



The Belfry

News of Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

July 2023

Worship in July

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

- July 2 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
Sermon: Bishop Hopeton Clennon
- July 9 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
Holy Communion for John Hus Festival
Sermon: Bishop Hopeton Clennon
- July 16 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
Sermon: The Rev. Maggie Wellert
- July 23 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Simmons
- July 30 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
Sermon: Bishop Hopeton Clennon



Did you know?

During our visit to Herrnhut, Germany in June, members of Central Moravian Church experienced a visual reminder of the global impact of the Moravian Daily Texts. We walked a mile to Berthelsdorf. A member of the Herrnhut congregation, Brother Andreas Herrmann,

led us on a tour of the Zinzendorf Manor. Andreas is also a member of the Club of Friends of Zinzendorf responsible for managing the renovation of all three buildings on the estate. The manor house, attractive by its simple elegance, became the archetype of the Herrnhut Baroque architectural style.

On the upper floor of the manor house, directly across from what would have been Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf’s study, is a room with a large oval table and a dozen chairs. The table is a replica of the one used by the Elders in the process of selecting watchwords for each day of the year. The original table is in the current provincial administrative office. Mary and Don Brown along with Mary Catherine and Harry Tachovsky are pictured on a break in the tour. They are surrounded by paintings and plaques conveying messages about significant personalities in the history of the community.

Between 1791 and 1913, this was the meeting room for the Unity Elders’ Conference, the administrative board for the worldwide Moravian Church. Until 1913, this is the room where it happened—the selection of the Moravian watchwords of Daily Texts.

Did you know?

- The Moravian Daily Texts, also known as “Watchwords”, are Bible verses that are selected in Herrnhut, Germany, and distributed around the world in the form of an annual devotional calendar in more than 50 languages.
- The tradition started on May 3, 1728, when Count Zinzendorf read a short passage of Scripture during the evening service. The intention was for the people to remember and reflect on it the following day.
- The selection and announcement of the Scripture text for the day served as a means of enabling members of the community to recognize each other as belonging to Christ.
- The publication of the first printed edition of the Moravian “Watchwords” occurred in 1731. This allowed friends of the Herrnhut congregation in distant places to be in fellowship with the community.

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Did You Know *continued*

- Reading the “Watchword” of the day is an important spiritual discipline for many Moravians.
- Reading the “Watchword” of the day has the dual role of enhancing individual or communal devotion and connecting fellow believers worldwide.
- During his lifetime, Zinzendorf compiled the “Watchwords” from a collection of suitable scripture passages.
- Zinzendorf introduced a second set of readings known as the “doctrinal texts”.
- Following his death, a church committee continued the preparation of these readings. This practice evolved into all watchwords being drawn by lot from a selection of passages from the Old Testament. The doctrinal texts were selected from the New Testament.
- In its earliest format, the Bible verses were supplemented by hymn verses and or prayers.
- “By the end of the nineteenth century, it became customary to select the New Testament reading on the basis of some thematic link to the Old Testament reading.”¹

¹Vogt, P. (2019). The Moravian Daily Texts (Moravian Watchwords). In *Our Moravian treasures a manual of topics for theological education in the unitas fratrum: Our lamb has conquered, let us follow him.* essay, ProRex Forlag.

- “The Moravian watchwords in their variety of different language editions are probably the most widely read devotional guide in the world, next to the Bible. They form an invisible bond between Christians on all continents, transcending barriers of confession, race, language, and politics. In this quiet way they perform a truly ecumenical service for the whole of Christendom and stand as an expression of fellowship within the Moravian Unity.”²

²(Vogt, 2019)

In the words of A. J. Lewis (1914-1989), a British Moravian minister and lecturer: “Watchword on the hilltop / of each rising day, / still our guide and guardian / on the pilgrim way. / Word that seals our union, / all with one accord, / bound in love and service / to our risen Lord.”

— *Pastor Hopeton*

**2023 Confirmation Class**

Central Moravian Church’s 2023 Confirmation Class enjoyed a yearlong curriculum that guided our four students in walks of faith throughout our church community and beyond. Through discussion of biblical foundations and community service participation, the children and teachers learned from each other the principles of service in all things. We were blessed with opportunities to contribute to church events including The Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, Easter Egg Workshop, Drop-Off Food Pantry, and more.

We shared in a variety of discussion topics including personal faith ideas, church history, definition of service and prayer, and tools for implementing faith in every day scenarios. I personally was outnumbered in the year-long discussion of which type of peanut butter is better (creamy or crunchy), with every student advocating for creamy peanut butter.

