

This Week at Central Church - May 21 – 27

Sun.	10:00 am	Sunday School Closing Program	Nitschmann Hall
	12:00 pm	Youth Group	Nitschmann Hall
	7:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium
Tue.	9:00 am	Ladies Sewing Society	73 W. Church Street
	9:30 am	Comenius Group	C. E., Conf. Room
	7:30 pm	Social Action Committee	C. E., Conf. Room
Wed.	6:45 am	Men's Bible Study	C. E., Library
	9:30 am	Busy Workers	Chapel, lower level
Thur.	10:00 am	Cynthia's Boutique	73 W. Church, LL
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	10:00 am	Tree Planting	Friends of Johnston Farm
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium

Sunday Services - May 28, 2017

Last Chapel Service before we begin our summer schedule

9:00 am	Worship in the Chapel	Hopeton Clennon
11:00 am	Worship in the Sanctuary	Hopeton Clennon

Pancake Breakfast

It's almost summertime! That means we all get to worship together in the **Sanctuary at 10 a.m. (June through August)**. We'd like to celebrate summer, our time together, and the milestone of confirmation for six of our young people with a pancake breakfast in Nitschmann Hall on **June 11 from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.** Join us for delicious breakfast food. Enjoy a chance to talk with your friends – AND – take the opportunity to meet our youth who will be confirming their faith and joining our church as adults.

Upcoming New Member Classes

Attending New Members' Classes is a helpful way to develop deeper understandings of the ministry and mission of Central Moravian Church. Classes can lead to church membership and will provide opportunities for greater involvement in worship, witness, growth, and service. **Our next classes will run for three Sundays from 12:15 - 2 p.m. beginning on September 10.** Contact the church office if you are interested in attending.



The Sunday Times

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Closed for lunch 12-12:30 p.m.

Worship and Program Highlights Sunday, May 21, 2017

Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome at Central Moravian Church. If you are a visitor and are comfortable doing so, please share your contact information with us. Fill out a Visitor Card, which you will find in the pew rack in the Sanctuary or at the end of the pew in the Chapel. Place it in the offering plate later on in the worship service.

The main restrooms in the Sanctuary are located on the lower level in the southwest corner of the church (closest to Main and Church Streets). Two additional restrooms are in the corridor behind the pulpit area, on the East side (Heckewelder Place). Chapel restrooms are located on the lower level.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Sunday Comenius, C. E. bldg., lower level classroom (**9 a.m.**), **Friendship Bible Class**, office conference room (**10 a.m.**), **Parents Class**, Zinzendorf Parlor (**10 a.m.**), **Sojourners Class**, Chapel, lower level (**10 a.m.**).

Sunday School Closing Program Today

Celebrate our Sunday School year together **today at 10 a.m.** in Nitschmann Hall. This Sunday school closing, led by Sunday School Superintendent, JoAnna Freund, will have everyone thinking about how they are living stones built into and part of God's house. Sunday School resumes next fall. Many thanks to our faithful Sunday School teachers who have led our childrens' youth, and adult classes this year.

Care for Creation by ... helping to plant American Chestnut saplings on **Saturday, May 27. Gather at 10 a.m.** in the parking lot at the Friends of Johnston Farm off of Santee Mill Road. Wear clothing appropriate for walking in fields and protecting yourself from ticks and sunburn. Bill Sachs and the Social Action Committee are leading this effort.

Potluck and Board Games

The Church Family Life Committee invites you to join us for a Potluck Luncheon on **Sunday, June 4**. Please bring your favorite covered dish, salad, and/or dessert. Following lunch, we will break into groups to play board and card games. We welcome you to bring your favorite games along with you. Please contact Elissa Derbak with any questions at 610-762-6039.

Vacation Bible School

We are partnering with East Hills and Advent Moravian Churches to offer VBS to our children who have completed 4 year old Pre-K - 6th grade. The theme is *Hero Central* and will explore stories about David, Abigail, Jesus as a boy, the Beatitudes, and Pentecost. VBS will be held at Advent Moravian Church, **June 12-16 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Contact the church office for registration forms.

