



# The Belfry

News of Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

February/March 2024

## Worship in February

9 a.m. in the Old Chapel

10 a.m. Sunday School in the C. E. Building

11 a.m. in the Sanctuary (with unstaffed nursery)

### February 4 - Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon: The Rev. Sue Koenig

### February 11 - Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Transfiguration Sunday

Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

### February 14 - Ash Wednesday

Supper in Christian Education building at 6 p.m.

(See mid-week Lenten programs for more information)

Worship in the Old Chapel at 7 p.m., The Rev. Janel Rice

### February 18 - First Sunday in Lent Holy Communion

Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

### February 25 - Second Sunday in Lent

Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

## Worship in March

9 a.m. in the Old Chapel

10 a.m. Sunday School in the C. E. Building

11 a.m. in the Sanctuary (with unstaffed nursery)

### March 3 - Third Sunday in Lent

Sermon: Josh Follweiler, Student Pastor

11 a.m. Children's Choir sings

Bible Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders receive their Bibles)

### March 10 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

### March 17 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller

### March 24 - Palm Sunday

Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

### March 31 - Easter

6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service begins in  
Sanctuary

9 a.m. Chapel Worship

11 a.m. Triumph Service, Sanctuary

Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

**From the Pastor:** Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome ..... we say at Central. And now I hope you will know a similar saying, wherever you are in your grief journey, we want you to be a part of this community. On Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, the Rt. Rev. Hopeton Clennon passed away. You might still be in shock or facing grief, weariness, or uncertainty.

Wherever you are is okay, and we will face it and journey on together. As I shared the words of the Apostle Paul on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> in worship; "We are crushed and saddened, but we are not in despair because of the hope and faith of God who is with us in this life and the life to come (2 Corinthians 4:7-9)." We will go on; first to love and support Hopeton's wife Shelia. She shared that she feels your love like a big hug around her, and she is so grateful for all you have done. We will go on to remember what Hopeton preached and lived in a life of connecting people and communities, exploring possibilities and new ideas, and caring for each other.

As I said in my comments at the end of Church Council, I hope 2024 can be a year where we focus on caring for each other. This will mean an enhanced Membership Committee and Elder outreach, where we will try to be in touch with our members and ask how their gifts might best be used and also where their needs are. This will mean more fellowship events

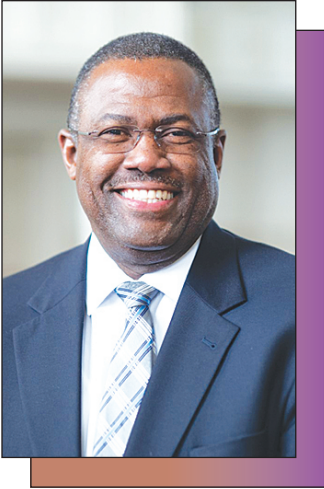
that gather our church family together. This will mean care for our members who aren't able to get to church or might be facing difficulties. To this end, I invite you to consider serving with us to visit others (Congregational Care), reach out (Membership) or provide food and fellowship (Church Family Life). Please don't hesitate to contact me or the committee chairs if you are interested. At the same time, we will be providing educational and spiritual programs that helps us all grow in our faith journey beginning with the excellent Mid-Week Lenten series explained in this newsletter. Our committees are already hard at work thinking about how we care for creation, our mental health and our greater community of unhoused and hungry people.

While we care for each other, we also recognize that we are anticipating a unique opportunity to share our faith history with visitors. While we do not know yet if the Moravian Community of Bethlehem will achieve the UNESCO World Heritage status, we already see the increase of visitors to our community during the Christmas season, and we will be discussing about how we take a lead in telling our own faith history to the visitors in our community.

I thank God each day for each of you; your love, energy, and care for each other and for our greater community.

