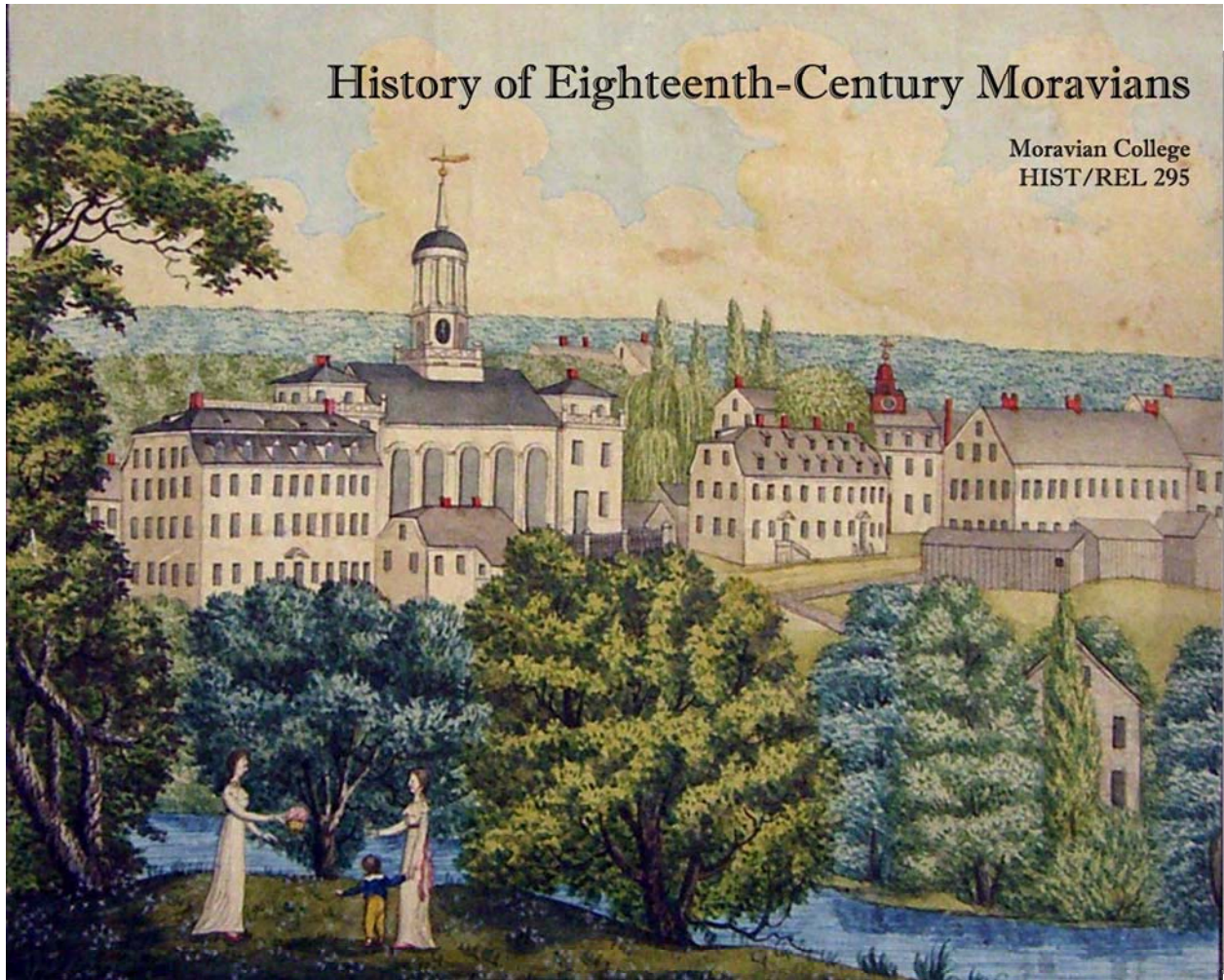


HIST/REL 295: HISTORY OF 18<sup>TH</sup>-CENTURY MORAVIANS



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### **Course Description**

Bethlehem was founded in 1741 as an important link in the transatlantic network of the Moravian Church. In this course we will examine the history of the Moravians in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. We will study different aspects of Moravian history, such as origins and growth, theology, and Moravian ideas on gender, sexuality, and race. By looking at Moravian art, architecture and dress as examples of the material culture of the Moravians we will get a better understanding of the character of the Moravian communities.

