

The Belfry

News of Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

May 2023

Worship in May

- 9 a.m. in the Chapel 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- May 7 Fifth Sunday of Easter Sermon: The Rev. Maggie Wellert
- May 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter Christian Family Lovefeast Sermon: Bishop Hopeton Clennon
- May 21 Seventh Sunday of Easter Confirmation at 11 a.m. Service Sermon: Bishop Hopeton Clennon
- May 28 Holy Communion for Pentecost Sermon: Bishop Hopeton Clennon

Save the Date 40 Years of Faithful Service

It is with great pleasure that we announce a celebration of the Rt. Rev. C. Hopeton Clennon's 40th Anniversary of Ordination on June 4, 2023, at the 10:00 a.m. worship service at Central Moravian Church. He was ordained as a Deacon at Salem Moravian Church in Beeston



Spring, Westmoreland, Jamaica on June 19, 1993, with Bishop S. U. Hastings and Bishop N. S. Neil presiding. In January 2023, we enjoyed the milestone of having Hopeton serve our congregation for ten years. Celebrating an Anniversary of Ordination is a life affirming opportunity to thank God for the blessings shared in the service of the Lord. We look forward to a special time of reflection and prayer that honors the years of ministry our Senior Pastor has given. Please plan to join us in June. Actively living with the call process of the Moravian Church for the past 14 months invites intense levels of reflection and introspection. Significant transition points press us to examine our core values. Maybe engage in a bit of spring cleaning, too.

Recently, I was reminded of a quote by St. Francis de Sales from the 17th century. My thanks to the Rev. James J. Greenfield, OSFC, President of DeSales University, for bringing focus to the statement:

"Be who you are and be that well."

Central Moravian Church meticulously develop and record guidelines for effective ministry and vital mission. We have two or three different handbooks, a "Rules and Regulations", a dozen protocols approved by the Joint Board, a provincial Book of Order, and the *Church Order of the Unitas Fratrum*. And yet, it is only in our relationship with others that our core values shine through.

Spending four sessions with participants in Inquirers' Classes earlier this year served as a good assessment of how our congregation is perceived by newcomers. Listening to their written testimonies on Palm Sunday was a helpful affirmation that we are living out our mission statement faithfully and consistently. Thank you for being who you are and being that well.

Mission Statement

Central Moravian Church is an inclusive community of God's people which assembles for worship, education and fellowship as members of the worldwide Moravian Church. Our members are committed to meeting the needs of society and nurturing individuals on their spiritual journeys as we honor our Moravian heritage. We live our lives serving and fulfilling the mission of Christ in the world.

Vision Statement

To honor God in all that we do through:

- · meaningful opportunities for worship
- dynamic music ministry
- · active Christian education and spiritual development programs
- awareness of and response to the social, spiritual and physical needs of our community and world
- · practice of good financial stewardship
- affirmation and development of our community and worldwide partners
- practice of our Moravian motto: "In essentials unity, in nonessentials liberty, in all things love"

Jeff Griffis's Retirement

Jeff Griffis joined the staff of Central Moravian Church in January 2019 as our third Facilities Manager. He followed in the footsteps of other beloved Central members, Tom Tenges and Mike Wall. Jeff's tenure in this position also followed a 25-year stint as volunteer Head Sacristan for our congregation. On March 15, 2023, Jeff announced his retirement with effective date of April 14, 2023.

Members of Central's staff joined

in a retirement luncheon in Jeff's honor on April 11. Our thanks to the Personnel Committee for sponsoring the meal. Among the many speeches and expressions of gratitude, Martha Jones shared her wonderful sense of humor: "Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf tasked Jeff with being Head Sacristan. There was no need to employ the lot for this decision. Jeff served in this position from 1991 to 2016. As a new challenge appeared on his radar, Jeff happily stepped into the Facilities Manager position in 2019."