## In Memoriam

### C. Hopeton Clennon, March 25, 1960 - January 7, 2024



Give me refuge, the Psalmist writes; and Give me Jesus, we sang. And so began the memorial service for the Rt. Rev. C. Hopeton Clennon on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Giving ourselves over to the God's abiding presence in a sea of turmoil, shock and grief, the thousand plus attendees wept, worshipped and held each other that day. And across the world, through the blessing of our YouTube Livestream, over 9,000 households have watched and worshipped in this service so far. The live and virtual attendees reflected all the areas of Hopeton's ministries from Salem congregations in Jamaica, Downey (CA), Faith (Washington, D.C.), Schoeneck (Nazareth, PA) and Central, as well as his many civic and community involvements. The service had beautiful tributes from Hopeton's niece, Judene and his daughter Danielle and son Andrew, as well as a message from one of his best friends, the Rev. Dr. Livingston Thompson. The music of three choirs, Faith, Schoeneck, and Central joined with the glorious singing of the attendees. The community and fellowship continued as almost 700 people enjoyed a reception over at ArtsQuest's SteelStacks. We encourage you to visit our Central Moravian Church YouTube channel and watch the service in the archives (and please subscribe to the channel while you are there).

For Trustee President Mary Catherine Tachovsky, it wasn't the memorial service that first moved her. She writes, "It was Communion Sunday on January 7 when we all learned that Hopeton was very ill. The unity and love for each other expressed at the service was unlike anything I had ever felt before in the Sanctuary. ... Later that day, Hopeton was in the nearer presence of his Lord."

Our student pastor Josh Follweiler, with our Sunday School teachers, took a lead in guiding and caring for our young people after Hopeton's passing. Josh shares this:

"We know that grief and loss affect everyone differently, and that is especially true for our young people. Regardless of the circumstances, death and loss are difficult concepts to explain. The sudden loss of a beloved pastor and friend requires special attention.

On Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, we gathered children of all ages in Nitschmann Hall. We opened by reading a story entitled, *The Invisible String*. The story reminds us that our memories form an invisible string that keeps us connected to our loved ones, no matter where they are. We then had kids share some of their memories of Pastor Hopeton. After the story and activities, we, kids and adults, ate pizza together. We also had paper available for kids to draw a picture or write a letter to Pastor Hopeton. While, given the circumstances, I would not use the word wonderful to describe the evening, I would say that it was a time of sharing and emotional catharsis for both the kids and the adults. Grief is not a perfectly linear experience. Please know that we, myself and Pastor Janel, remain available to help and support our Central families. If you or your family need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. It is my sincere hope and prayer that the legacy of Pastor Hopeton motivates us, through Jesus Christ, to love God and one another more fully"

What's next? Our Executive Committee issued this statement read by Ann Raines at Church Council. "We will take some time to grieve the loss of a beloved bishop, our own pastor, and for so many of us, a dear friend. It is sometimes hard to be patient as we navigate an uncertain future, and we remember that we will do what our forebears did; Rely on the leading of Jesus Christ to help us discern the future of our church and congregation. We have the great blessing of having a recently called pastor in Janel Rice, who knows our congregation and is up to the challenge of leading us through these uncertain times with wisdom and love. In time, we will be clear what action must be taken. In the time between now and then, we encourage you all to offer help as you are able, and remember the path that is set before you. Hopeton worked diligently to help us be the best versions of ourselves and we can honor him in the kindness and connections we make and sustain. In time, with Christ's leading, all will be well."

This statement echoed Hopeton's last communication with the congregation, "There is hope and peace in this life with family and friends in our ministry and service on earth. There is a promise of greater blessing in the eternal life to come. All will be well." As the 14<sup>th</sup> century St. Julian of Norwich echoed, "All shall be well... For there is a Force of Love moving through the universe that holds us fast and will never let us go."

