she served as development director of two homeless shelters, Hope Rescue Mission in South Bend, Indiana and the Bethesda Center here in Winston-Salem. In addition to

marketing, volunteer coordination, program development and fund-raising, Clyde's experience includes bridge- building between homeless men and women and the faith community. She brings much joy and conversation to our members who are homebound or shut-in. She also works in the area of Women's Ministry. Contact Clyde at clyde@newphilly.org if you would like her to visit with you, or someone in your family.

Mrs. Evelyn "Evie" Blum serve as our Director of Christian Education. Evelyn (Evie) Blum is originally from a small town in Ohio. She attended Ohio State University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Communications and a Master's Degree in Education. She taught in a public junior high school for fifteen years and served as church youth director, adviser, camp counselor and Sunday School teacher for thirty years. Evelyn is married to David Blum, who is employed by the Moravian Music Foundation. Together, they enjoy travel, singing, spending time with their grown children, hiking and biking. evie@newphilly.org

Mrs. Rachel Weavil, Administrative Assistant, joined our staff in October 2010. She is an active member of Friedland Moravian Church. She and her husband Christopher are proud parents of Jonah and Robyn. rachel@newphilly.org

Mrs. Donna Wright, Business Administrator, graduated from Appalachian State University with a BSBA in Marketing and Management. Her experience before working for New Philadelphia was nine years in financial accounting and office management. In December 1992, she began working as the financial administrator and later in the spring of 1994 became the Business Manager. Her responsibilities include the payment of bills, posting the contributions, and providing financial reports to the Board of Trustees. Donna is married to Hunter Wright who works for Lorillard Tobacco in Greensboro. donna@newphilly.org

Mr. Tim Reynolds is our Facility Manager. A member of New Philadelphia, Tim is responsible for the management of the New Philadelphia facilities. He is married to Connie Reynolds and enjoys riding motorcycles and carpentry in his spare time. tim@newphilly.org

Mr. Steve Gray is our Director of Music. Steve directs the Chancel Choir at the 9:00 a.m. service, and the Beracah Choir at the 11:10 a.m. service. He is responsible for the coordination of all musical activity at New Philadelphia. A graduate of Davidson College with a degree in music, Steve is a life-long Moravian with experience both in the United States and in Central America. steve@newphilly.org

Michael Westmoreland is our organist. Michael is a life-long Moravian with over 25 years of organist and choir directing experience. He lives in Pfafftown with his wife, Brandy, and sons, Phoenix and Hal. In addition to his work at New Philadelphia, Michael also serves as Music Director at Fries Moravian Church, and works at the Elementary School Academy at the Kingswood School, also in Winston-Salem. Michael earned a BA in Music and Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies from Wake Forest University. Michael loves sports and outdoor activities, is an avid baseball umpire, and enjoys spending time with his family and friends. michaelwestmoreland@gmail.com

Mr. David Teague, David and his wife, Renée, have recently relocated to Winston-Salem upon David's retirement from Waynesville public schools as a middle high school band teacher. David is a native of Forsyth County and began his band experience at Friedland Moravian Church under his grandfather who served as band director. David played and arranged music while at East Forsyth High School and earned his B.S. Education Music degree from Western Carolina University in 1973. David taught music education for band, chorus, piano, and guitar at Tabor City High School, Cherokee Indian Reservation School, and Waynesville Middle School. Contact David with any band questions at: band@newphilly.org

Mrs. Terri Queen, Handbell Director: Terri Queen is the Handbell Director for the New Philadelphia Bells of Joy. Terri and husband, Allen, have lived in Advance for ten years, having moved from Farragut, Tennessee. They have three grown children; Travis and David, both working on their master's degrees, and Anna working on her PhD in Lucca, Italy. Terri is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in music education and has been teaching private piano and voice for the past 37 years. Her handbell background includes: bell ringing as a young girl in graded church choirs through high school. Then as an adult, ringing in several church advanced ringing groups and beginning directing at Friendly Avenue Baptist in Greensboro. Since the family's move to Advance in 2006, Terri has served as Director of Music at two churches, including directing both the chancel choir and the handbell choirs. She has also attended multiple bell conferences, workshops and training sessions. Anyone with an interest in the bell ministry at New Philly, please contact Terri at taqueen@earthlink.net or 336-998-4160.

Using the Church Website: NewPhilly.Org

The web address for New Philadelphia is <http://newphilly.org> gate our site using the menu across the top of the page. The site consists of Pages and Posts.

Pages provide an overview of our congregation's life and mission. They are rarely updated because they feature introductory information that is helpful to visitors and members alike. Visitors should look here first.

