

A Directory
Committees, Programs and Terminology
Raleigh Moravian Church

Acolyte Nominated and elected by the Church Board to a 3 year term. May serve up to two consecutive terms. Duties include assisting in pastoral duties such as serving at Holy Communion and other duties and responsibilities as assigned through the chairman of the Church Board. Jonlyn Angley and Ken Barker current Acolytes.

Adopt a Village Adopt a Village - Raleigh Moravian has partnered with the Board of World Mission in supporting AIDS orphans in the village of Iyombakuzova in Tanzania. The fulfillment of our \$1000/year pledge from 2006 to 2008 will help support about 50 children each year. Contact: Amber Stovall

Advent Begins four Sundays before Christmas. Advent means “coming.” It is a time to prepare for the “coming” of the Christ child. This season begins the church year. The beloved “Hosanna” hymn is sung on the first Sunday of Advent (and Palm Sunday) and the Moravian Star is hung in the sanctuary as preparation for the season.

Band - Beginning and Regular Beginning band is open to anyone who wishes to play. It is preferable for members to have their own instrument. All newcomers are also welcome to participate in the regular band. Some experience is necessary here, but not a great deal. Band practice begins on Sunday afternoons in the fall. Contact: Hubert Fort or William O'Brien, Assistant.

Bethel Bible Series An adult Bible study comprised of 6 seven week units – 3 for the Old Testament and 3 for the New Testament. The series is designed to teach the thematic overview of the Bible. Teachers are specially trained to lead this class. Units are taken in numerical order. Registration and fees are required. Contact: Christine Wall.

Blood Drive Red Cross Blood Mobile is scheduled at RMC every 9+ weeks. Donors are encouraged to register for a time slot. Walk-ins are welcome. Contact: Lisa Leonard

Candle Making Volunteers welcomed at workshops usually on some Tuesday nights and Wednesday mornings, starting in February and continuing until enough candles are made to meet the year's needs. String molds, pour molds, chill and pull candles during workshops with excellent instruction! Make candles used for Candle Tea and Christmas Lovefeasts. Contact: Wayne Shore and Sabrina Francis.

Candle Tea The first Saturday in December is the Raleigh Moravian Church Candle Tea 2:00 to 6:00 PM - a Christmas gift to our community. This is an afternoon of music groups performing, serving coffee and sugar cake to our guests, demonstrations of candle making, star making, cookie making and sales of candles, stars and cookies as well as other crafts. Contact: Pam Fishel and Jane Myers

Candle Trimming The candles that are made in the candle making workshops are trimmed with red crepe paper that we cut. Several opportunities to trim candles are scheduled in the fall. No experience is necessary! Contact: Joyce Cook.

Child Care Committee This committee's responsibilities include scheduling workers for nurseries (infant and toddlers) during Sunday worship and for special services. Detailed instructions are available. Contact: Kara Cypher.

Children's Church The co-chairs of Children's Church meet periodically. The Director of Christian Education prepares the curriculum. We prefer that volunteers lead this group for two successive weeks to give them a chance to get to know the children and vice versa. This is designed for children 4 years through first grade. Contact: Katherine Wilkerson, Gwen Pfeifer, and Mari Sullivan.

Children's Message A 3 - 5 minute message presented to 4 – 10 year olds during the church service. Contact: Church Office.

Choir - Adult Meets regularly at 7:30 on Thursday nights, September through May. Open to anyone who loves music. Rehearse on Sunday morning at 10:30 for the 11:00 service. No experience necessary but ability to read music helpful. Contact: Cathy Hamner

Choir – Children/Morning Stars For children, kindergarten through 5th grade. We meet on Sunday morning promptly at 9:15 to practice from the Sunday after Labor Day through May. Contact: Debra Etheridge, Director.

Christian Education Committee/Teaching Committee takes primary responsibility for planning and promoting Christian Education for Raleigh Moravian Church. Receives reports from various CE committees. Focuses on adult programming. Contact: Tom Hartman and Christine Wall.

Church Board Management of spiritual and financial concerns of the church. Chair: Craig Troutman; Vice Chair: Lisa Leonard

Church Council Held in November and February. The November meeting is an election meeting for members of the Church Boards. The budget is also reviewed at this meeting. The February meeting has been an informational meeting. Church committees inform the congregation of goals and activities for the previous year and the year to come.