The congregation also got a chance to celebrate Jeff at the 11 a.m. service on April 16. A recording of the worship service is available on the Central Moravian Church website (https://youtube.com/live/UocjO2XwnoQ). Hank Naisby serves as Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He was the first of two speakers at church. Here is the text of Hank's remarks: Jeff, you have a long history of caring for and serving this church and this congregation. As Sacristan, you help make Sunday worship and special occasions and holidays a blessed experience. More recently, you have been the Facilities Manager. As such, you have looked after the physical parts of our campus. You oversaw maintenance of all of our buildings. You handled set ups, and cleaning for special occasions. You also interacted with other entities such as the Academy, the University and The Bach Choir as they used our spaces. You worked with contractors and kept track of finances. Thank you.

In addition, you worked closely with the Buildings and Grounds Committee. You explained finances each month, usually replying to many questions as we worked to understand what the numbers meant. You explained projects that needed to be taken care of and encouraged action on them. You prepared RFPs, found contractors to do the work we desired, and oversaw their work. Thank you.

As you transition and find new uses of your time, along with more time to take care of your own house, and to golf, I am sure you will continue to find ways to serve the church you love. Thank you. The second speaker on Sunday was Head Sacristan Tim Brady. Among his kind remarks was a recounting of the major maintenance and renovation projects completed during Jeff's tenure as Facilities Manager.

Central's Treasurer, Jeff Mosebach made presentations to both Jeff and Martha Griffis, before Jeff Griffis spoke from the heart to the congregation.

We received wonderful words of affirmation from other lay leaders in the church. Phil Corvino wrote: "Jeff was the head Sacristan when I joined the Sacristan Corps. I would ask Jeff a lot of questions and he always knew the answer. I was always amazed at the knowledge he knew about all the behind-the-scenes things going on at church. He was always, and still, is very proficient at ordering the wreaths and trees at Christmas, the palms and lilies at Easter and most importantly the sugar buns for Lovefeast!"

Nathan Bissey wrote: "As Moravians, we have a profound appreciation for the concepts of time and place. This appreciation joins who we are now to those who have served before us and binds us together with the common thread of fellowship. It is in this spirit of appreciation and continuity that I express my gratitude to Brother Jeff Griffis for his service as he retires from his current position. Thinking back over Jeff's many years on the Sacristan Corps and his time as the Facilities Manager, I offer a word of heartfelt thanks for his faithful service. As I anticipate the future, I look forward to many more years of fellowship around the table in the Sacristy."

Martha Jones closed her remarks with: "Thank you, Jeff, for all your years of service to your church and the church office."

Special May Offering Envelopes

Maintenance of Church Campus (May 7): Gifts given with this envelope go to reimburse expenses for maintaining the buildings and grounds of Central Church. Such as: the Sanctuary, Chapel, Parsonage, and Church Office. Maintenance and utility expenses for the Christian Education building are shared with Moravian Academy. Examples of some of the maintenance expenses are: cutting the grass, snow removal, plumbing repairs, HVAC repairs, cleaning the gutters, and housekeeping.

Esperanza for Bethlehem (May 28): Your donation supports our Moravian ministry on the Southside of Bethlehem, providing bilingual worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Consider volunteering to mentor children, helping with homework, serving a hot meal, and a safe environment for playing indoor and outdoor. Contact Pastor Tracy Robinson: pastortracyrobinson@gmail.com; 610-504-9127, and Pastor Rhonda: ronduza@gmail.com; 484-895-5582.



Envelopes for Education – (May 2023)

It's time for the Central Moravian Church's Scholarships for High School Graduates! The goal is to give our teenagers a graduation grant from their church family.

It is easy to participate. On May 7, envelopes and directions will be available at the back of the Chapel for the 9 a.m. service and then on the front pews of the Sanctuary for the 11 a.m. service. If you wish to participate, choose an envelope and directions. There is a number written on the front of the envelope, 1 is for \$1, 2 is for \$2, up to 63 for \$63. Please put your donation in the envelope and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office by May 24. Any envelopes not taken on May 1 will be available on the next two Sundays. June 4 is the Sunday chosen to recognize our graduates.

Please write your regular offering envelope number and/or your name, so that we can note this donation on your statement from the church. If you are not a member of Central, please include your name and address for our records. Thank you for your participation. Please contact Martha Jones with any questions you may have. Thank you for your participation.