Posts include all the latest announcements, greetings, sermons, pictures, etc. Posts are sorted into the appropriate categories, and are updated often.

There are many other features on-line at <http://newphilly.org>, as well as on the Linktree site: linktr.ee/npmc and we invite you to explore and use the site to the fullest. Staff members help maintain it, and your suggestions for features or articles are always welcome.

Governing Ourselves

Denominational Ties

New Philadelphia is a part of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in America and is subject to its discipline. A copy of "The Book of Order" is available for reference in our Church Office. Visit the Southern Province website at www.mcsp.org.

Church Constitution

A copy of the Rules & Regulations by which we govern ourselves is on-line at <http://newphilly.org/pdf/2016.npmc.constitution.pdf>

We endeavor to adhere to it in Christian love.

Church Council

New Philadelphia holds annual *Congregational Council* in October of each year. The Council considers matters that are crucial to the life of our entire congregation. It has the power to set aside all other decisions that are made by Boards and Committees. Election of Board Members is a key part of each Council Meeting. Elders & Trustees

Official Boards

New Philadelphia has two official boards, the *Board of Elders* and the *Board of*

Trustees. These boards consist of 11 and 12 lay members respectively. The Pastor serves as Chair of the Elders. The Board of Trustees elects its own Chair. Both boards elect Vice-Chairs and Secretaries. Members serve for a period of three years, and can be re-elected only after two years without board service.

Persons Eligible to Serve

Members in good standing may vote at Congregational Council and are eligible for election to either board. Persons are not typically considered for board service until after they have been a member of the church for at least one year. We do not allow two people from one family to serve simultaneously.

Committees & Other Opportunities for Service

New Philadelphia ministers and serves by and through the work of its committees. Most committees are open to anyone who wants to participate, including non-members who are interested in a facet of our ministry. A few committees are by appointment only, but appointments are usually available at least once each year. Service on a committee is one of the best ways to get involved in our church, and has become the norm for those who wish to someday serve on a board. New Philadelphia relies on a sophisticated committee structure, and each board meeting includes Committee Reports from all our Standing and Specially Appointed Committees.

The following Standing Committees are especially important to our Congregational life:

The Faith and Formation Team monitors the work of our Sunday-School and other Educational endeavors. It is appointed.

The Youth Committee governs the work of our Youth and assist the Director of Youth Ministry with programs and planning. It is appointed.

The Missions and Social Concerns Committee guides our congregation in its outreach to our community and world. It has an open membership.

The Stewardship Committee seeks to help all our members grow in their response to God's grace as they seek to be good stewards of their time, talent, and treasure. Members serve under appointment for a period of three years. If you are interested in serving please speak to the Pastor.

The Scout Committee governs the work of Boy Scout Troop 715, Troop 964, the Girl Scout Troop and its affiliates.

The Audio-Visual Committee facilitates the technological side of our worship and life.

The Preschool Committee governs the life of our Preschool. It is appointed.

The Connections Committee The Connections Ministry at New Philadelphia desires to welcome and embrace new people with intentionality, show them the love of Jesus in the fellowship of our congregation, and make a place for them at our table. This can be broken into two parts: New Connections and Care Connections. With the first part, we aim to connect our guests to our physical church, our members and groups, service opportunities and assist them in their path to becoming a church member. With Care Connections, we desire to follow up with the "empty pew," create opportunities for new and longtime members to have fellowship and serve together, and find ways to support the life events of members not involved in a Sunday School class or regular group.

Other Committees & Task Forces

As a rule, the Elders and Trustees appoint special committees to carry out tasks with which the boards are charged. Some are made up exclusively of board members; others include members from the boards and from the congregation. These committees include: The Human Resources Advisory Committee, the Properties Committee, the Building Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Visioning Committee, the Elizabeth Windsor Scholarship Committee, the Endowment Committee, the Graveyard Committee, and the Technology Committee.

From time to time other committees are formed on an as needed basis.

More information about our committees, including current committee chairpersons, etc. can be found by contacting the church office.

Fellowship Opportunities

Numerous fellowship opportunities are available for every age group. For more information about these groups, please contact Evelyn Blum at 765-2331 ext. 1304, email evie@newphilly.org or refer to the directory at the end of this document.

Women's Fellowship

Four ladies' circles are active at New Philadelphia. Most circles meet once a month for bible study, fellowship, service, etc. Circles meet at a variety of times during the day, allowing everyone the opportunity to pick a time that is best for them. The Women's Fellowship is responsible for a variety of activities at the church including Candle Trimming, Chicken Pie Suppers, and Holiday Treasures Sale, visitation and fruit baskets for our shut-ins, decoration of the church Christmas tree and other projects. For more information, contact the church office at 336-765-2331

Men's Fellowship

The men of the church meet in the Banquet Room of the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 a.m. on the 1st Friday of each month for breakfast. Various fellowship outings and service projects are held throughout the year.