All members of Raleigh Moravian Church are encouraged to attend.

Coffee Making Lovefeast coffee is prepared by a special recipe for the Lovefeast services throughout the year. Contact: John Hartley.

Community Concerns This committee focuses on education and service opportunities within Wake County. The Committee will select and organize various opportunities for congregational participation. Contact: Amber Stovall.

Daily Texts Since 1731 the Moravian Church has published annually a devotional book known as the Daily Texts. It specifies two scripture verses for each day of the year. The first (called the Watchword) is taken from the Hebrew Scriptures and is drawn by lot. “From (an) age-old collection of texts certain leading ministers of the Moravian Church in Herrnhut, Germany, draw a Watchword for each day of the approaching year, prayer being offered that each may be a message from God to His people.” (from Customs and Practices of the Moravian Church by Adelaide L. Fries). The second text (called Doctrinal Text) is a New Testament verse chosen to expand the thought of the Watchword. Hymn verses and prayers are often provided in the various editions.

Easter Sunrise Service “The Lord is risen!” are the opening words of the Easter Morning liturgy, a Moravian tradition that began in the year 1732. In Raleigh, this worship service is conducted at sunrise on Easter morning at the Oakwood Cemetery, and many members of our community view it as an inspiring proclamation of the Christian faith. Contact: Craig Troutman

Evening Stars An a capella singing group (4 part harmony) Contact: William O’Brien.

Fellowship Committee Coordinates opportunity for fellowship for the church family. Contact: Janera Greve

Fellowship Friends A program to match member volunteers with new members. The volunteer stands with the new member when they join and for six months maintains at least monthly contact to answer questions about the church, invite the new member(s) to church activities, introduce them to other members of the congregation and generally help them feel welcome and become quickly assimilated into the community of our church. Contact: Craig Troutman.

Fellowship Time Volunteers prepare coffee and provide snacks following the Sunday service. Contact: Ann Frazier.

Financial Secretary Contact person for all matters pertaining to church income and receipts, including pledges, status of individual pledges, offering envelopes, records of contributions, gifts, and special funds. Responsible for the record keeping and maintaining confidentiality of members’ gifts and pledges. Contact: Bonnie Hoots.

Flowers Provide flowers for Sunday Worship. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to donate flowers for the Sunday worship service. Contact: Church Office.

Flower Shuttle The Flower Shuttle is an outreach ministry to our community involving “recycled flowers.” The concept is similar to The Food Shuttle, except it involves picking up flowers following events and rearranging them into smaller vases for delivery to Hospice, The Alliance for Aids Services-Under One Roof Program, nursing homes, hospitals, crisis centers, soup kitchens, missions, and Meals On Wheels. Volunteers gather in the Fellowship Hall when there is a flower donation from a community event, such as a fundraiser, gala, wedding or funeral. Due to the life cycle of the flowers, they must quickly be rearranged and delivered to those in need. Contact: Kathy Reece; Treasurer Christine Wall.

Food Bank Raleigh Moravian collects food monthly for the North Carolina Food Bank of Eastern North Carolina. The suggested monthly donation can be found in the newsletter. Collection locations can be found in the narthex and Fellowship Hall. Contact: Church Office.

Gemeinschaft Gemeinschaft is a German word meaning “communityship.” In our church it refers to a Spiritual growth and development program in three levels, each of which meets one time per week for two and one half hours for about nine months - usually beginning around August or September through May or early June. Groups are made up of from five to seven members. G 1 focuses on a study of the Moravian Covenant for Christian Living. G 2 is a process of learning Christian discernment. G3 is a study of Moravian doctrine and practice, including a look at ancient prayers, historic creeds, and traditions. Contact: Jonlyn Angley.

God’s Acre A “God’s Acre” is a Moravian graveyard. Raleigh Moravian Church has contracted with Historic Oakwood Cemetery near downtown to create a God’s Acre there. Graves will be marked with a simple flat stone and arranged generally in a chronological order by date of death, in keeping with Moravian traditions. Members of Raleigh Moravian Church and other Moravians wishing to be buried in Oakwood Cemetery may purchase plots. Donations are also accepted for landscaping, improvements to walkways and construction of a Moravian arch for the entrance to the God’s Acre. Trustees for God’s Acre are appointed by our church Board of Trustees. Trustees: Keith Kapp, Jane Norris, and Hubert Fort.

