



24TH MORAVIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

July 14-20, 2013

Central Moravian Church and Moravian College
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

It's only a year until the 24th Moravian Music Festival, to be held July 14-20, 2013, on the campus of Central Moravian Church and Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania! Put these dates in your calendar, and start making your plans to join us for a lively week of music, worship, and fellowship!

Moravian Music Festivals are held every four years, now sponsored by the Moravian Music Foundation. The Festivals are opportunities for music lovers to gather and enjoy learning music new to them, hearing and presenting concerts, and worshipping together in an atmosphere of warm fellowship surrounded by music.

You may sing in the **Festival Chorus**, or play in the **Festival Band**. Under the leadership of conductor **John V. Sinclair** and accompanied by Susan Keck Foster and the Festival orchestra, the Chorus will present a concert including several Moravian anthems newly-edited from the archival collections, plus the complete *Easter Cantata* by Ernst Wilhelm Wolf. Under the leadership of **Allen Frank**, the Festival Band will present a concert including a variety of concert band music and church music, appropriate for a wide range of ages and experience.

In addition, you may also choose to participate in one of these four activities: the Festival Handbell Choir; the Festival Trombone Choir; Instrumental Chamber Music; or Choral Music Reading Sessions.

Especially exciting for this Festival? **Children's activities** for those entering grades 1-5! Our children will enjoy a Bible school program including a new musical (to be presented on Friday afternoon), and a variety of outings and activities. Not to be left out are our **Youth** (grades 6 and higher), who are welcome to sing in the Festival Chorus or play in the Festival Band, and there will be special activities just for this age group as well.

Leaders for the 24th Moravian Music Festival include ...

Dr. John Sinclair, Continuing Conductor, who conducted the Moravian Music Festivals of 1999, 2003, 2006, and 2009. He is Artistic Director and Conductor of the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park, Florida, and Director of Music for Rollins College, and a renowned master teacher. Once you've sung under John's direction, you'll want to come back, again and again! ➔



➔ **Allen Frank, Band Director**, assistant conductor of the Festival Band in 2009, and American conductor of the Unity Brass Festival in South Africa in 2007. Allen has performed as a tuba soloist with the Allentown Band and is currently a member of the Mainstreet Brass Quintet, and he is Director of Bands at Wilson Area High School in Easton, PA.

Susan Keck Foster, rehearsal accompanist and organist, is a former faculty member of Shenandoah Conservatory and is currently Organist for Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC and accompanist for the Danville Area Choral Arts Society. She has performed extensively in the Eastern United States, as well as in Europe and in Mexico. ➔



➔ **Jan Harke, handbell choir director**, Minister of Music at Palmer Township Moravian Church, has been a church musician at a number of Moravian and Lutheran congregations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. She is also the administrator of the Provincial Women's Board of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church.

Don Kemmerer, Trombone Choir Director, has been Director of the Bethlehem Area Moravians Trombone Choir and director of the Bethlehem Municipal Band for many years, and conducted the Moravian Music Festival Band in 2006. Don is Director of Technology of the Swain School, a private independent school in Allentown, Pennsylvania. ➔



Festival Seminars and Workshops are designed to broaden the knowledge and appreciation of Moravian music. A variety of topics provide historical background as well as useful "how to" techniques to improve one's musical abilities. In 2013 you'll have opportunity to improve your singing, choral conducting, hone worship planning and leadership skills, learn more about FINALE and SIBELIUS music

software, and listen to “The Archivists”.

Dormitory housing will be at THE HILL, located on the south campus of Moravian College and within a block of Central Moravian Church. THE HILL is organized into several floors of suites where each person will have a private sleeping room with shared shower/restrooms. (We hear good reports from the Eastern District Conference housed at THE HILL last year!) A local arrangements committee, ably chaired by Rebecca Kleintop Owens, is working diligently to make sure that every aspect of your Festival experience is exceptional!

Your congregation may be able to provide some continuing-education support for pastors and church musicians to attend next year’s Festival. Further information and registration forms will be available by early fall, and be sure to check our website frequently for updates – www.MoravianMusicFestival.org! As we now are saying frequently and joyfully – *Next Year, in Bethlehem!*