- Martha W. Jones

Sunday School Closing Program

We will be meeting on Sunday, May 7 at 10 a.m., in the Christian Education building (40 W. Church Street, Bethlehem), for our last class of the year! There will be games, food, music, and more. We hope you will join us!

Important Tax Information

If you are over the age of 70¹/₂ and have an IRA, you could recognize a tax benefit by sending a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly to the church instead. This may be an intelligent way to plan your envelope giving, annual giving, and/or special gifts.

QCD's may provide meaningful tax benefits whether or not you itemize your deductions. You could potentially satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD) using a QCD. Up to \$100,000 may be excluded from taxable income annually per taxpayer. *There are rules and requirements in using the QCD effectively. Please contact your financial and tax professionals for guidance.*

Fair Trade Coffee Returns

What does that mean? We support small farmers by working in a co-op owned model. The Equal Exchange uses their long-standing relationships to secure the best crops. A growing community of citizen-consumers are working together to build a better food system by organizing and engaging in shared learning. If you are concerned about climate change and the threat it has on the livelihood of farmers or how multinationals are controlling our food industry, join us in supporting Equal Exchange products. We will be offering coffee, chocolate, and tea in limited selections on Sunday, May 14. Our plan is to keep the Coffee Ministry available every second Sunday of the month thereafter. Our table will be available in the Northeast corner of the sanctuary, close to the Chapel, after the 9 and 11 a.m. services. We appreciate your support.

> — Bonnie Davis, Michael Brennan, Valerie Antonelli, Scott Dawkins

Toddler Time - May 14

Toddler Time is open to infants - pre-kindergarten children and their parents. Join us on Sunday, May 14 at 10 a.m., in the C. E. building nursery next to Benigna Auditorium. Gatherings are comprised of informal playtime, songs, stories and time for our young people to interact and play. Any questions, contact Katie Royer: kroyer929@gmail.com.

Green Weekly Texts for May

- Celebrate No Mow May! Or 'mow high': keep your grass a bit longer to encourage pollinators to do their magic. And if you're investing in a new lawn mower or string trimmer, consider a battery-operated machine. It reduces pollution and noise. Or go a step farther, and use a push mower.....for more exercise!!
- Have your air conditioner checked and cleaned for the summer. While we're on the subject, seal your air ducts. Leaky air ducts can reduce a cooling system's efficiency by 30%. Sealing and insulating ducts make it easier for your AC to keep your home cool.
- Ceiling fans work! Set your a/c 4 degrees warmer & cut your energy costs by using a ceiling fan.
- Reduce the number of miles you drive by walking, biking, carpooling or using mass transit. Consider taking a 'stay-cation' this summer, taking day trips to local sites, or doing a 'volunteer' vacation (helping people in need, Habitat for Humanity, etc.). Whenever possible, advocate for better mass transit. Learn more from the Coalition for Alternative Transportation: http://www.lvcat.org/lvcat/

Busy Workers' Plant & Attic Treasures Sale

The Busy Workers Plant & Attic Treasures Sale takes place on Saturday, May 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Christian Education building (40 W. Church Street, Bethlehem). We'll have lots of attic treasures, plus, beautiful plants for sale outside: flowering annuals, hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, and perennials from Central members' gardens. Busy Workers' crafts will be featured, too, and baked goods. Possibly Moravian Sugar Cake. Mother's Day is May 14. You'll find many lovely gift ideas at the sale! Proceeds benefit charities from Bethlehem to Tanzania, Nepal, Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center in Palestine and Ukraine.

If you are digging and dividing plants in your garden and would like to donate some of your plants to the sale, please drop them off on May 12 at the C. E. building. Any questions, please call Joan Carson at 610-346-8012.

Busy Workers are looking for bakers to make cookies, brownies, cupcakes, muffins, scones, pies, bread, jams, etc. to sell at the sale. Items will be accepted on Friday, May 12 from 1 - 4 p.m. behind the church office as a drive by/drop off. Any questions, call Sallie Woodring at 610-746-5648 or Jacqueline Adams at 610-867-7463.

