

Report to Bethlehem Area Moravians, Inc.
from

The Moravian Archives
2011

The Moravian Archives is able to continue its programs thanks to the financial support of the Bethlehem Area Moravians. The Archives' Board and Staff are extremely grateful for this support and especially for the decision by the BAM board to increase the annual contribution in 2012.

During the summer of 2011 the Archives was approached by the board of the Moravian Historical Society. These talks have resulted in an agreement to form an affiliation between the Archives and the Historical Society. Beginning 2012, the Archives staff will run the daily operations at the Whitefield House. The Archives staff will be increased by one person; the additional costs for this position will be covered by the Historical Society. We feel this affiliation will be beneficial to both institutions.

Another important development during the past year were talks with Penn State University Press. Penn State Press approached us in the spring with the offer to publish the *Journal of Moravian History*. The Journal was begun in 2006 as a joint publication of the Moravian Archives and the Moravian Historical Society. Both boards agreed to enter into this agreement with Penn State Press. The cooperation with Penn State Press is an indication for the importance of the history of the Moravians as well as a recognition for the quality of the journal. This cooperation will result in more exposure for the journal. As a result we were able to lower the subscription price from \$50.00 to \$30.00 starting 2012.

Highlights from 2011

1. Thanks to the a grant from the Council on Libraries and Information Resources in Washington DC, a great number of collections was processed during 2011. The project will end in the Spring of 2012.
2. During 2011 there were 273 research visits; and over 500 research requests by mail, telephone, or email.
3. A group of over 47 volunteers gave us a total of 1,802.75 hours.
4. The Archives hosted two German-English Singstunde, together with Central Moravian Church and the Moravian Music Foundation: a Lenten Singstunde in March and an Advent Singstunde in December.
5. Lanie Graf, assistant archivist, presented our educational outreach program on German script at ten middle and high schools throughout the Lehigh Valley. Since beginning the program in 2006, Lanie has presented to more than 2000 students throughout the Lehigh Valley.
6. The exhibit, "Moravian Women," attracted 476 visitors. The exhibit was connected with an essay contest. Three winners were announced in November.
7. At the end of the year almost 10,000 books from the Archives' library were cataloged. The book catalog is accessible on our website as well as through the international WorldCat system.

8. During the summer a roofing engineer was hired to investigate the continuing problems with the roof. His recommendations were implemented. We are very hopeful the cause of the leaks has now been found.
9. The lectures and other programs at the Archives are well attended by church members, students and faculty of Moravian College as well as by members of the public.
10. The (final) annual yard sale yielded almost \$3000.
11. Our electronic newsletter, *This Month in Moravian History*, reaches an international audience of 980 subscribers every month.
12. Issues 10 of the *Journal of Moravian History* was published in 2011 (in cooperation with the Moravian Historical Society). Issue 11 is delayed and will come out in February 0 2012.
13. Translation work on volume 3 of the Bethlehem diary continued during 2011.
14. Two objects from the Archives, the liturgist's chair and table from Central Church, together with items from Central Church and the Lititz Moravian congregation, were on display at an exhibit at Winterthur Museum in Wilmington, Delaware.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Bethlehem Area Moravians for their continuous support during the past year. This support enables the Archives to preserve the heritage of the Moravian Church, make it accessible for future generations, and to share the inspiring message of faith Moravians have carried with them over the centuries.

Respectfully submitted,



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