## Ash Wednesday and Mid-Week Lenten Dinners and Program

Each Wednesday in Lent, February 14 - March 20, we invite all to join us for dinner at 6 p.m. in the Christian Education building's lower level followed by a program at 7 p.m. This Lent, we journey with the disciple Peter, in whose journey we can often see ourselves; a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. For each step along the path, we follow the lyrics of the hymn "Come Thou Fount" as we hear from speakers, experience art, music and journaling and most importantly join together as a community of faith. Please share widely - all are welcome!

### Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday

Dinner: Sacristans 'Corp  
Ash Wednesday: 7 p.m. worship service in the Old Chapel, with the option of ashes at the end.

### Feb. 21: "Jesus Sought Me" Luke 5:1-10

Dinner: Men's Bible Study and Moravian Women  
Who is the disciple Peter? Our student pastor Josh Follweiler will lead us through the Peter stories of this complicated disciple whose humanity often mirrors our struggles in faith.

### Feb. 28: "Praise the Mount" Matthew 16:13-20, Psalm 19

Dinner: Music Ministry Program  
It's easy to praise God when we're in the midst of a Mountaintop experience! It's easy to declare with every breath in our body, "YES, Lord! You are the Messiah, the Son of God." But what happens when that Mountaintop feeling leaves us, and we find our souls journeying in the wilderness? Our Minister of Music, Becky Lepore, will lead us in a time of reflection as we explore hymns that can serve as a musical compass in reviving our soul and restoring us to a place of praise and thanksgiving.

### March 6: "Rescue me from danger" Matthew 14:22-33

Dinner: Youth Group/Christian Education Committee  
Dr. Micah Sadigh will lead a discussion about how we are built for community (Genesis 2), as we see Peter leaving his own community of disciples. Where are we in the world of loneliness, social media expectations, etc. and how to they affect our mental health?

### March 13: "I'm fixed upon it" Matthew 16:21-23

Dinner: Joint Board.  
Using the spiritual practice of Visio Divina, we'll examine different pieces of art relating to Peter's stories and ask how art can enlarge our perceptive, and give us grace to listen to another's point of view?

### March 20: "Teach Me" Matthew 18:15-22

Dinner: Busy Workers  
We journey through a traditional Holy Week practice of "Stations of the Cross" but this time with the stories and lessons from Peter; Art, Music and Journaling practices.

## Holy Week and Easter Worship

### Sunday to Wednesday

#### March 24, 25, 26 (Chapel) March 27 (Sanctuary)

7 p.m. Readings for Holy Week

#### March 28 - Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary)

7 p.m. Readings for Holy Week & Communion

#### March 29 - Good Friday

10 a.m. - Holy Communion (Chapel)  
2:15 p.m. - Crucifixion Service (Sanctuary)  
7 p.m. - Seven Last Words (Chapel)

#### March 30 - Great Sabbath (Sanctuary)

3 p.m. - Lovefeast

#### March 31 - Easter Sunday

6:15 a.m. - Sunrise Service (We start in the Sanctuary and move to God's Acre) *Participating churches: Advent, Central, College Hill, Edgeboro, West Side, and Esperanza joined with the Bethlehem Area Trombone Choir.*  
9 a.m. - Worship (Chapel)  
11 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)

## Scripture Egg Hunt and Easter Workshop

Children, youth and everyone are invited to join us for our Scripture Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Join us right outside of the Old Chapel on the church green as we hunt for eggs before the squirrels get them! Then come inside for refreshments, crafts and Easter fun for all ages in our Easter Workshop.

## Preparing for Easter - Hyacinth Delivery and Young Adult Drop In

At 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, our Youth Group are invited to gather at God's Acre and help put hyacinths on the graves which is a tradition of Central. We invite our "older" youth (a.k.a. young adults) to come back and join us for this fun tradition! We will follow it with a brunch together as a young adult reunion.