Greeters These are the first people you meet when entering the church on Sunday morning. They offer a warm welcome to people as they enter the church. Contact: Larry Phipps.

Holy Week Services During these evening services, the week prior to Easter, the congregation uses a manual entitled, *Readings for Holy Week*. This manual is a harmony of the gospels, covering the incidents of the last week of Jesus’ earthly life. The reading service on Thursday also includes the serving of Holy Communion. Contact: Craig Troutman.

Inquirer’s Class A four week class designed for those who are interested in learning more about the Moravian denomination and the Raleigh Moravian congregation. Taught by the Pastor, this class is for those who are seeking more information about the church and for those interested in becoming members of the congregation. Contact: Craig Troutman.

Junior Fellowship Third through fifth graders meet for fun, fellowship and learning. Monthly meetings are scheduled. Contact: Laurie Smith.

Laurel Ridge A Moravian Camp, Conference and Retreat Center located in the mountains of North Carolina. Programs are scheduled for children, youth and adults. Contact: Beverly Vaughn

Lay Ministry The committee is composed of the pastors and the acolytes, who meet approximately monthly to bring to mind the names of parishioners who may have needs ranging from prayers to help of a variety of kinds. These needs are prayed about, discussed and actions decided. The group members divide responsibility for meeting these needs in the manner agreed upon. Others in the congregation are often called upon to help this committee, such as Moravian Feast, people who have agreed to help with visitation, women who prepare and serve family meals for Memorial Services and other miscellaneous aid as needs arise. Contact: Jonlyn Angley or Logan Jones.

Lay Reader Assists in reading scriptures and liturgies during worship service. Contact: Church Office.

Lent The period from Ash Wednesday through Easter, a time of reflection and preparation. Program varies from year to year ending with Holy Week services.

Library There are libraries for children and adults located in the Darien Drive wing.
Contact: Church Office.

Lovefeast The serving of a “Lovefeast” at times of celebration in the Moravian Church is a long tradition. It is **not** the same as or instead of Holy Communion. It is the sharing of a simple congregational family meal - coffee and buns - accompanied by music. Instituted after the renewal experience of August 13, 1727 when the Herrnhuters ate together in fellowship, it is a revival of the New Testament Agape. Lovefeasts are served Christmas Eve, Mission Sunday, Palm Sunday as well as other special times.

Lovefeast Deiners The “Deiners” are the women and men who serve the coffee and Lovefeast buns at these celebrations. Contact: Diane Murphy

Men of the Church Sponsor BBQ first Friday of June to raise money for missions. Contact: Mark Stovall or Gary Vacek.

Mission Fellowship Committee Makes decisions on how to spend budget, plans annual Mission Lovefeast in January or February; plans programs; encourages short term missions; encourages membership in Mission Society; encourages attendance at Provincial Mission Lovefeast in Winston-Salem first Sunday evening in November. Contact: Amber Stovall.

Mission Statement: Called by God as the Body of Christ, we, the members of Raleigh Moravian Church, a family of believers, worship, teach, witness, and serve in response to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Ministry to the Homeless: October through June interested church members meet at the church at 8:00 on the first Sunday in the month. This ministry is led by the youth of the church. Anyone interested is invited to participate. Contributions of money, fall and winter clothing and blankets are always appreciated. Contact: Jeanette Coppedge.

Moravian Brass This is a group of musicians who also play in the regular band, plays a wider variety of music and is available to play for special occasions. Contact: Hubert Fort, Director; William O'Brien, Assistant.

Moravian Covenant for Christian Living Originally the “Brotherly Agreement” adopted May 12, 1727, intended to be an agreement that members enter into voluntarily. A clear statement of the Church’s faith and life through which each member may become aware of the nature of their Christian Commitment.

Moravian Feast A group of volunteers to cook meals for the freezer or to deliver to members of our church who have a new baby, sickness or a death in the family. Contact: Marion Laske or Randi Holmes.

Moravian Motto “In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, love.”

Moravian Seal The center of the seal is an *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) - a figure of a lamb holding a staff with a cross at the top. From the staff hangs the banner of victory and on the banner is another cross. There is an inscription surrounding the seal - *Vicit agnus noster, eum sequamur* - translated “Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow Him.”