> Give the Date Give Me Shelter SUICIDE May 24, 2023 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Screening and Panel Discussion

Central Moravian Church Nitschman Hall-Christian Education Building Lower Level 40 W. Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

Panelists: Dr Zeeshan David, MD and Jamilian Davis, CRNP Both work at the Department of Psychiatry/Behavioral Health, LVHN and are in the video.

Registration is strongly suggested for both in-person and online viewing. A link will be sent out for both to those who register at the email included in the flyer.

Moravian Women Orphan Appeal

May 14 Moravian Women begin their annual appeal on behalf of orphans in Tanzania. During a May 7 mission moment, Drs. Bill and Peg Hoffman will provide an update on the current situation in Tanzania.

The economic and social effects of the worldwide Pandemic continue to be felt, especially among the young and vulnerable. There still exists an increased need for funds to support thousands of orphans with adequate nutrition, clothing, and improved educational opportunities. For making contributions, envelopes will be placed in the bulletins. Additional envelopes can be found in the church office. Please make personal checks payable to Central Moravian Church, with memo Tanzania Orphan Appeal. These can be received during the church service or returned to the church office by June 11. Thank you for your continued support for this important mission outreach of our church.

Art Enriching Our Lives

Please join us on Sunday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m., for a special evening of art, art appreciation, and spiritual insight. Two of our local artists, Gene Allen and David Sommers will share presentations, and we will have a time of fellowship and food as we view their art, and art shared by art class members. Works of the artists will be available for purchase. We will meet on the lower level of the Christian Education building.

Gene shares that he was trained and worked as an art teacher and that upon retirement, he has been focusing on his own art, and teaching seniors. Many Central members have enjoyed his classes. Nature is the emphasis of his painting. His focus is disappearing landscape, which has been disappearing too rapidly, causing drastic changes in the landscape he loves.

David states, "In Scripture, imagery and symbols are used to help us understand something beyond our grasp. Likewise, I will speak about how visual art can further our understanding of Scripture and deepen our grasp of God's presence in our lives. In particular, I will share a few paintings that I have presented to Latin American Moravians at various conferences, and show how to explore a work of art with a series of probing questions, and thereby help us to participate in the particular Biblical story that the artwork represents."

A donation (\$10 suggested) will be collected at the door. To help us with planning, please contact Hank Naisby at hknaisby@aol.com or 484-241-1253 if you think you may attend.

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New Central Members

We were blessed to receive 14 people as new members of our congregation on Palm Sunday. Three received the sacrament of baptism, nine joined through Reaffirmation of Faith, one through Transfer of Membership, and the youngest member was received with her parents. We welcome this class in their pledge to take on the responsibilities of membership. Together we show our love for God and people. This is who we are.

<u>Suzanne Boundy</u>, born and raised in West Virginia, moved to Florida after college and married a Navy Pilot and Flight Instructor. They lived in Maryland, Virginia, Indiana, Washington State, back to Maryland, and finally Bethlehem. In each place, church was important to her. Her daughter, Katie, adopted at 3 days old, is the light of her life. Suzanne taught at Pensacola Community College, Old Dominion University, and Indiana University. She likes to read and garden.

<u>Scott Dawkins</u> was born and raised in Georgia. He relocated to Allentown, Pennsylvania last year, taking time off from his profession in Retail Management. Hoping to enjoy the winter snow in Pennsylvania, he was a little disappointed this year. He loves gardening, hiking, and being outdoors. Scott writes: "I have worshipped in many churches during my life. I have never felt more welcome in any of them as I have here. I am so impressed by the people here and how involved in church and the community they are. I love to help others and there are so many opportunities to do that here. I have always searched for a church family like this and am so glad I finally found my place. I am proud to become a member of Central Moravian Church."

Erig Frey is a resident of Bethlehem. Born in San Francisco, California, Erig writes of a faith journey that has taken him through East Hills Moravian Church, Nazareth Moravian Church, and Holy Infancy Roman Catholic Church here in the Lehigh Valley. He is a Master Electrician and we welcome him and his mother Shirley as members of Central. **Shirley Frey** is also a resident of Bethlehem with skills and interests in antiques. As a widow, she comes to us from Nazareth Moravian Church and has had past interactions with the Lutheran Church, Reformed Church and Roman Catholic Church.