## “Living with Grief” A Drop-in Support Group:

Since November, individuals who are grieving have gathered each Monday morning at 10 a.m. in the Old Chapel basement. For some, the loss was recent; for others, it was years ago, but this group was created so that we could find a community of support for anyone “living with grief”. Pastor Janel is the facilitator, simply starting us with a quiet meditation and if needed, sharing a centering point of reflection. The group doesn’t follow a curriculum or have assignments, but rather touches on the needs of the participants in this moment. We know that grief is not linear, so this supportive group might be needed on some weeks and not helpful in others - or your schedule might change. Please feel no obligation to join this group; simply stop in if you are in need of such a gathering any Monday at 10 a.m. and please share with others who also might find it helpful.

## Adult Sunday School

Looking for a thoughtful and engaging intersection between Scripture and life - and at a convenient time? Consider being a part of Adult Sunday school on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in the lower level of the CE building. Moravian Theological Seminary New Testament professor and friend of the congregation, the Dr. Brigidda Bell leads this discussion based look into the readings used in worship each Sunday. It is a great way to engage with the Bible and come into worship with more insights into the Scripture lessons being read.

## Children and Youth:

**Bible Sunday:** It has been a long tradition in many denominations of sharing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bibles and Central would like to start this tradition. Age-appropriate Bibles were shared with our children and youth during the pandemic so that Sunday school could happen online. Now we invite any 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grader (or 5<sup>th</sup> grader who is interested and not yet confirmed) to receive Bibles on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 11 a.m. service. Pastor Janel is reaching out to these parents, but please let her know if your 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grader would like to participate.

**Youth Group:** We are in the midst of planning some youth group activities like making lasagna for our mid-week Lenten dinner, planing a trip to an animal shelter for volunteering in March and a service trip to Moravian Open Door in New York City in April (please see Pastor Janel for these dates and more specifics).

## From the Student Pastor

A quote from the famous show “Little House on the Prairie” based on Laura Ingalls Wilder’s work goes, “Home is the best word.” While Central is not my “home” congregation, being able to return to Central with Pastor Janel has felt like a homecoming. From the kindness of members, to the beautiful music, I have felt warmly welcomed at Central. The support and encouragement are deeply appreciated. I am also grateful for your patience as I try to (re)learn names and faces. I hope my time at Central, however long that may be, will be an opportunity for us to grow together.

You might be wondering what a “student” pastor does. Like my time at Calvary, here at Central, I will have the opportunity to preach and participate in worship leadership. I will also continue to make pastoral care visits and serve as Friday Fun Night (FFN) coordinator. Central has a number of different opportunities for experience that Calvary did not. I will attend monthly staff meetings, actively participate in various committees, and lead educational programming. Starting in the next few weeks, I will also offer a mindfulness moment. Every Friday morning, in a virtual format, I will present a moment of prayer, reflection, or meditation. Each of these “shows” will be on location so that viewers are exposed to sacred sites, such as walking trails, labyrinths, and historic buildings, which they can then choose to visit. These posts should help build our online presence and provide a time of prayerful relaxation. As pastors are called to serve their community, I am here to serve Central’s members, friends, and families. Please reach out if you need anything, want to offer suggestions, or simply want to talk.

— Josh Follweiler

## Invite a Friend - Great Sabbath Lovefeast

Share this wonderful worship experience at Central with friends and neighbors by inviting them to join us for the Great Sabbath Lovefeast at 3 p.m. on March 30, featuring warm fellowship and a spiritually enriching musical respite from the more solemn experience of the rest of Holy Week.

Did you know that more than 75 percent of new members in churches across the U.S. visit a worship service for the first time because they were invited by someone in the congregation who worships there?<sup>1</sup> A free gift will be available for visitors in remembrance of their worship experience. Look for special inserts in the 3/17 and 3/24 Sunday bulletins with an invitation to share with friends and neighbors.