Moravian Youth Fellowship (MYF) The MYF, grades 6 through 12, meet most Sundays from 4:30 - 6:30 PM. Focus is on Spiritual growth and building “Community” relationships.
Contact: Jeanette Coppedge or Diane Powers.

Newsletter & Church Bulletin Articles for the monthly Newsletter should be submitted to the secretary by 12:30 PM the Tuesday one week prior to the last Thursday of each month. Announcements for the Bulletin should be submitted by 12:00 Noon on Thursday. Volunteers are welcome to fold the newsletter and prepare for mailing. Contact: Church Office.

Operations Committee Oversees the financial, maintenance, personnel and technology committees of the church. Made up of Board members and members-at-large. Chair: Walt Brothers; Personnel: Jay Wilkerson; Finance: Amber Stovall; Technology: Don Conrad; Buildings: Lewis Frazier and Grounds: Wilbur Turner.

Potluck Dinners Bring your favorite dish, enough for your family and a couple more. Paper goods and beverages provided. Held on special occasions. Contact: Janera Greve.

Prayer Ministry The ministry of communicating special prayer needs within the church body. Callers notify the church office or Jonlyn Angley when intercessory prayer is needed for those in the church or community. Contact: Jonlyn Angley.

Prime Timers Meet the second Tuesday in each month September through May to have fellowship by going on short day trips or coming to the church for a program or activity. No dues, no minutes - the object of the Prime Timers is to form a close Fellowship with others and to follow Christ's commandment to love one another. Contact: Barbara Snead.

Province A regional organization of the worldwide Moravian Church with its administrative boards, comprising a number of congregations and entitled to hold a synod. Raleigh Moravian is a member of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in America. www.mcsp.org.

Putz A Putz is a miniature scene, and virtually every Moravian congregation builds a Christmas putz featuring the Nativity, coming of the Magi and other scenes. Raleigh Moravian Church builds its Christmas putz in time for Candle Tea the first Saturday in December and displays it in the narthex through Epiphany. Unusual among Moravian churches, Raleigh Moravian also builds Holy Week and Easter putzes, which begin with Palm Sunday and change nightly to reflect the events of Holy Week. Putzmeisters welcome contributions of fresh moss, greenery, small flowers and other natural decorations for the putz. The Candle Tea Committee schedules volunteers to interpret the putz and the Director of Christian Education recruits and trains volunteers to teach the lessons of the Holy Week putz to young children. Putzmeisters - Keith Kapp.

Raleigh Moravian Women's Ministry Meets quarterly. Dates are announced. Some of the organizations under RMWM are: Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Candle Making, Candle Trimming, Candle Tea, Moravian Feast, Flower Chairman, Prime Timers. All women of the church are considered members. Contact: Ann Frazier.

Recording Ministry Part of the Sound System Operators duties. Recordings of the worship service are copied to CDs. CDs can be sent to members upon request or checked out from the Adult Library. Contact: Don Conrad or Gary Vacek.

RIRO Reaching In – Reaching Out (RIRO) is a fundraising and fellowship effort. In keeping with the idea of realizing needs within our congregation and the world around us, the money raised through this program supports the Youth Group mission trips and capital maintenance projects. Members may host any type of event, bearing the expense, and turning in receipts to the church office to receive a letter for tax purposes. Hosts set the theme, number of attendees, price, menu and date. Events could take the form of breakfast, brunch, dinner, or theme events. Contact: Janera Greve.

Sacristan Appointed by the Church Board. Duties include assisting the pastor with the services in worship such as Holy Communion and baptisms. Head Sacristan: Walt Brothers

Scouting Raleigh Moravian Church is a sponsor for scouting programs that use our building for meetings. Boy Scouts meet Tuesdays at 7:15 PM - boys who have completed 5th grade to 18 years old. Cub Scouts also meet Tuesdays at 7:15 PM - boys 2nd grade to 5th grade. Explorer Post (High Adventure) boys 14 years and older.

Service Committee The Service Committee comprises two subgroups dedicated to outreach and missions.

Community Concerns includes local service activities such as hosting Red Cross blood drives, sponsoring The Flower Shuttle, participating in the Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network to help families who are homeless, and delivering monthly donations to the NC Food Bank. The **Mission Fellowship** oversees contributions to foreign missions, the Adopt a Village campaign, and our sister church relationship with Fuente de Vida Moravian Church in Costa Rica. The Mission Fellowship also initiated Raleigh Moravian's 2007 mission trip to the Gulf Coast. Contact: Amber Stovall.