It was a year full of growth for students and teachers and we are forever grateful for the time we spent together in this class. Special thanks to Pastor Hopeton and Sister Shelia Clennon for their partnership in leading the class. Heartiest congratulations to our new confirmands: Kaylyn George, Ryan James Metcalf, Leo Silvius and Zane Silvius.

— *Faith Fiegel, Catechism Instructor*

Monthly Drive-By Drop-Off Donations

Volunteers will be at the Christian Education building parking lot off of New Street (driveway adjacent to Kemerer Museum) on Sunday, July 2 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. to receive your donations of food for the Food Pantry, spring and summer clothing for children, women and men, linens, diapers (newborn through adults) for Cynthia's Boutique, and plastics for the TREX challenge rain or shine.

Food Pantry items appreciated include: 5 lb. bags of flour and sugar, ground coffee, tea, canned soups, ketchup, mustard, cake mixes, toilet paper, soap bars, and any other items you wish to donate. Thank you for your continued support!

Extra Produce in Your Garden?

Do you have a few too many tomatoes? Cucumbers or zucchini coming in by the dozens? Lots of beans, lettuce, kale, spring



onions, herbs, or raspberries? Our Food Pantry would welcome your 'extras' during this growing season. Here's how to contribute: We have food distributions to various Food Pantry clients on the following days each month:

Second Friday of the month

Third Friday and Saturday of the month

Fourth Thursday of the month

You may bring your extras (in bags or cardboard containers) to the Church Office (73 W. Church Street) THE DAY BEFORE one of the above-mentioned days. That will ensure that the items will be fresh, and in time, for distribution. We thank you for your generous contributions!

Kintsugi Workshop

What is Kintsugi? Come join us on August 26 in Nitschmann Hall to find out. Coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. Program starts at 10 a.m. A modest \$10 for lunch and supplies. The practice of Kintsugi—repairing broken vessels by sealing the cracks, then painting them gold—is a



remarkable art. The Japanese believe the golden cracks make the pieces even more precious and valuable.

It's beautiful to think of this practice as a metaphor for your life, to see the broken, difficult, or painful parts of you as radiating light, gold, and beauty. Kintsugi teaches you that your broken places make you stronger and better than ever before. When you think you are broken, you can pick up the pieces, put them back together, and learn to embrace the cracks.

Although we will change some of the supplies used in the classical kintsugi, you can click here to see how it's done, <https://youtu.be/TQW8t6w0Cy4>

Please join us on August 26 for this fun and meaningful workshop offered by the Mental Health Team. No prior experience needed. Registration is required and is limited. Please contact Diane Kessler at 610-564-9994 or dekessler5@gmail.com.

Busy Workers Thank You

This year we were thankful for the fantastic weather on May 13 and May 14 for our Plant and Attic Treasures' Sale Mother's Day's weekend. We had two very busy days with customers filling Nitschmann Hall. Busy Workers would like to thank the members and friends of the Central Moravian Congregation. Our sale would not take place without the volunteers, the bakers, plant diggers and those who provided the attic treasures. Financially, this was our most successful sale! We will be able to make more contributions to church causes and charities from Bethlehem to Tanzania, Nepal, Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center in Palestine and Ukraine.

The last few years many of the attic treasures that are left are donated to the Salvation Army. We can only keep a few items year-to-year since we have limited storage space.

Replacement of the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) Systems in our Sanctuary: Where we stand

Over the past 2 years, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has established (with air quality samplers) that when attendance in the sanctuary exceeds 200-300 people, the quality of the indoor air becomes problematic. This fact is particularly troublesome when an airborne virus (like COVID-19) becomes prevalent. The solution to this problem requires increased ventilation with fresh, outside air. Unfortunately, were we to bring in sufficient cold, outdoor air in the winter months, our 4 existing gas furnaces (which do not have energy recovery capability) would be unable to maintain a reasonable temperature.

In addition, because 3 of those furnaces have reached the end of their design lifetime (and comparable replacements are no longer available) and because Central has recognized our need to reduce consumption of fossil fuels as we look to the future, we partnered with The Stone House Group (SHG) to assess the most efficient way to heat, cool, and ventilate the sanctuary. Several types of replacement systems were compared.

Energy modelling by SHG indicates that a variable refrigerant flow (VRF) system, although initially expensive, will provide all of our heating, cooling, and ventilation needs with the lowest projected energy costs over a 20-year period. The Building and Grounds Committee and the Board of Trustees have endorsed this plan and the engineering firm of Snyder Hoffman Associates has completed the detailed design process.