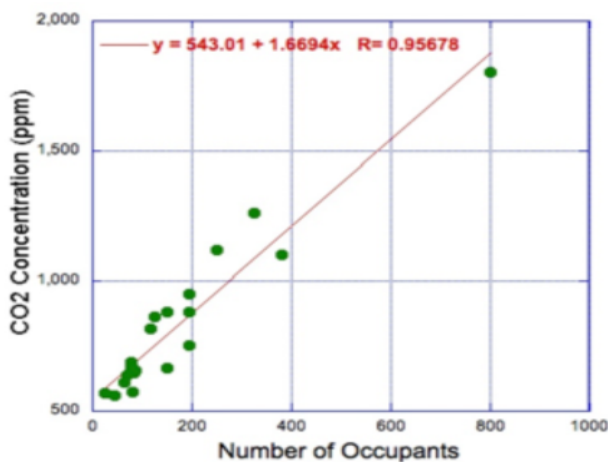
<sup>1</sup>*The Parish Paper, Vol. 18, No. 10, October 2010.*

## Replacement of the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems in our Sanctuary: The Critical Role of Ventilation

As reported in the December 2023 *Belfry* article on replacement of the sanctuary HVAC system, 3 of the 4 furnaces that heat our interior spaces have reached the end of their design life. Those same furnaces circulate inside air, both summer and winter, but do not introduce fresh, outside air, which is essential for ventilation. The new system will rectify that deficiency.

In summer 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) suggested that COVID-19 was primarily spread by airborne aerosols. Prior to this announcement, Central Moravian Church (CMC) had taken precautions (separated seating, hand wash stations, improved filters on heating and air conditioning units, required masking, etc.) to minimize spread of the virus. But the revelation that tiny droplets were the primary virus vector precipitated renewed discussion in the Buildings and Grounds Committee regarding indoor air quality (IAQ) in the sanctuary\*.

IAQ is largely enhanced by filtration and ventilation. Although we quickly upgraded the furnace filters to remove particles larger than 0.3 microns, the 4 furnaces that heat the sanctuary have no capacity to provide ventilation - which is to say, to draw in outside air (and expel interior air) as needed. Working with The Stone House Group, we installed 6 IAQ monitors in the sanctuary. They recorded carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) levels over several months at 1-minute intervals. Because each of us expels CO<sub>2</sub> when we exhale, if ventilation is inadequate, indoor CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations increase. And the greater the number of occupants in the sanctuary, the greater the CO<sub>2</sub> levels. This might not be a problem if the building naturally leaked air (in and out), but our 1804 structure is surprisingly airtight and, with high occupancy, exhibits elevated CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations.



Fresh, outside air has a CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 420 ppm (parts per million). At CO<sub>2</sub> levels above 1,000 ppm, indoor air is considered problematic or “unhealthy”. As you can see from the graph above, when more than 200 people attend events in the sanctuary, IAQ is inadequate - largely because of a lack of ventilation.

To properly ventilate the sanctuary with 4-6 air changes/hour, we need to draw in fresh, cold, outside air in the winter and fresh, hot, outside air in the summer. Our existing system (furnaces, air conditioners, and associated ducts) are simply inadequate to heat or cool this additional outside (ventilation) air. Providing a system that will properly condition the sanctuary’s interior air, without driving fuel costs through the roof, requires a design that integrates energy recovery units (ERUs) to preheat/precool the necessary outdoor air with the “stale” indoor air being expelled. In essence, an ERU is an air-to-air radiator or heat exchanger, drawing warm (or cool) interior air in one section past cool (or warm) exterior air in an adjacent section, thereby transferring heat to, or from, the incoming (ventilation) air. The system designed by Snyder-Hoffman Associates, Inc. couples 2 ERUs into the basement ductwork. The amount of outside air entrained for ventilation will be automatically controlled by IAQ monitors in the sanctuary to provide both appropriate air quality and temperature, while minimizing energy costs.