Historiography plays an important part in the course: how did Moravians view their history? how did others view Moravian history? How did this change over time? How did Moravians record their history? We will see that groups construct their own history.

### **Course Objectives**

Students will

- § become familiar with the main events and themes in the history of 18<sup>th</sup>-century Moravians
- § become familiar with the main concepts and ideas of early modern religion
- § learn to critically evaluate primary and secondary sources
- § learn to locate and use tools of historical research,(books, journal articles, bibliographies) by using both libraries and electronic sources
- § further develop clear and effective oral and written communications skills

### **Assigned Reading**

The texts assigned for each class are required reading. You can only participate in the class when you read the texts. Be prepared to give a short summary of each reading assignment: what does the author want to say? What is the author's point of view? Make summaries for yourself that you can use when preparing for the final exam.

### **Grade Distribution**

- 10% class participation (active participation in class, asking relevant questions, offering answers)
- 10% class assignment
- 10% paper bibliography
- 10% paper outline
- 30% paper
- 30% final exam

### **Attendance**

You should attend all classes and be prepared to discuss the assigned readings. Students who miss more than one session without a doctor's note will have a third of a grade deducted from their final mark. Please turn off or mute all electronic devices in the classroom.

### **Workload**

This is a demanding and intensive course: reading assignments for most sessions vary between 50 and 80 pages per session. For some sessions reading assignments are less. Plan well ahead! Be prepared to give a short summary in class for each reading assignment. Additional work is needed for your paper.

### **Class Assignments**

During the course you will be asked to do a short presentation (10 minutes). You can choose from the following:

- Jan. 22: what is the meaning of August 13, 1727? (1 student)
- Jan. 31: give an introduction to an address by Zinzendorf (3 students)\*
- March 20: find definitions of the Sifting Time in secondary literature (1 student)
- March 27: give an introduction to the assigned reading (on Moravians and gender) (1 student)
- Apr. 1/3: give an introduction to an anti-Moravian text (3 students)\*
- Apr. 8: give an introduction to a memoir (in the Moravian Archives) (3 students)\*

Some of the assignments involve work with primary sources from the Moravian Archives (indicated with \*).

### **Submission Formats and Late Policy**

All submissions should be typewritten, with one-inch margins on all sides. The bibliography and outline should be single-spaced; the paper should be double spaced. The font should be 11 or 12 points. The student's name and submission date should be typed in the upper left corner of the first page. After this header, one blank line should appear before the assignment title, which should be centered between the left and right margins. This title should be followed by one blank line before beginning the assignment. A hard copy of all submissions is required. All papers are due at the beginning of class on their due dates. A ¼ letter grade will be deducted from the paper's grade if it is submitted more than ten minutes after the start of class and this deduction will be repeated for each consecutive late day after the assigned due date. Printing or other computer problems are not accepted excuses. There will be no extension time for writing except in the case of a documented illness.

### **Research Paper**

During the course you will write a research paper of 12 to 15 pages based on your own research. A list of possible topics is included in the syllabus. You are free to choose a topic of your own choice, but you have to check with me as soon as possible in order to get my approval. The writing process extends over the whole class. We start (1) choosing the topic, compiling a bibliography (2), writing a ½ to 1 page outline (3), writing the draft (4), and (5) submission of the final version. I will read and comment on the draft, without assigning a grade to it. Use footnotes and attach a bibliography to your paper in accordance with the Chicago style (15th ed.). All the assignments have to be submitted in person.