A VRF system is, essentially, a large and very efficient air-to-air heat pump. The plans call for 5 condenser units to be installed outside, along the south wall of the sanctuary, replacing the air conditioning condensers currently located there. Most of the remaining construction will occur in the basement, where nearly all of the existing ductwork will be replaced with new, insulated ducts connected to new fan coil and energy recovery units. Additional pew-end louvers (to deliver hot/cool/ventilated air) will be the only noticeable change within the sanctuary itself.

In January of this year, the resulting plans were sent to 6 contractors, soliciting bids for construction. Four firms initially responded and toured the building. We are currently evaluating 3 bids and expect to settle on the firm of choice later in June.

Although we had hoped that construction could be completed over the 2023 summer and early fall, equipment availability and supply chain delays suggest that spring-summer 2024 may be a more realistic timeframe for completion. We are working with PPL to lay a new electrical line down Heckewelder Place prior to inside construction, so that there will be no delay in activating the new VRF system.

— *Bobb Carson and Hank Naisby*

Special July Offering Envelope

Nepali Outreach (July 23): Last month, Shanti and Vani Pradhan gave the Mission Committee an update on their important work in Nepal. The Shristi Academy and International Kindergarten started their new academic year on May 4. 85 students are enrolled in Kindergarten with some openings for Toddlers and Nursery classes. The Lower and Upper Kindergartens are full.

102 students are enrolled in Shristi Academy. It received its license to teach 8th grade. This grade will be the first to sit for external exams and Shanti and Vani have asked for prayers to support its staff and students as they face a revised curriculum and some difficult subjects.

Last year the school built a “futsal” - a large, open, and safe space for the students to play. It is used as a multipurpose hall for both Kindergarten and Shristi children. Moravian contributions through the Board of World Mission and several congregations, Central included, helped pay for the roof and a net. Shanti and Vani send many thanks for Central’s prayers and financial support!

Just before the writing of this update, word came that after many years of searching, Shristi Academy has signed a 10-year lease on a new larger building. They are planning on moving in just 3 months! The rent for the new space is comparable to the old space, but it will need construction or remodeling of the dining and kitchen areas, a covered multipurpose hall, and restrooms. A very active School Parent body has approved the move and agreed to help with financing, planning, and renovating the new space - including help from a parent who is a government service engineer. He is taking the lead in planning and helping in the construction and will make sure that the school meets safety measures. The parent body suggested funding this new project by investigating taking loans, pre-paying tuition and possibly seeking a subsidy from the Kathmandu mayor’s office. While all of this is very recent and exciting, the financial burden is stressful. Shristi Academy needs the new space to grow and gain government approval for grades 9-12 and to remain relevant in the competitive private school market of Nepal.

As readers might remember, Christian schools are prohibited in Nepal, but the schools do promote Christian values and ethics. Many years of prayers and efforts have resulted in this new exciting opportunity for the school, and there will be many challenges ahead. The Nepal Mission special envelope Sunday is this month - please give to continue the growth of the International Kindergarten and Shristi Academy.

Susan Trimble and Jody (Mosebach) Trostle, members of the Mission Committee, will be happy to discuss the work and needs of this active and important Moravian Mission in Nepal. “And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

Thank You From the High School Graduates

Thank you all so much for your kindness in providing the college-bound congregation members with such a generous scholarship and the beautiful bibles. We greatly appreciate your prayers and support as we venture into this next stage of our lives. It is such a gift to grow up in a community that loves us in the way Central has, and we fully recognize our privilege in being able to grow as children within a family of faith.

With gratitude,
Josiah Adams, Jeremy Ko, Katie Owens, Claire Phillips

Attitude Adjustment for Racial Healing

Pastor Maggie Wellert receives this email communication each week from Pat Deeney of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Trenton, NJ. She shared it with Central's Racial Justice Team for their information. Chair, Sister Camie Modjadidi, invited us to share it with you through *The Belfry*. The series is entitled "Attitude Adjustment for Racial Healing."

