



News of Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

December 2023

Worship in December

9 a.m. in the Old Chapel 10 a.m. Sunday School in the C.E. building 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary ( with staffed nursery)

- December 3 First Sunday of Advent 9 & 11 a.m. Advent Lovefeast Services Meditation: Bishop Hopeton Clennon *Christmas Eve Tickets Distribution*
- **December 10 Second Sunday of Advent** Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice *Christmas Eve Tickets Distribution*
- December 17 Third Sunday of Advent Sermon: Bishop Hopeton Clennon
- **Thursday, December 21 The Longest Night Service 7:00 p.m. Worship in the Chapel** Meditation: The Rev. Janel Rice
- December 24 Festival of Lessons and Carols Service 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary Christmas Eve Services: Tickets Required 1:00 p.m. - Children's Lovefeast and Candlelight 5:30 p.m. - Candlelight Vigils 8:00 p.m. - Candlelight Vigils
- **December 25 Christmas Day 10 a.m. Worship Only** Guest Preacher: The Rev. Maggie Wellert
- December 31 First Sunday after Christmas Day 9 & 11 a.m. Worship Services Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice New Year's Eve Vigil: 11:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

#### **Celebrate the New Year**

Join us for our special New Year's Eve service at 11:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, a tradition since 1747 of welcoming in the new year while in prayer and worship. One favorite piece of the service has been the unique tradition of the Bethlehem Area Moravian Trombone Choir announcing the hour of midnight by interrupting the pastor's sermon – often in midsentence with the strains of "Now Thank We All Our God."

# **Mission and Ministry at Central**

Central Moravian Church overflows with opportunities for mission and ministry—even more evident during Advent and Christmas. If Central member Rebecca Hummel pardons any potential copywriting infringement, I will make reference to "mission and ministry" as M&M's this one time.

When we talk of "mission" in this context, I invite us to think of our work outside the walls of the church. And conversely, "ministry" is our work inside the walls of the church.

Using these definitions, the mission of Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering, Central's Food Pantry, and Cynthia's Boutique become crystal clear. We help to house, feed, and clothe all who are in need of these services. There are many other examples under the auspices of Central Moravian Church. The ministry of the choir, sacristan corps, and Sunday School teachers facilitate our worship, fellowship, and education. Again, several other ministries exist within our congregation.

Mindful that spirit growth occurs as we love God more and love people more, consider this. How may our spiritual growth be reflected in our engagement in the mission and ministry of Central Moravian Church?

We are passionate in our creeds. These are the things we believe! We strive to be passionate in our deeds. This is our message to the world by how we behave!

Your pastors joyfully look forward to partnering with you in your next steps in mission and ministry. May our congregation, your neighborhood, and the world be blessed by our diligent efforts.

- Pastor Hopeton

#### **Busy Workers' Annual Christmas Sale**

Please join us in the C. E. building, Benigna Auditorium, for the Busy Workers' Christmas sale on Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have exciting new items and our traditional ones, too. Delicious baked goods await you and fresh sugar cake will be delivered at noon on Saturday. Contact Jacqueline Adams if you want to reserve sugar cake or have questions at 610-867-7463 or crajva@rcn.com Come early to purchase your Christmas gifts and wreaths. Proceeds benefit causes from Bethlehem to Tanzania, Nepal, Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center in Palestine and Ukraine.

#### **Monthly Drive-By Drop-Off Donations**

Volunteers will be at the Christian Education building parking lot off of New Street on Sunday, December 3 from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. to receive your donations of food for the Food Pantry, winter clothing for children, women, and men, linens, and diapers for Cynthia's Boutique, and plastics for the TREX challenge rain or shine. *For the Pantry, we are in need of cereal, canned fruit and corn, spaghetti sauce, canned meat, flour and sugar, soap and toilet paper and your usual items are also needed.* 

#### Join the Youth Group for Caroling

All are invited to join us for Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Benigna Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. to determine our carpooling and then share in spreading joy and Christmas carols to King's Daughters home, Moravian Village, and Moravian House Senior Center, where we will end with cookies and refreshments with those residents. Songbooks will be provided - singers of all abilities welcome! Contact Pastor Janel for more information. We will be joined by the Schoeneck youth group on this outing.

#### **Adult Sunday School**

We are so glad to have the leadership of Moravian Seminary professor Dr. Brigidda Bell to lead Sunday School at 10 a.m. In December, we will meet in the Christian Education building library.