Funtastics

This adult group meets at least quarterly for food, fellowship, fun and study. Various outings are planned throughout the year, and guest speakers are asked to address the group on topics of interest.

New Philly Kids

New Philly Kids consist of elementary students, K through 5 and their parents. It meets once a month for dinner and fellowship, and provides young people with the opportunity to form friendships within the church that will benefit them as Middle High Youth. The group participates in several service projects throughout the year along with fun activities for the children. For more information, contact: evie@newphilly.org.

Middle and Senior High Youth

These groups meet throughout the year to focus on worship, discipleship, ministry and fellowship. For additional information please visit us out on-line at <http://newphilly.org/youth/>

Community Outreach

New Philadelphia Moravian church is a caring congregation, seeking to maintain an active Christian presence both in our local community and around the world. We support a variety of organizations with our time, our talents, and our treasure.

NPMC Preschool

Our half-day preschool program is where children learn in a loving, developmentally appropriate, child-centered, Christian environment. Our children in the preschool range in age from three months to five years old. The children enjoy a morning of music, art, story time, playground time, and a snack. There are weekly classes in art, music and preschool aerobics. Twice each month children attend chapel where they participate in worship and hear stories from the Bible. For more information, contact director@newphillypreschool.org.

Sunnyside Ministry of the Moravian Church

Many New Philadelphians volunteer at the Sunnyside Ministry of the Moravian Church on a weekly Basis. Check out your opportunities for service at www.sunnysideministry.org.

Winston-Salem Outreach Ministries

We support a variety of Winston-Salem outreach ministries and services with money and/or volunteers including Anthony's Plot, Crisis Control, Ronald McDonald House, Contact, Food Bank, etc.

The Mission Society of the Southern Province

The Mission Society holds a Mission Lovefeast in the fall of each year. A lifetime membership in the Mission Society is \$200. A yearly membership is \$25 per year.

Salemtowne Moravian Retirement Community

Salemtowne is the retirement community of the Moravian Church, Southern Province. There are a variety of plans utilized by older adults in various stages of health. There are independent homes, rooms with meals, and advanced medical care. Check out Salemtowne on-line at www.salemtowne.org

Mission and Service

12 Days of Service

Members of New Philadelphia will have 12 chances to serve our community in a big way during the Advent season. This is the time for pulling out all the stops as we discover new opportunities for meaningful service to men, women, children and families right here in our "neck of the woods."

Samaritan Inn

Samaritan Inn - One night each month the Discipleship Class feeds the residents of Samaritan Inn. Contact a member of the Class if you would like to help.

www.samaritanministries.org.

City with Dwellings

City with Dwellings addresses the problem of homelessness in Winston-Salem by providing overflow homeless shelters at downtown churches during the winter months. Members of New Philadelphia prepare and serve meals, help with check-in, and stay overnight as site monitors. www.citywithdwellings.org

Mission Trips

In recent years' members of New Philadelphia have participated in a variety of mission trips, from Western North Carolina and Indiana, to Gulfport Mississippi and Nicaragua. Come join us.

Special Volunteers

Ushers

There is a team of Ushers at each service.

Male and Female Dieners

Our Lovefeasts require lots of volunteers. *Coffee Makers* do the advance preparation. Female *Dieners* serve. Male *Dieners* or *Coffee Carriers* carry the heavy trays of coffee. Many families have served our lovefeast for generations, yet new dieners are always welcome. Contact Tony Ebert.

Who to Call

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<i>Bells</i>	<i>Terri Queen</i>	bells@newphilly.org
<i>Berakah/Chancel Choir</i>	<i>Steve Gray</i>	998-7752 steve@newphilly.org
<i>Children's Sunday School</i>	<i>Evie Blum</i>	765-2331 ext 1304 evie@newphilly.org
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<i>Miscellaneous Questions</i>	<i>Rachel Weavil</i>	765-2331 rachel@newphilly.org
<i>Men's Fellowship</i>	<i>Sam Gray</i>	765-2331 ext 1305 sam@newphilly.org
<i>New Philly Kids</i>	<i>Evie Blum</i>	765-2331 ext 1304 evie@newphilly.org
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<i>Schedule Building</i>	<i>Rachel Weavil</i>	765-2331 rachel@newphilly.org
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<i>Middle & Senior High Youth</i>	<i>Abby Dwiggin</i>	abby@newphilly.org