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God" Micah 6:8

Regina Jackson and Saira Rao are the authors of "White Women: Everything You Already Know About Your Own Racism and How to Do Better" and the founders of Race2Dinner, an organization which facilitates conversations between white women about racism and white supremacy. Saira Rao grew up in Richmond, Virginia, the daughter of Indian immigrants and the only South Asian in her school. For 40 years, she wasted her precious time aspiring to be white and accepted by dominant white society, a futile task for anyone not born with white skin. Several years ago, Rao began the painful process of dismantling her own internalized oppression. Rao is a lawyer-by-training, a former congressional candidate, a published novelist and an entrepreneur. A black descendant of slaves, Regina Jackson was born in Chicago in 1950, and remembers an America where everything was in black and white. Burned into her memory are; the beatings and horrific treatment of civil rights workers throughout the south, the Goodman, Chaney & Schwerner murders, the murder of Viola Liuzzo, the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the murders of President John Kennedy and his brother Robert. The violence perpetrated on innocent people going about their lives, by white people. It is these memories that drive Regina

to push for real change in America, which is why she co-founded Race2Dinner:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NY76t5KF1s>

During their interactions at Race2Dinner events, Regina Jackson and Saira Rao have noticed white women's tendency to maintain a veneer of niceness, and strive for perfection, even at the expense of anti-racism work. In their book, Jackson and Rao pose these urgent questions: how has being "nice" helped Black women, Indigenous women and other women of color? How has being "nice" helped you in your quest to end sexism? Has being "nice" earned you economic parity with white men? Beginning with freeing white women from this oppressive need to be nice, they deconstruct and analyze nine aspects of traditional white woman behavior--from tone-policing to weaponizing tears--that uphold white supremacy society, and hurt all of us who are trying to live a freer, more equitable life.

The documentary "Deconstructing Karen" is a filming of a Race2Dinner event. On its surface, the film is an invitation to view a transformative experience for a group of questioning women. But it's more than that. It is a challenge to every viewer, whether mainstream liberals or radical activists, to resist complacency and to participate in the discourse assuming that white people are almost always part of the problem. It is also an invitation to take responsibility and to become more active in the fight against racism.

New documentary "Deconstructing Karen" chronicles women speaking up and being heard | The Social - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n96sKkbbx-bl>

Resource: Data is Love Book Preview: Everything You Already Know About Your Own Racism And How To Do Better - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ddfbUndtFo>

Lectio Divina

White supremacy means that white people are raised to see their white lived experience as the default lived experience of everyone. So until and unless you white people start to see yourselves as racialized beings like everyone else, you cannot even begin the process of dismantling the white supremacy that is baked into your bones. (page xxii)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2023</h1>						1 5 AA, BA
2 8:30-1 Drive by food pantry, clothing, & plastic CE lot 11:15-12:30 Tenor/Bass Johnston Rehearsal CS 5 AA, BA	3 7 Congregational Care Zoom	4 Independence Day office closed	5 7:15 Men Bible NH 9:30 BW OC LL 11-12:45 S/A Johnston Rehearsal CS	6 10 Cyn Btq. 73 W LL	7	8 5 AA, BA
9 Communion J. Hus Festival Coffee Sale CS 11:15-12:30 Johnston Rehearsal CS 5 AA, BA	10 4 Racial Justice Zoom 7 History Zoom	11 11-12:45 Johnston Rehearsal CS 6 Elders Zoom	12 7:15 Men Bible NH 9:30 BW OC LL 4:30 B&G Zoom	13 10 Cyn Btq. 73 W LL 4 Fundraising NH 6 Int'l Student Care Zoom	14 8:30-11:30 Food Pantry & Cyn Btq Dist 73 W LL	15 8:30-11:30 Food Pantry & Cyn Btq Dist 73 W LL 5 AA, BA
16 5 AA, BA	17	18 10 Awakened Hearts Zoom 7 Joint Board NH	19 7:15 Men Bible NH 9:30 BW OC LL 12:30 Knitting Group 73 W CR 7 Trustees Zoom	20 10 Cyn Btq. 73 W LL 11-12:45 Johnston Rehearsal CS	21	22 5 AA, BA
23 11:15-12:30 Tenor/Bass Johnston Rehearsal CS 5 AA, BA	24 7 Governance Zoom	25 11-12:45 Johnston Rehearsal CS 7 SAC Zoom	26 7:15 Men Bible NH 9:30 BW OC LL	27 8:30-11:30 Food Pantry 73 W LL 10 Cyn Btq. 73 W LL	28	29 5 AA, BA
30 5 AA, BA	31				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

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Church Music Webpage



Summer Music: All are welcome to sing!

Sunday, July 2: Tenor/Bass Choir – Rehearse at 9 a.m.
Sunday, July 9: Summer Choir – Rehearse at 9 a.m.
Sunday, July 16: Summer Choir – Rehearse at 9 a.m.
Sunday, August 13: Summer Choir – Rehearse at 9 a.m.
Sunday, August 27: Soprano/Alto Choir – Rehearse at 9 a.m.