#### Light a Candle with us: Luminaria Night, Dec. 9

.Please join us on Saturday, December 9, for the Luminaria festivities. This is one of the most brate the holiday season in Bethlehem. We will meet in the food pantry at 4 p.m., behind 73 W. Church Street, to set up the



bags and candles, and then pull wagons to Church Street where the decorating begins. We will light our candles around 5:30 p.m. with others in the historic district.

Following the lighting of the candles, join us for a potluck dinner in the Chapel basement. Please plan to bring something to share. Drinks will be provided. And don't forget to dress warmly. We will be outside for the placement and lighting of the Luminaria. Please RSVP to Connie Pierce at 508-317-0826 or email cpierce@taboracademy.org.

#### "Living with Grief": A Peer Support Group

There are many of us who are living with grief. It may be a loss we recently experienced or one experienced long ago. Our Congregational Care Committee hopes to create a safe space to support each other along this journey, share guided thoughts, and, most importantly, each other's company.

This group will begin on Monday, December 4, and will meet every Monday in the Old Chapel basement at 10 a.m. Following our gathering, there will be an option for quiet prayers in the Chapel. Please contact Pastor Janel for more information or questions. There is no obligation to stay with this group; you are welcome to join us as you are able and as it is helpful.

#### The Longest Night: Worship Service for the Weary

"Bring your grief, your weariness, your fatigue. May this quiet service be a place to reflect and draw you near to God." On the longest night of the year, Thursday, December 21, we invite all who are weary to gather in the Old Chapel at 7 p.m. for our Longest Night Service. With the use of candles, poetry and reflections, quiet music and times of meditation, this space and time can be a holy one for connection and healing. All are invited, and especially those experiencing a loss, depression, or weariness this season. Thank you to the Mental Health Team and Richard Miller for putting together this special service.

#### **Booklet for Festival of Lessons & Carols**

We are blessed by our Festival of Lessons and Carols that we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Advent when we listen to the story of the birth of Jesus and sing the familiar carols of the Shepherds and the Angels. We have printed a commemorative ode that includes all the scriptures read and all the Christmas carols sung. The Fundraising Committee has supported the creation of the keepsake booklet of Scripture passages and traditional Carols. We are offering an opportunity to have a message on a printed insert, "In Memory or Honor of." Please indicate how you would like your name as a donor listed in the insert. Sponsorship forms are available in church, at the church office, and in Constant Contact emails. Please make checks payable to Central Moravian Church and write 'booklet' on the memo line. Deadline is December 15. Any questions, contact Camie Modjadidi or Mary Catherine Tachovsky.

#### **Unity Prayer Watch**

The Northern Province has informed us that Friday, December 8 is Central's Unity Prayer Watch day. Each Moravian Church in all of the various Provinces takes part in this year-long worship opportunity and is assigned one day. We pray in half-hour time allocations, starting at 12:01 a.m. Many of us have found this to be a time when we can focus our thoughts and prayers on the needs of the World-Wide Moravian Church. Please see Cheryl Tubio to choose your prayer time period and to get a list of prayer concerns.

# Walk the Road of Peace - The 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Pilgrimage

You are invited to participate in this year's Pilgrimage on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The walk began in 1960 as a Christian witness for peace. We welcome all persons of any age to join the Pilgrimage, symbolic of the journey of Mary and Joseph. During the 10 mile trek from Nazareth to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, we seek to reflect the non-violent life of Jesus Christ and his truth of forgiving love. This has been a year of great violence and warfare, a witness for peace is particularly timely. For details, please visit their website: https://www.peacewalk.org/

## King's Daughters Worship and Communion

Would you like to assist with the sharing of Holy Communion and a brief worship service to our neighbors at King's Daughters and Sons' House on Market Street on the third Thursday at 1:30 p.m.? We were asked if we would provide a monthly communion and worship service, which we began in November. Talk with Pastor Janel if you would like to help.

#### Help Volunteer at Our Christmas Putz

If you are interested in volunteering to host and greet at Putz showings, or be a backup volunteer in case there is a last minute cancellation or the slots are not filled, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Sophie Rice, or go to the Sign Up Genius at https://tinyurl.com/centralputz. We hope to see you there! - Sophie Rice, Putz Volunteer Coordinator

#### **Putz Schedule:**

Thursdays and Fridays: 1 - 7 p.m., Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sundays: 1 - 5 p.m., After Christmas, open daily from 1 - 5 p.m.

