

Report to Bethlehem Area Moravians, Inc.
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The Moravian Archives 2018

The Moravian Archives thanks Bethlehem Area Moravians for their financial support during 2018. This support enables us to continue our programming, to preserve the history of the Moravian Church, and to share this history with the public.

Highlights from 2018

1. The financial support received from Bethlehem Area Moravians was gratefully accepted. BAM contributed \$20,000 in 2018, which represents 4.25% of the Archives' 2018 operating budget (\$469,719, excl. grants). Combined with the financial support from the Northern Province and the Larger Life Foundation, we can say that the Moravian Church as our main constituency covered 14% of our operating budget in 2018. The remaining funds came from the Friends of the Archives, from endowment income, and from program income.
2. A total of 188 researchers visited the reading room for research on 297 days during the past year. In addition, the Archives' staff addressed numerous research requests by email and telephone.
3. More than 30 volunteers, many from the BAM churches, helped us with a variety of projects. We also hosted several internships for local college students.
4. During the past year, our two volunteer librarians cataloged a total of 1,307 books. The book catalog currently contains 19,529 titles (compared to 18,222 last year).
5. The Moravian Roots project that started in 2016 continues to make good progress. Volunteers enter data from more than 250 church registers into the Moravian Roots database. Currently, there are 47,877 entries in the database. In December of 2018 the Moravian Roots database went online. People using the online database pay a fee to access the full information.
6. The Archives board was reconstituted after the 2018 Provincial Synod. Current board members who serve on behalf of BAM are Michael A. Long, Rose C. Nehring, and Diane Shaw. Emeritus board member Dr. Ralph Schwarz passed away in October. See the full list of board members at the bottom.
7. Our mission statement was revised to better reflect the variety of activities of the Archives: *The Moravian Archives collects and preserves records and historical materials of Moravians in North America and makes them available to the public. It is the official repository of the records of the Moravian Church in America, Northern Province. The Archives fulfills its mission through archival processing, research services, education, publications, and public programming.*
8. During the past year we received many acquisitions to our collections, including records from the following agencies: Board of World Mission and Moravian Book Shop; from congregations in Bethlehem, PA: Central, East Hills, Busy Workers; in Pennsylvania: Lancaster, York Covenant, Morning Star, Emmaus; in Minnesota: Zoar, Waconia; North Dakota: Alice, Casselton; in New York: Vanderbilt Moravian Church.

9. We were able to purchase many new publications on the Moravians for our library, including a series of rare (anti-)Moravian writings from Sweden, and Zinzendorf's 1726 Bible edition. In November we received a portrait of Count Zinzendorf from descendants of the count.
10. In January Kaitlin Trainor started as processing archivist. Jonathan Ennis was hired in June as part-time digitization assistant.
11. In March we were informed that the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded us with a grant to preserve and digitize records from the Eastern West Indies Province. The Conservation Center for Art and Historical Artifacts in Philadelphia is currently working on two grant-funded projects for the Moravian Archives.
12. In March we purchased a professional book and manuscript scanner which was funded by a grant from the R. K. Laros Foundation and a bequest from a former German Script student, Nomie Budelier. Several collections have already been digitized, including the Painting Collection and the Bethlehem Diary. Digital content is accessible through our online finding aid. Digitization of our holdings will greatly increase accessibility to our collections.
13. Issues 18/1 and 18/2 of the *Journal of Moravian History* were published with Pennsylvania State University Press.
14. In May the exhibit "Sing O Ye Heavens" on Moravian music and instrument making opened. The exhibit was planned together with the Moravian Music Foundation and will continue through May of 2019.
15. We offered our annual German Script Course as well as a series of workshops. In 2018 we offered a German Script Refresher Course for the first time, that brought back former script students for a week of instruction.
16. We hosted several college-level classes (Moravian College, Muhlenberg College, Lafayette College).
17. In July the archivist took a group of 42 people on a tour of Moravian sites in the Czech Republic, Germany, the Netherlands, and Denmark.
18. A highlight was our Annual Soirée for Friends of the Archives on September 25.
19. We continued to offer business hours on select Saturdays throughout the year to enable people who cannot visit the Archives during the week to come to the Archives. On December 1 we hosted an open house, including a free workshop and tours of the vault.
20. The German Script classes for middle and high schools continued. Over 150 students participated.
21. In October the Archives participated in the organization of the Sixth Conference on Moravian History & Music. The BAM organization sponsored travel expenses for several international speakers: Pieter Boon, South Africa; Mary Kategile, Tanzania; Inga Strungyte-Liugiene, Lithuania; and Marilva Eiflaar, from the Moravian Archives in Suriname. In addition, Marilva spent two weeks at the Archives.
22. The traditional German-English Advent *Singstunde* was held in the Old Chapel on December 4 (attendance 124).
23. Assistant archivist Thomas McCullough gave several presentations on the history of the Moravian star.
24. Two research scholarships were awarded from the Rev. Vernon H. Nelson Memorial Fund:
 - Shelby Balik, Metropolitan State University of Denver: "Dying Well: Moravian Testimonies from Eighteenth-Century New York City"
 - John Scott, Mercer University: "Moravian Records of Georgia and

- the Colonial Experience of John Brownfield”
25. The Archives’ website was redesigned this past year. The new website launched in December.
 26. The HVAC system for the public spaces was replaced in December.
 27. Cataloging work focused on the following collections: Board of Foreign Mission, Eastern West Indies, Missions among American Indians, Drawings and Prints, and Lititz Moravian congregation.
 28. During 2018 we were involved with events of the following Moravian churches and institutions in the Bethlehem Area: **Edgeboro Putz, Moravian Village** Christmas Market, Central Church (choir), College Hill (choir). Various presentations were offered at Moravian Village.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Peucker, Archivist

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Staff (fulltime and part-time) in 2018:

Dr. Paul M. Peucker (archivist)
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