Sister Church – Fuente de Vida (Fountain of Life Moravian Church) in Puerto Limon, Costa Rica A relationship has been established between Fuente de Vida and Raleigh Moravian churches. Mission, communications, prayer, and more are shared between the congregations. Contact Ros Reid

Sound System Operators Cover basic operation of the system and use the tape deck to record services. Training provided. Contact: Don Conrad or Gary Vacek.

Star Making The star makers in our congregation have written a handbook for making stars. Classes are offered in the fall. Contact: Sandy Garner or Benny Hoots.

Stewardship Committee This committee strives to educate the congregation of the financial needs as well as the opportunities for service within the church. Contact: Jay Wilkerson

Sunday School Meets regularly prior to morning worship from 9:45 to 10:45. During the school year curricula selected by the Christian Education Committee for children in each age group as well as choices for adult classes. During the summer special programs are offered for children, youth and adults. Contact: Jeany Hicks or Karen Furrnick.

Sunday School - Adult – Bible Study Class The Bethel Bible Series, Lenten or Advent, as well as other unit bible studies are offered. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for information. Contact: Christine Wall.

Sunday School – Adult - Faithful Reflections Topic oriented classes are offered on a regular basis. Discussion class.

Contact: Diane Murphy, Katherine Wilkerson, Caroline Francis, or Christine Wall.

Sunday School - Adult Fellowship Class The Fellowship Class “check in” with one another, read the Daily Text, and enjoy lively discussions. Coffee provided. Contact: Hubert Fort or Joan Burri.

Sunday School – Adult - Moravian 550: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Since the Moravian Church will be 550 years old on March 1, 2007, this year long class will recall the history of the church, yet not just for the sake of history, but rather to examine the church today and to point toward tomorrow. Influences of the past on today’s practices will be pointed out through facts, stories, music, and missions. Contact: Keith Kapp or Christine Wall.

Sunday School - Children Classes are by age - Nursery, 2-4 years, K-1st grades, 2nd & 5th grades, Confirmation (6th & 7th grades) and Youth (8th - 12th grades). Contact: Jeany Hicks.

Synod The legislative meeting of a Moravian district, province, or of the Unity, composed of clergy and lay delegates from congregations (or, in the case of Unity Synod, from the provinces).

Teaching Committee see Christian Education

Time and Talent Worksheet Part of our Stewardship Program. Forms are completed once a year to indicate volunteer interest. Contact: Jay Wilkerson.

Unitas Fratrum The Unity of Brethren (Latin), the official name of the Moravian Church.

Ushers Ushers assist people with seating for worship, distribute bulletins, etc. Contact: Head Ushers –Avery and Diana Bordeaux; Assistant Usher – Benny Hoots

Vacation Bible School A summer program for ages three through grade five. Contact: Jeany Hicks, or Ashley Bunn.

Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network (WIHN) WIHN provides shelter and counsel to homeless families in Wake County. Three times a year Raleigh Moravian assistance Highland Methodist in providing food for the families. Contact: Lee Crawford

Watchword A watchword is a daily text chosen from the Old or New Testament. On the first Sunday in the New Year each person in the congregation may choose a personal Watchword for the year.

Witness Committee The Witness Committee focuses primarily on promoting and educating the public about the Moravian Church in three areas: Knowledgeable Sunday worship greeters help introduce the Raleigh Moravian congregation to visitors and make them feel welcome. The committee coordinates Fellowship Friends to help integrate new members into the fabric of the Raleigh Moravian community; and the committee educates to the entire Raleigh area about the activities and opportunities on-going in the life of the Raleigh Moravian Church. Contact: Larry Phipps.

Women's Daytime Bible Study Meets every other Wednesday from 9:30 - 11:30 during the traditional school calendar. Contact: Carole Martin

Worship Committee The Worship Committee is responsible for seeking & offering innovative alternative worship times & formats, for ensuring operational aspects (such as lighting, organ, sound system) of each service are fully functional, and for managing lay participation in services including ushering, sound ministry, lay readers, choir & band. Board Committee Contact: Lisa Leonard or Brenda Ball.

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