# An Old Favorite with a New Name

Just across the hall from the Central Putz is the newly redesigned Star and Candle Craft and Bake Shoppe featuring many varieties of traditional Moravian stars and candles, as well as a variety of delicious homemade cookies and snacks made by Tom Tenges. We welcome Becky Lepore as a new crafter this year, selling lovely hand knit items for everyone and also will feature a selection of matted or framed photography from our resident photographer Linda Wickmann. Come in and visit us during these hours: Fridays from 1 - 5 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sundays from 12 - 5 p.m. The last day the Shoppe will be open is Sunday, December 17.



#### Visit to King's Daughters Home

On November 12<sup>th</sup> our youth group held our first gathering with a trip up to King's Daughters Home. We loved making Thanksgiving crafts and playing bingo with the residents, and we learned about how we can let our lights shine (Matthew 5:16) in the lives of others.

# The Proposed New HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) System for the Sanctuary: Excruciating Details

(Information provided by Shane Niper, P.E., Snyder-Hoffman Associates, Inc., Bethlehem, PA)

Central Church's Buildings and Grounds Committee has recommended, and the Board of Trustees endorsed, replacement of the four existing gas furnaces in the sanctuary, now at the end of their design life expectancy.

These units are to be superseded by a variable refrigerant flow (VRF) system, which is similar to residential air-to-air heat pump systems, as refrigerant is used to transfer heat to/ from outdoor air, cooling the indoor space in the summer and heating it in the winter. However, unlike typical residential systems, a VRF system connects several indoor units (which contain a refrigerant-toair heat exchanger, a filter, and a fan) to a single outdoor heat pump (compressor, condenser, and fan). The heat pump is able to vary the refrigerant flow, compressor speed, and condenser fan speed to accommodate the load of the indoor units. This configuration allows separate temperature control of each indoor unit linked to a single compressor, and is very efficient.

VRF heating efficiencies (as measured by COP, Coefficient of Performance) vary from 2.05-3.36 at outdoor temperatures of 17°F-47°F. Which is to say that for 1 kWh of electricity consumed, 2.05-3.36 (kWh-equivalent) units of heat are delivered. Heating efficiency declines with lower outdoor temperatures, but is substantially greater than combustion-based (oil/ gas) furnaces which always have a COP less than 1.

Those of us who installed residential air-to-air heat pumps more than 5 years ago know that the heating capacity of these units is severely limited when outdoor temperatures decline below 20°F-25°F. So, the question arises, how will the proposed VRF system perform under cold, winter conditions, with the most modern equipment? The Daikin units specified for the sanctuary are able to heat/cool from -4°F to 122°F, although their capacity diminishes as those endpoints are approached. The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) provides climate data that define design heating/cooling outdoor temperatures that only occur for 0.4% of a year. In the Lehigh Valley, those temperatures are 8.1°F for heating and 91.2°F for cooling; 99.6% of the time the outdoor temperature will fall within those limits. There have been times when local temperatures fell outside these limits, but designing to much more extreme values would lead to an oversized system that would not function as well most of the time. The proposed HVAC system for the sanctuary is

designed to fully accommodate outside temperatures of  $0^{\circ}F - 95^{\circ}F$ , at normal thermostat settings.

Should outdoor temperatures fall outside the design range, the HVAC system would not be able to maintain the indoor air temperature as set on the thermostat. With outside temperatures below the lower design limit, room air temperature would fall below the setpoint; and with outside temperatures above the upper design limit, room air temperature would rise above the setpoint. However, given the significant thermal mass of our old stone building, the indoor temperature would be expected to deviate only a few degrees from the thermostat setting, if extreme outdoor temperatures do not persist for an extended period of time.

Enough facts and figures already. A future (less quantitative?) posting will consider ventilation and expected indoor air quality improvements that the new HVAC system will provide.

- Bobb Carson, Buildings & Grounds Committee

#### **Subscribe and Like**

When watching the streaming of Central's worship service, you may notice a few little buttons below the screen. Many of us who frequent YouTube channels recognize these, but what are the benefits?