The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus with appropriate notification in class.

date	topic	remark
<b>week 1</b>	<b>introduction</b>	
Jan. 15	Moravians: what's in a name? syllabus, resources	
Jan. 17	<p>the world of 18th century religion:            Pietism, Lutheranism, Reformed, Evangelism, "Great Awakening"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W. R. Ward, "The Religion of Protestants," ch. 4 of <i>Christianity under the Ancien Régime, 1748-1789</i> (Cambridge: University Press, 1999), 71-104. (esp. 71-86, 88-93, 95-99)</li> </ul>	
<b>week 2</b>	<b>Herrnhut and Zinzendorf</b>	
Jan. 22	Herrnhut	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. Taylor Hamilton and Kenneth G. Hamilton, <i>History of the Moravian Church. The Renewed Unitas Fratrum 1722-1957</i>, (Bethlehem - Winston-Salem: Moravian Church in America, 1967), 13-33.</li> <li>• Elizabeth W. Sommer, "Forming the Ideal: The Development of the Ortsgemeine," ch. 1 of <i>Serving Two Masters. Moravian Brethren in Germany and North Carolina, 1727-1801</i> (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2000), 10-32.</li> <li>• read the Brotherly Agreement: "Statutes of the Congregation at Herrnhut, in the year 1727," in <i>The Memorial Days of the Renewed Church of the Brethren. Translated from the German</i> (London: Moravian Publication Office, 1895), 111-120.</li> </ul>	student assignment: introduction: what is August 13?
Jan. 24	<p>Zinzendorf: life            biographical data in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthur J. Freeman, <i>An Ecumenical Theology of the Heart. The Theology of Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf</i> (Bethlehem: Moravian Church in America, 1998), 309-313.</li> <li>• Craig Atwood, "Zinzendorf and the Theology of the Heart," ch. 2 of <i>Community of the Cross. Moravian Piety in Colonial Bethlehem</i> (University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2005), 43-75.</li> </ul>	choose paper topic
<b>week 3</b>	Zinzendorf (cont.)	
Jan. 29*	theology of Zinzendorf and the Moravians	Library visit?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Vogt, "Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1700-1760)," in <i>The Pietist Theologians. An Introduction to Theology in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries</i>, ed. Carter Lindberg (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2005), 207-223.</li> </ul>	
Jan. 31	reading Zinzendorf TBA	3 students: introduction to a sermon
<b>week 4</b>	<b>Ancient Unity: constructing history</b>	
Febr. 5	Bohemian Brethren	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colin Podmore, "The Church of the Bohemian Brethren," in <i>Anglican-Moravian Conversations</i> (n.p.: Council for Christian Unity, 1996), 44-62.</li> <li>• Adolf Vacovský, "History of the 'Hidden Seed' (1620-1722)," in <i>Unitas Fratrum. Herrnhuter Studien/Moravian Studies</i>, ed. Mari P. van Buijtenen, Cornelis Dekker and Huib Leeuwenberg (Utrecht: Rijksarchief, 1975), 35-54.</li> <li>• Milos Strupl, "Confessional Theology of the Unitas Fratrum," <i>Church History</i> 33 (1964): 279-293. <b>on Atla Religion Database</b></li> </ul>	
Febr. 7*	<p>continuity/discontinuity?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W. R. Ward, "The Renewed Unity of the Brethren: Ancient Church, New Sect, or Transconfessional Movement," in <i>Faith and Faction</i> (London: Epworth Press, 1993), 112-129.</li> <li>• Craig D. Atwood, <i>Community of the Cross Moravian Piety in Colonial Bethlehem</i> (University Park, Pa: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2004), 21-25.</li> <li>• Enrico Molnár, "The Pious Fraud of Count Zinzendorf," <i>Illiff Review</i> 11 (1954): 29-38.</li> </ul>	Library visit?
<b>week 5</b>	<b>spread of the Moravians</b>	
Febr. 12	America	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aaron Fogleman, "The Decline and Fall of the Moravian Community in Colonial Georgia: Revising the Traditional View," <i>Unitas Fratrum. Zeitschrift für Geschichte und Gegenwartsfragen der Brüdergemeine</i> 48 (2001): 1-22.</li> <li>• Beverly Prior Smaby, <i>The Transformation of Moravian Bethlehem. From Communal Mission to Family Economy</i> (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania</li> </ul>	due: paper bibliography