David & Annie Jones and their daughter <u>Alysa</u> are happy to have found their church home at Central Moravian and are looking forward to learning, establishing lifelong friendships, and being of service to the community. David and Annie met on Valentine's Day 25 years ago and have been lovingly committed to each other, Alysa, and her two adult brothers, Aiden and Riley, ever since.

David grew up in Lehigh Township and attended Northampton High School-the same school where Alysa is now a freshman. Annie was born in Hollywood, Florida and eventually landed in Allentown where she attended Dieruff High School and Cedar Crest College. Dave is a carpenter by trade and works as a Commercial Construction Manager. Annie is an account manager in the IT and software industry. The family, including their 2 dogs, currently lives in East Allen Township in a home they built a little over 5 years ago. Dave and Annie enjoy being active together and regularly ski, golf, play pickleball, and hike. Alysa is an aspiring baker and looks forward to Christmas when she and her mom make 100's of Kiffles each year. She trains in kickboxing, swims, skis, and plays soccer for the Lehigh County Special Olympics team. Alysa is on the Autism Spectrum and does not let her disability hold her back. She excels with a kind, compassionate and hard-working nature.

JoEllen LaPrade is returning to the Moravian Church joyfully and intentionally! It's the end of a journey that began in the early 2000's at Main St. Moravian Church in Northfield. Minnesota. She moved to Maryland in 2012 to be closer to family. Joining a Presbyterian church near where she lived, that faith community quickly became her family and supported her, including through the pandemic. She relocated to Bethlehem in July 2020 and continued worshipping and serving with them via Zoom. Now it's time to do what she moved to Bethlehem for—get back to the Moravian church.

Jon & Stacy Miller are proud parents of 9 children. Jon was baptized and confirmed at Emmaus Moravian Church. He spent every Summer of his youth at Camp Hope in New Jersey where he felt the spirit of God move within him. Jon is currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in accounting and works at Lehigh Valley Health Network as a patient transport coordinator. Stacy was baptized and raised in the Methodist Church. Having a strong personal relationship with God is extremely important to her. Stacy has a Ph.D. in Organization and Management and has been a lead professor of Communication and Business courses for over 20 years. She is VP of Fundraising for Salisbury Elementary School. Two of their children are currently serving in the Navy and Air Force. Their youngest daughter, **Sophia**, attends Sunday School at Central and was received with her parents.

Melanie Sattler and son Theo live in Williams Township with somewhere between 3 and 5 cats, depending on the day. They enjoy walking in the woods, gardening, and cooking together. Theo practices karate, works out, lifts weights, bikes, plays chess, and studies rocks. Melanie enjoys reading books, writing, and going to museums and music shows. Both look forward to serving the church and wider community through Central. Melanie's mother and her grandmother were Busy Workers.