By clicking on the "Subscribe" button for Central Church's channel, any new video that the Church publishes will show up in your subscribing feed. We are always looking for new ways to keep you informed of what is happening at Central Moravian Church. Through the subscribed channel, you will receive notifications when Central has a new video. Clicking on the "Like" button is a quick way to let us know that you enjoy what you are watching. If you "Like" a video, it will be added to your "Liked videos" playlist. You may also receive videos of similar interests. For example, I like videos with choirs singing. (Surprise!) Having "Liked" some, I now see suggested videos of various choirs or hymns that I may choose to watch. So please consider clicking the "Subscribe" button as well as the "Like" button. Thank you.

*— Dave Charrier – Chair, Digital Ministry Committee* 

#### **Thank You for Your Support**

Thank you for your support with the 2023 CROP Walk. \$1,398 was raised with your generous help!

## **Mid-Week Advent Series**

I Give You A New Commandment...Love One Another (John 13:34) from the Northern Province Racial Justice team, 7:30 p.m. Zoom.

- November 29: Love through Curiosity
- December 6: Love through Forgiveness
- December 13: Love through Partnership
- December 20: Love through Activism

Each session will feature scripture, theological reflection, guest speakers or video presentations, and time for conversation in small groups.

The first speaker will be Pardeep Singh Kaleka. Pardeep is a hate and violence prevention senior advisor of Not In Our Town; he is a de-radicalization and trauma specialist with Parents4Peace, a lecturer on Peace Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Pardeep's work has spanned law enforcement, education, social service, and counseling hate crime survivors and perpetrators. He specializes in understanding the impacts of communal trauma-developing practices to help build safer and more inclusive communities. In 2012, following the murder of his father in the hate killings at the Sikh Temple in Oak Creek, he co-founded Serve2Unite, an organization nationally recognized for bridging school and community groups. He is the author of "The Gifts of Our Wounds" and an award-winning columnist with the Milwaukee Independent.

You do not need to pre-register for these gatherings. Join using the Zoom link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85945814606?pwd=RENwdDVV blJmY1dYRHo0N1BKSSt2Zz09 Meeting ID: 859 4581 4606 • Passcode: 832033 Questions? Contact Sue Koenig, Director of Racial Justice and Healing, suekoenig@mcnp.org.

#### **2024 Mission Envelopes**

January 7 - Preservation Fund February 4 - Endowment Fund March 3 - Moravian Unity Offering March 31 - Easter Sunday April 7 - Sikonge Partnership May 5 - Maintenance of Church Campus June 2 - Esperanza for Bethlehem June 30 - Preservation Fund July 28 - Nepali Outreach August 25 - International Student Care September 22 - CROP Hunger Walk October 27 - Maintenance of Church Campus November 24 - Seifert Fund for Christian Education December 24 - Christmas Eve

#### **Blood Donors Urgently Needed**

#### Central Moravian Church Blood Bank needs you! Miller Keystone Blood Center needs you! Many people who need blood need you!

Please call Keystone/Miller Blood Center to arrange an appointment – 610-691-5850.

**Stewardship One-Liner**: Giving is more joyous than receiving, not because it is a deprivation, but because in the act of giving lies the expression of aliveness. — *Erich Fromm* 

#### **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

- Buying new holiday lights? Choose LED lights and save energy!
- Shop at the Busy Workers' Annual Christmas Sale on Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3. Unique handcrafted gifts, delicious baked goods, fresh green wreaths, and all profits go to charitable causes, from Bethlehem to Tanzania, Nepal and Ukraine.
- Instead of more 'stuff', treat your family and friends to gifts of fun experiences: museum memberships, concert or theater tickets, restaurant gift cards, etc. Or, make a donation as a gift, to an environmental group, food pantry, a group that helps refugees, or a homeless shelter.
- If you DO order 'stuff', when all those boxes arrive, save and reuse the bubble wrap, mailing envelopes, package filler and cardboard boxes. If you can't reuse, then recycle!! Our TREX Plastic Challenge program recycles bubble wrap, 'air pillows' and plastic mailing envelopes. The Bethlehem Recycling Center on Illicks Mill Road takes cardboard boxes.
- When making charitable contributions, it's a good idea to check our Charity Navigator: https://www.charitynavigator.org This site will help you determine how effective various charities are in making sure most of your donations go to those in need, rather than toward administrative costs.