	<p>Press, 1988), 86-122.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Craig Atwood, "Bethlehem" ch. 4 of <i>Community of the Cross. Moravian Piety in Colonial Bethlehem</i> (University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2005), 115-139</li> </ul>	
Febr. 14	missions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David A. Schattschneider, "The Missionary Theologies of Zinzendorf and Spangenberg," <i>Transactions of the Moravian Historical Society</i> 22/3 (1975): 213-233.</li> <li>• A. J. Lewis, "The Architect of Missions," ch. 5 of <i>Zinzendorf: The Ecumenical Pioneer. A Study in the Moravian Contribution to Christian Mission and Unity</i> (London: SCM Press, 1962), 78-97.</li> <li>• Jon F. Sensbach, <i>A Separate Canaan. The Making of an Afro-Moravian World in North Carolina, 1763-1840</i> (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998), 29-43.</li> </ul>	due: paper outline
<b>week 6</b>	<b>race, slavery</b>	
Febr. 19	cultural encounters	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel Wheeler, "Women and Christian Practice in a Mahican Village," <i>Religion and American Culture</i> 13 (2003): 27-67. <b>on ATLA Religion Database.</b></li> <li>• Jane T. Merritt, "Cultural Encounters along a Gender Frontier: Mahican, Delaware, and German Women in Eighteenth-Century Pennsylvania," <i>Pennsylvania History</i>, 67, (2000): 503-532. <b>on journal's website</b></li> <li>• Jane T. Merritt, "Dreaming of the Savior's Blood: Moravians and the Indian Great Awakening in Pennsylvania," <i>The William and Mary Quarterly</i> 54 (1997): 723-746. <b>on JSTOR</b></li> </ul>	
Febr. 21	slavery	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jon Sensbach, "Slavery, Race, and the Global Fellowship: Religious Radicals Confront the Modern Age," in: <i>Pious Pursuits. German Moravians in the Atlantic World</i> ed. Michele Gillespie and Robert Beachy, European Expansion &amp; Global Interaction 7 (New York and Oxford: Berghahn, 2007), 223-236.</li> <li>• Highfield, Arnold R. "Patterns of Accommodation and Resistance: The Moravian Witness to Slavery in the Danish West Indies," <i>Journal of Caribbean History</i></li> </ul>	

	<p>[Barbados] 28 (1994): 138-164.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hartmut Beck, "Missions and Slavery: Remarks on the Moravian Mission in the Social Structure of the Caribbean in the First Half of the 18th Century as a Step to Emancipation from Slavery," <i>TMDK</i> 16 (Nov. 1998): 23-38.</li> </ul>	
<b>week 7</b>	<b>material culture I:</b>	
Febr. 26	Moravian painting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Bjelajac, <i>American Art. A Cultural History</i> (New York: Harr N. Abrams, 2001), 52-54.</li> <li>• Paul Peucker, "Communication Through Art: The Role of Art in Moravian Communities," in <i>Self, Community, World. The Moravians and the Atlantic World</i> ed. Heikki Lempa, Paul Peucker (Bethlehem: Lehigh University Press, forthcoming)</li> </ul>	
Febr. 28	discuss image	bring Bible
<b>week 8</b>	SPRING BREAK	
<b>week 9</b>	<b>Material culture II</b>	
March 11	architecture	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thorp, Daniel B. "The City That Never Was: Count von Zinzendorf's Original Plan for Salem," <i>The North Carolina Historical Review</i> 61 (1984): 36-58.</li> <li>• Murtagh, William J., <i>Moravian architecture and town planning. Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and other eighteenth-century American settlements</i> (Chapel Hill 1967; 2nd ed. 1998), 8-21.</li> <li>• Vogt, Peter. "The Shakers and the Moravians: A Comparison of the Structure and the Architecture of Their Settlements," <i>The Shaker Quarterly</i> 21 (1993): 79-97.</li> </ul>	
March 13	dress	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elisabeth Sommer, "Fashion Passion: The Rhetoric of Dress within the Eighteenth-Century Moravian Brethren," in: <i>Pious Pursuits. German Moravians in the Atlantic World</i> ed. Michele Gillespie and Robert Beachy, <i>European Expansion &amp; Global Interaction</i> 7 (New York and Oxford: Berghahn, 2007), 83-96.</li> <li>• Paul Peucker, "Pink, White and Blue. Function and</li> </ul>	