BAM Freezer Ministry

Cooks from our six Bethlehem Area Moravian churches and Esperanza will gather at East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Road, on **Monday, June 12 at 1 p.m.** to cook and freeze lots of delicious meals. You are invited to lend a hand and enjoy working alongside the other cooks. The cooked meals are available anytime someone in our church or larger community needs a nutritious meal. Let us know when there's someone who, for any number of reasons, might need and appreciate food lovingly prepared.

Moravian Day

Please join us for "Moravian Day" on **June 17 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** on the Central Moravian Church Green. Come view displays by the 6 Moravian Churches in Bethlehem. Enjoy lunch, snacks, colonial food demonstration, a band concert, and children's activities. Tours of the Moravian Museum, Apothecary and Smithy will also be available. If you would like to serve as a volunteer for the event, contact Carol Reifinger at careif@verizon.net or Audrey Wanamaker at alwan@ptd.net.

Commemorative Music Book

Praise and Thanksgiving: 275 Years of Music at Central Moravian Church will be released on **Sunday, June 25**. The book features photographs, memoirs, diary entries, letters, newspaper clippings, and a companion CD that covers topics of cherished Advent and Christmas traditions, Lenten, and Easter traditions, the musicians and musical instruments of Central Moravian Church, concerts, tours, recordings, and favorite hymns and worship services throughout the last 275 years. The book and CD will be available for \$30 (including tax). Order forms are located on the Sanctuary Amen Pews and at the back of the Chapel.

275th Anniversary Lovefeast

Celebrate with our fellow Moravians and ecumenical friends

our 275 years of ministry in the Lehigh Valley. The Anniversary Lovefeast will take place on **Sunday, June 25 at 3 p.m.** in Johnston Hall, Moravian College Campus. If you wish to sing in the Choir or play in the brass band, contact Becky Owens. If you would like to serve as a sacristan, contact Audrey Wanamaker alwan@ptd.net, if you would like to assist as an usher, contact Jan Cole at jantique@ptd.net.

Camp Hope

Camp Hope in Hope, NJ offers conferences for children who have completed 1st grade - high school as well as specialty camps.

The Bethlehem Area Moravian Ministries Committee offers \$100 scholarship for children and youth from BAM churches. Central Moravian offers a scholarship for \$100 per child per camp. Visit www.camphope.org for details. Programs are available on the Amen Pews in the Sanctuary and in the back of the Chapel.

Save the Date: Knoebels Trip

Join the Bethlehem Area Moravians for a trip to Knoebel's Amusement Park on **Friday, July 7 at 9 a.m.** Reservations & payment due 6/30. Reservation A for \$15, includes round-trip transportation, lunch, and bottled water before departure or Reservation B for \$10, includes round-trip transportation, no lunch, and bottled water before departure. Reservation forms are available on Amen Pews in the Sanctuary, in the back of the Chapel, or on the church website.

Washington DC Bus Trip

Join the Social Action Committee for a field trip to Washington DC and the new Smithsonian African American Museum. **Sat., Sept. 23; bus leaves at 6:30 a.m.; returns at 9 p.m.** Cost is \$60; includes bus, gratuity for driver, museum ticket, light breakfast on the bus. Contact the church office to sign up. All sign-ups and payments for the trip should be made by **Tues., August 1**. For more details, contact Joan Carson at 610-346-8012 or jec1@lehigh.edu.

Books for Church Nursery

Check out our church nursery in the West Room in the back of our Sanctuary. We have a beautiful new bookcase built just for us by our master carpenter, Hank Naisby. Thank you, Hank! If you have books appropriate for children (infants through 4 years old) that you would like to donate, please bring them to the church office.

St. Moritz/Zermatt Ski Trip Jan 19 - Feb 4, 2018

Trip to 2 world famous ski resorts. Price is \$3800 per person and includes round-trip airfare from Newark, ground transportation in Switzerland via rail, 7-nights in 4-star hotels in each resort, breakfast and full dinner at each resort hotel, and a final night's accommodation in Zurich. For more details, contact Craig Mosebach at 610-625-4576.