Jane Tomlinson was born in South Jersey and grew up in southeastern Pennsylvania. She has many and varied interests including reading, praying, visual art, theater, hearing educational lectures, listening to music, watching films, cooking and baking, outdoor activities, walking, and spending time with friends and family.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2023						
	1 7 BAM Ministries Committee Edgeboro	2 10-1 BW drop off CE 6 Music Cmte Zoom 7 Congregational Care Zoom	3 7:15 Men's Bible Study NH 9:30 BW OC LL 7 Care for Creation Zoom	4 10-1 BW drop off CE 10 Cyn Btq. 73 W LL 11 Bible Study Zug Home 6:30 Choir Rehearsal OC	5	6 5 AA, BA
7 8:30-1 Drive by food pantry, clothing, & plastic CE lot 10 Stories for Life OC LL 10 Sunday School closing program CE 12:30 Confirm. Class NH 5 AA, BA	8 7 Governance Zoom 7 History Zoom	9 9:30 Comenius Williams Home 9:30 Sewing 73 W CR 7 Elders Zoom	10 7:15 Men's Bible Study NH 4:30 B&G Zoom	 11 10 Cyn Btq. 73 W LL 11 Bible Study Zug Home 6 Choir Rehearsal OC 7 Int'l Student Care Zoom 	12 8:30-11:30 Food Pantry 73 W LL	13 8-4 Busy Workers Sale CE NH 5 AA, BA
14 Christian Family Lovefeast 9-1 Busy Workers Sale CE NH Fair Trade Coffee Sale after services 10 MW7 73 W Parlor 10 Stories for Life OC LL 10 Toddler Time	15	16 10 Awakened Hearts Zoom 7 Joint Board	17 7:15 Men's Bible Study NH 9:30 BW OC LL 12:30 Knitting 73 W CR 7 Trustees	18 10 Cyn Btq. 73 W LL 11 Bible Study Zug Home 4 Fundraising Zoom	19 8:30-11:30 Food Pantry & Cyn Btq Dist 73 W LL 6 Friday Fun	20 8:30-11:30 Food Pantry & Cyn Btq Dist 73 W LL 5 AA, BA
BA Nursery 5 AA, BA 21 10 Stories for Life OC LL 11 Confirmation CS 12:15 Decorating Cmte WR 5 AA, BA 6:30 Art Show & Lecture NH	7 Putz Zoom 22 7 SAC Zoom	Seminary 23 9:30 Comenius CE CR 7 Digital Ministry Zoom	Zoom 24 7:15 Men's Bible Study NH 9:30 BW OC LL 7-8:30 Give Me Shelter Suicide Screening & Discussion NH	25 8:30-11:30 Food Pantry 73 W LL 10 Cyn Btq. 73 W LL 11 Bible Study Zug Home	Night ŃH 26	27 5 AA, BA
28 Last 9 am service before summer Pentecost Holy Communion 10 Stories for Life OC LL 5 AA, BA	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31 7:15 Men's Bible Study NH 9:30 BW OC LL		Abbreviation Key: 73 W CR = office confer. room BA = Benigna Auditorium in CE bldg. BW = Busy Workers, CE = Christian Education Bldg CE CR = Christian Ed. conference room CS = Church Sanctuary , NH = Nitschmann Hall CE bldg. OC = Old Chapel, LL lower level WR = Church West Room ZP = Zinzendorf Parlor in CE bldg	

Musical Notes

Rebecca Lepore, Minister of Music becky@centralmoravianchurch.org

QR Code for the Central Moravian Church Music Webpage

Moravian Hymnals – In order to simplify the complicated steps of livestreaming our worship services, beginning in June, we will no longer display the words of the hymns online. However, this is a wonderful opportunity for you to purchase your own Moravian Book of Worship for \$18 by calling the Moravian Church Inter-





provincial Board of Communication here in Bethlehem (located at 1021 Center Street) at 1-800-732-0591. If you wish to purchase online, the link is available on our Music Webpage via the QR Code above. If you need help, Becky Lepore will be happy to assist you.

Moravian Music Sunday will be celebrated at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services! (Richard Miller will be organist at both services while Becky attends her son's college graduation. Thank you, Richard!)

Central Brass Ensemble – If you are interested in playing with the Central Brass Ensemble, please contact Caitlin Heckman at caitlin.g.heckman@gmail.com for further information. The Central Brass will play on Sunday, May 7th for the 11 a.m. service, and on Sunday, June 4th at the 10 a.m. service.

The Sunday School Choir, under the direction of Faith Fiegel, will sing at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, June 4.

The Johnston Memorial Festival Concert will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 15th at 3 p.m. If you are interested in singing for this concert, please contact Becky Lepore.

Music Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 2 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

a church mouse report

hello

and greetings

and this month we celebrate mothers day and god gives us direction for this celebration and god made eve the mother of all mankind and mary was the god chosen mother of jesus and the ten commandments were given by god and the 5th commandment in short is - honor thy f

and the 5th commandment in short is - honor thy father and mother

and jesus often exhorted this commandment to his followers and festivals honoring mothers date to ancient times and yet it wasnt until 1908 that the first mothers day was celebrated in this country

and not until 1914 did it become a national holiday by proclamation of president wilson

and it is celebrated on the second of may

and celebrated in over 150 countries at other times and in proverbs 31 king lemuels mother admonishes him and speaks about the need for a capable wife and good mother

and claims a good mother is always busy and looks after her familys needs and speaks with gentle wisdom and your good mother loves you and jesus loves you and so do i

Iron Pigs Baseball Game

Central's annual Iron Pigs Baseball Outing will be on Friday, June 16 with a 7:05 p.m. game time. We have 20 tickets reserved between 3rd Base and Home. The cost of the tickets is \$10. Please contact the church office to reserve your seat(s). Reply ASAP because the tickets are already going quickly!