	Meaning of the Colored Choir Ribbons with the Moravians," (forthcoming)).	
<b>week 10</b>	<b>sexuality and Sifting Time</b>	
March 18	sexuality	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Craig Atwood, "Sleeping in the Arms of Christ: Sanctifying Sexuality in the Eighteenth-Century Moravian Church," <i>Journal of the History of Sexuality</i> 8 (1997): 25-51.</li> <li>• Peter Vogt, "Ehereligion: The Moravian Theory and Practice of Marriage as Point of Contention in the Conflict between Ephrata and Bethlehem," in: <i>Communal Societies</i> 21, (2001): 37-48.</li> </ul>	
March 20	Sifting Time	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Craig D. Atwood, "Interpreting and Misinterpreting the Sichtszeit," in <i>Neue Aspekte der Zinzendorf-Forschung</i>, ed. Martin Brecht and Paul Peucker, <i>Arbeiten zur Geschichte des Pietismus</i> 47 (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck &amp; Ruprecht, 2006), 174-187.</li> <li>• Paul Peucker, "The Songs of the Sifting: Understanding the Role of Bridal Mysticism in Moravian Piety During the Late 1740s," <i>Journal of Moravian History</i> 3 (2007): 51-87.</li> <li>• Paul Peucker, "Wives of the Lamb: Moravian Brothers and Gender around 1750," in: <i>Masculinity, Senses, Spirit</i>, ed. Katherine Faull (Lewisburg, PA: Bucknell University Press, forthcoming).</li> </ul>	student assignment: find definitions of the Sifting Time in secondary literature
<b>week 11</b>	<b>gender</b>	
March 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smaby, Beverly, "Gender Prescriptions in Eighteenth-Century Bethlehem," in <i>Backcountry Crucibles. The Lehigh Valley from Settlement to Steel</i>, ed. Jean R. Soderlund and Catherine S. Parzynski (Bethlehem: Lehigh University Press, 2007), 74-103. [on Zinzendorf's ideas on gender distinctions]</li> <li>• Smaby, Beverly, "'No one should lust for power... women least of all.' Dismantling Female Leadership among Eighteenth-Century Moravians," in <i>Pious Pursuits. German Moravians in the Atlantic World</i> ed. Michele Gillespie and Robert Beachy, <i>European Expansion &amp; Global Interaction</i> 7 (New York and Oxford: Berghahn, 2007), 159-175.</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vogt, Peter. "A Voice for Themselves: Women as Participants in Congregational Discourse in the Eighteenth-Century Moravian Movement," in <i>Women preachers and prophets through two millennia of Christianity</i>. ed. Beverly Mayne Kienzle and Pamela J. Walker. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998), 227-247.</li> </ul>	
March 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aaron Fogleman, "The Challenge to Gender Order," ch.3 of <i>Jesus is Female. Moravians and Radical Religion in Early America</i>, (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007), 73-104.</li> </ul>	Student assignment: introduction to Fogleman
<b>week 12</b>	<b>controversy</b>	
Apr. 1    Apr. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aaron Fogleman, "The Orthodox Response," ch. 5 of <i>Jesus is Female. Moravians and Radical Religion in Early America</i>, (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007), 135-155.</li> <li>• Colin Podmore, "The Crisis of 1753," ch. 9 of <i>The Moravian Church in England, 1728-1760</i> (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998), 266-289.</li> <li>• George Whitefield, <i>An Expostulatory Letter, Addressed to Nicholas Lewis, Count Zinzendorff, and Lord Advocate of the Unitas Fratrum</i>, (London, 1753).</li> <li>• Pastoral Letter</li> <li>• Rimius?</li> </ul>	student assignments: introduction to polemic writing
<b>week 13</b>		
Apr. 8	<p>memoirs, autobiographical texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faull, Katharine M., <i>Moravian Women's Memoirs: Their Related Lives, 1750-1820</i> (Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 1997), xvii-xl.</li> <li>• Robert Beachy, "Manuscript Missions in the Age of Print: Moravian Community in the Atlantic World," in <i>Pious Pursuits. German Moravians in the Atlantic World</i> ed. Michele Gillespie and Robert Beachy, <i>European Expansion &amp; Global Interaction 7</i> (New York and Oxford: Berghahn, 2007), 33-49.</li> </ul>	Student assignments: introduction to Lebenslauf and compare to Faull's findings
Apr. 10	<p>transatlantic community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Vogt, "'Everywhere at Home': The Eighteenth-Century Moravian Movement as a Transatlantic Religious Community," <i>Journal of Moravian History</i> 1 (2006): 7-29.</li> </ul>	due: paper draft