The **Mainstreet Brass** will perform an outdoor concert on the church green on Sunday afternoon, **August 20th at 2 p.m.** Bring your lawn chairs, find a spot in the shade, and enjoy an hour of fun brass music. (In case of rain, the concert will be moved into the sanctuary.)

The **Johnston Memorial Festival Concert** will be held on Sunday afternoon, **October 8th at 4 p.m.** Rehearsals begin this month, so please contact Becky Lepore so you can get your music packet, rehearsal schedule, and get on the Johnston Choir email list to receive rehearsal tracks. The July rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Sunday, July 2 – 11:15 am-12:30 pm Tenors & Basses
Wednesday, July 5 – 11 am-12:45 pm Sopranos & Altos
Sunday, July 9 – 11:15 am-12:30 pm SATB
Tuesday, July 11 – 11 am-12:45 pm Tenors & Basses
Thursday, July 20 – 11 am-12:45 pm Sopranos & Altos
Sunday, July 23 – 11:15 am-12:30 pm SATB
Tuesday, July 25 – 11 am-12:45 pm Tenors & Basses

Music Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 1st at 6 p.m. via Zoom

Stewardship One-Liner

We are temporary stewards with an obligation to manage the inheritance in such a way that it can be passed along even better and stronger than it was when we received it.

— Robert Payton

a church mouse blessing

hello
and blessings to pastor maggie
and amen for your ministry here at central
and thanks for your many years of guidance
and care
and joy which you gave us
and godspeed in all your lifes journeys
and you will be missed
and you know jesus loves you
and so do i



Contribution Statements

Due to complexities of tax regulations, going forward there will no longer be language on our Contribution Statements distinguishing between tax deductible and non-tax deductible donations. This classification can only be accurately determined by each congregant and/or their tax advisor. We thank you for your continued support.

Green Weekly Texts for July

- Experience fireworks at a community-sponsored venue; avoid backyard fireworks displays – they are expensive, and potentially dangerous.
- Catch rainwater runoff for watering your garden. Consider installing a rain barrel to catch rain to use during dry periods. You can also use the water to fill your bird bath.
- Hang clothes outside to dry, if possible. Or use a wooden rack to dry clothes indoors.
- Take expired or unused medications to police stations for recycling. Do NOT dispose of in the garbage, or flush them down the toilet! Don't let medications get into our water supply! Check your local county or municipality for other places that will recycle medications.
- Use worn-out clothing (like old t-shirts) for cleaning cloths (socks are great for polishing shoes!!).



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Birth

June 13 - Shristi Diana Naisby

The Belfry Deadline

Articles for the August *Belfry* are due by July 7.

July Birthdays



1 Arthur Roth	7 Dick Chynoweth	18 Elizabeth Culpepper	25 Gloria Friend
1 Craig Mosebach	7 Jim Whildin Jr	18 LeAnn Diehl	25 Tyler Chiles
1 Mark Grim	9 Lillian Stauffer	18 Robert Newell	26 Richard Pearce
1 Caitlin Bach	9 Cathy Rannels	18 Justine Jamison	26 Mary Catherine Tachovsky
2 George Hellick III	10 Marilyn Achey	19 Abbot Naisby	26 Evan Raines
3 Robert Burcaw	10 Beth Careyva	20 Lyn Chynoweth	26 Vera Bray
3 Bobby Owens	10 Jady DeBard	20 Leo Silvius	27 Susan Gibisser
4 Jane Tomlinson	10 Pippa Grigsby	21 John Lantz	28 Gretchen Parseghian
4 Kristen Thomas	10 Rohan Banerjee	22 Helen Beckwith	28 Leonard Anthony
4 Amanda Thompson	11 Karyn Hierl	22 Allen Wiegner	28 Barri-Jami Arnold
4 Sara Hummel	11 Theresa Mass	22 Ann Diehl	29 Mary Louise Jacoby
5 Robyn Endress	14 Darryl Jeffries	22 Robin Calcagnetti	29 Chase DeBard
5 Ashley Blair	14 Makenzie Shimko	22 Jesse Hwang	30 Joyce Gilmore
6 Joanne Barnette	15 Charlie McGorry	22 Bob Kilker	30 Robert Smith
6 Rocco Damato	15 Kim Terwilliger	22 Aidric Conroy	31 Joseph Karaman
6 Allison Gifford	16 Bobb Carson	23 Barbara Roth	31 Ken Kodama
6 Meredith Laubach	16 Heajin Ko	23 Kelly Ronalds	31 David Druckenmiller
7 Sallie Woodring	17 Craig Larimer	25 Hank Naisby Jr	