#### **Special December Offering Envelope**

**Christmas Eve (December 24)**: special envelopes are used to help with extra expenses incurred in our mission of the Advent and Christmas seasons. They include many things such as music, printing, extra utility expenses incurred during the services, and the special Advent and Christmas pulpit decorations used during Advent and Christmas. Examples of the special decorations include the trees and straw we place in the Chancel for the Christmas Eve service.

# The Belfry

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2023					1 1-7 Putz CE 1-5 S&C CE	2 9-4 BW Sale BA 10-8 Putz CE 10-5 S&C CE 1:30 Advent Concert CS 5 AA, BA
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# **Musical Notes**

Rebecca Lepore, Minister of Music becky@centralmoravianchurch.org

QR Code for the Central Moravian Church Music Webpage



**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 more details.

Advent and Christmas Concert: Saturday, December 2 at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Welcome in the Advent and Christmas season with the Central Moravian Church Choir and the Mainstreet Brass. Sanctuary doors open at 1 p.m. Free-will offering. No tickets needed.

**German English Advent Singstunde:** Tuesday, December 5 at 7 p.m. – Enjoy your favorite Advent carols in both German and English. Old Chapel doors open at 6:30 p.m. Free-will offering. No tickets needed.

**Christmas Contemplative Service:** Monday, December 11 at 7 p.m. – During this busy season, embrace the invitation to ponder the wondrous gift of the Christ child in the quiet and peaceful candle-lit stillness of the historic Old Chapel while listening to contemplative arrangements of Christmas Carols. Free-will offering. No tickets needed.

**Super Bowl Sunday Concert**: Sunday, February 11 at 2 p.m. in the Old Chapel. – Two Part Invention – Plus One! Chamber Music concert featuring flute, cello, and guitar. The concert will last one hour. Plenty of time to get home in time for the big game at 6:30 p.m.! No tickets required. Free-will offering.

**Music Committee Meeting**: Monday, December 4 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

#### **End of Year Reminder**

As the end of the year approaches, it is the last opportunity for those over age 70½ to take Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) for calendar year 2023 from their IRAs. QCDs can be an excellent way to fulfill your giving wishes and to distribute IRA funds without tax obligations. Please work with yourfinancial professionals to see if QCDs are a good option for you.

Also, any remaining distributions for 2023 from your Donor Advised Funds (DAF) can be directed toCentral.

Both options may be directed to our general funds or to the Currents Capital Campaign supporting the upcoming HVAC Project.

#### a church mouse report - anticipation

#### hello

and advent greetings and anticipation is a complex emotion and it can be positive or negative and good anticipation is the state of being happy and excited about something and gives you an anxious expectation and infused with some pleasure and mild nervousness and where you have to wait for something precious and/or worthy and yet worth it in the end and that is exactly what advent is all about and advent is a time of expectation and waiting and preparation for the happy celebration of the birth of our savior and actually advent is the beginning of the liturgical season and it begins on the fourth sunday before christmas and always falls between november 27 and december 3 and ends on christmas eve and this year it falls on december 3 extending the anticipation and we celebrate the coming of our savior with an

advent lovefeast on that advent sunday and we end advent with a childrens lovefeast and vigil (waiting) services on the eve of his birth and i am anxious for advent because i anticipate lovefeast crumbs

and jesus is worth it in the end and jesus loves you and so do i



# a church mouse book advertisement

hello

and seasons greetings

and there are two volumes of the church mouse book and these volumes are available for your reading pleasure and make a great gift or stocking stuffer and each has 100 church mouse reports and many of your favorites and mine and they can be yours for only \$5 each and are available at the church office and all say jesus loves you and so do i

# The Belfry



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#### **December Birthdays**

1 Rose Nehring 1 Johnna Ward 1 Lillian Shields 2 Andrew Hospador 3 Michael Berlin 3 Julia Charlton 3 Hudson Malishchak 3 Sophia Miller 4 Larry Popowich 4 Holly Parkinson 4 Barbara Nelson 4 Dave Jones III 5 Susan Barnes 5 Mary Shields 5 Timothy Sonier 5 Savannah Bechtold 6 Deborah Smull 6 Averie Lewis 7 Patricia Jani 8 Patricia Schaffer 8 Clark Hamman 8 Bryan Gerhab 9 Karen DeBard 9 Christopher Bosch



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#### The Belfry Deadline

Articles for the January *Belfry* are due by December 4.

#### **Church Journal**

#### Baptism

November 12 - Sophie Ann Macaulay

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