Central Shirts for Sale

The Fundraising Committee has blue, short sleeve cotton blend shirts for sale at for \$30. The embroidered, collared shirts depict the steeple and read Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem Pennsylvania. Shirts are available at the church office during office hours.

Stewardship One-Liner

You can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead.



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610-866-5661 Phone: Email: office@centralmoravianchurch.org Website: www.centralmoravianchurch.org facebook.com/centralmoravianchurch youtube.com/c/CentralMoravianChurch Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday - Friday Closed for Lunch 12-12:30 p.m.

Pastoral Staff: Hopeton Clennon Maggie Wellert **Music Staff:** Rebecca Lepore Richard Miller **Head Sacristan:** Tim Brady **Media Director:** Will Schwab

Senior Office Administrator: Cindv Gibson **Financial Staff:** Kristin Wruble Kelly Knapp Martha Jones **Facilities Staff:** Tamera Ace Michael Repsher

Church Journal

Baptisms

April 2 - Scott Nunez Dawkins April 2 - Alysa Helen Jones April 2 - Theodore James Sattler Keithley

May Birthdays

1 Pat Eisenhart 1 Susan Trimble 1 Karen Brady 1 Annmarie Schippang 1 Kale Baker 1 Aidan Behr 1 Brody Charles 3 Valerie Beatrice 3 Jackson Mlimuka 3 Raymond Midlam 4 Jewel Bonser 4 Caitlin Heckman 6 Dorothea Lovis 7 Laura Ridge 7 Patricia Mills 7 Daria Kret 7 Gabriella Toedter 8 Lucy Thomas



- 9 Michael Pragheimer 9 Nicholas Rockwell 9 Leah Shields 10 Becky Husseinzadeh 10 Carol Delbridge 11 Jennifer Gifford 11 John Kintzer 11 Mabel Makovsky 11 Veera Banerjee 12 Edward Stehly 12 Joan Krem 12 Carlos Fontanez 12 Abigail Tubio 13 Martha Griffis 13 Deborah Brown 13 Amy Santanasto 13 Kim Kane

In Memoriam March 17 - Mary Jo Hill April 13 - John Mast

- 13 Abigail Lichtenwalner 13 Gregory Derbak 14 Marlene Troxell 14 Beth Brevik 15 Louisa Frey 15 James Vespoli 16 Erica Moses 16 Charles Gold 17 Ray Holton 17 Kristy Eckhart 17 Sophie Freund 18 Everett Oren 18 Don Brown 18 Bill Hoffman 18 Val Antonelli 18 Lisa Becker 18 Kaylyn George
- 19 Elke Rockwell 19 Eliana Reichert 20 Elizabeth Reed 20 Abigail Jezick 21 Jayne Trent 21 Sarah Lernerman 22 David Henkelmann 22 Jane Persa 22 Ashley Pearce 23 Susan Schlack 23 Scott Ingraham 24 Litty Hado 24 Dick Williams 24 Liz Lychak 24 Josiah Adams 24 Luke Shimko
- 24 Gianna Schippang

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25 Stephen Clendenning 26 Ron Flowers Jr 26 Abby DePalma 27 Bonnie Kelleher 27 Janice Benner 27 Cavan Haas 27 Hannah Recchiuti-Quier 28 Lou Leposa 29 Shirley Matlock 29 Isabelle Endress 29 Cassia Dever 30 Andrea DeCarlo 30 Elizabeth Trostle 30 Graydon Wascura 31 David Hittinger 31 Ruth Ferrey

The Belfry Deadline

Articles for the June *Belfry* are due

by May 5.

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