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizabeth W. Sommer, "Hands Across the Water. The Challenges of a Transatlantic Relationship," ch. 6 of <i>Serving Two Masters. Moravian Brethren in Germany and North Carolina, 1727-1801</i> (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2000), 140-170.</li> <li>• Katherine Carté Engel, "'Commerce that the Lord Could Sanctify and Bless': Moravian Participation in Transatlantic Trade, 1740-1760," in <i>Pious Pursuits. German Moravians in the Atlantic World</i> ed. Michele Gillespie and Robert Beachy, <i>European Expansion &amp; Global Interaction</i> 7 (New York and Oxford: Berghahn, 2007), 113-126.</li> </ul>	
<b>week 14</b>	<b>post-Zinzendorffian era; historiography</b>	
Apr. 15	Moravian interpretation of their history Read David Craz: TBA pictures in Lindsey House	
Apr. 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jonathan Yonan, "Response and Reconstruction: Confronting Anti-Moravianism After 1753," ch. 3 of "Evangelicalism and Enlightenment: The Moravian Experience in England, c. 1750-1800," (PhD diss. Oxford 2007).</li> </ul>	paper due
<b>week 15</b>	<b>19th century: history and interpretation</b>	
Apr. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edmund de Schweinitz, "The Historic Character of the American Moravian Church," (Bethlehem: Moravian Publication Office, 1867), 15 p.</li> </ul>	maybe combine both readings for one session and make visit to Nazareth in other session
Apr. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F. F. Hagen, <i>Unitas Fratrum in Extremis, or Thoughts on the Past and Present Condition of the Moravian Church in America</i> (Bethlehem: Moravian Publication Office, 1893), 14 p.</li> </ul>	evaluation of class by students
week 16	finals	

## Topics for Research Paper

Slavery and Bethlehem

Imagery of Blood in Moravian Hymns

Death Practices in a Moravian Community

Life and Work of a Moravian person, e.g. John Ettwein, Erdmuth Dorothea von Zinzendorf, David Zeisberger, John Heckewelder

Moravian and economics, see articles in Pious Pursuits

Life in a Single Brothers' House

Life in a Single Sisters' House

the Choir System

John Wesley and the Moravians

Recognition of the Moravian Church by British Parliament

history of a Moravian community: Lititz, Nazareth, Salem, or Emmaus (if you want to write about another community, contact me)

history of the Moravians in a particular region or country: island in the Caribbean, Surinam, South Africa, Russia, etc. (please consult me about the region/country you want to choose)

Bethlehem during the Revolutionary War

George Whitefield and the Moravians

Conrad Weiser and the Moravians

The use of the Lot

Moravian education

Music in 18<sup>th</sup>-century Moravian communities

How is Bethlehem portrayed in visitors' reports?

American Indians in Bethlehem