— *Bobb Carson, Buildings and Grounds Committee*

\*For an excellent, recent report on building IAQ by the CBS program “60 Minutes”, visit site below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxEssOeEsVk>

## Currents Campaign Needs You!

We’ve reached half-way to our goal of \$1.6 million and we would welcome your pledge or an increased pledge. See the brochures on the Sanctuary Amen Pews or at the back of the Chapel. Contact Martha Jones at the church office with any questions.

### Stewardship One-Liner:

Stewardship is the way we love God and neighbor with our whole lives, not just our wallets.

— *Charles Lane and Grace Pomroy*

## The Moravian Giving Portal – An Option for Electronic Giving

A number of members are already giving electronically to Central, for their envelope giving and to support other missions and ministries. We have been made aware of another way to give electronically to Central with more of your gift coming to the church. Giving through the Moravian Ministries Foundation will not charge fees to you or your church to process your donation. If you are now giving through Vanco, there are fees that Central pays and that you may choose to pay. Giving through the MMF Portal eliminates those fees.

If you are familiar with the Vanco donate now page, there are several choices of places to support with your gift. The MMF Portal does not have many choices but does offer a place to mention Special Instructions. The portal also gives the option for a one-time donation or a recurring donation.

Moravian Ministries Foundation process donations daily and sends those donations to Central twice a month. The funds are held in a separate escrow account for each church until distributed. The church receives a detailed listing of donors and amounts so that we can credit your statement with your donation.

Any information you provide to MMF is securely maintained on their webserver and internal systems. They will not sell, distribute or share your information with anyone. Your privacy and trust are of utmost importance to MMF.

If you are interested in more of your donation coming to Central without fees being paid by you or by Central, please consider looking into this system through Moravian Ministries Foundation.

Here is the page on the Portal for Central:  
[https://mmfa.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit\\_id=1199](https://mmfa.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1199)

Please contact Martha Jones at the church office if you have any questions or would like assistance. Phone: 610-866-5661. Email: [Martha@centralmoravianchurch.org](mailto:Martha@centralmoravianchurch.org)

## Special February and March Offering Envelopes

**Endowment Fund (February 4):** This money will go directly toward unrestricted use by the Board of Trustees. Earnings from this fund are used to help support the programs and mission in the annual Operating Budget of the church. The purpose of our endowment is to secure the financial future and well-being of Central. Over the past decades, many individuals and estates have provided gifts to our endowment. Planned Giving is also an excellent way to give to the endowment. As the donor, you may designate your gift as unrestricted or restrict the use of your gift for a specific purpose, for example: the music program, Christian Education, care for our historic buildings, or other specific interests. Currently, we have many restricted and unrestricted funds that make up the General Endowment Fund at Central Moravian Church.

**Moravian Unity Offering (March 3):** The 2024 Unity Offering has been designated for the Moravian Church in North America to support Ukrainian Refugees in Germany and the Czech Republic. For more information, visit: [www.unityfratrum.org](http://www.unityfratrum.org). Please send all offerings no later than May 31 to ensure our being able to transmit all funds to the Unity for the current year's project or use this giving portal link: [https://mmfa.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit\\_id=1265](https://mmfa.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1265)

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

- Get off! If you receive catalogs from companies you don't patronize, call them and ask to be removed from their mailing list. (unsubscribe from email lists, too!)
- Nothing like a hot cup of tea on a cold February day. Consider purchasing a tea infuser and loose tea leaves (as opposed to tea bags, many of which contain microplastics.....not what you want in your 'cup of tea')!
- Wash only full loads in washers and dishwashers to minimize hot water use. Your hot water tank is usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest energy user in your home. And switch to using cold water to do the laundry, to reduce your energy bill and prevent shrinking and fading of clothing.
- Volunteer! Central's Food Pantry, the TREX Plastic Recycling project, and Cynthia's Boutique would appreciate your help, as would other area non-profits: Meals on Wheels, Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites, the Moravian Archives, and Essentials Café, just to name a few. Check their websites, or give them a call and ask how you can help. Not only does volunteering help the organization; it also keeps you involved in the community and combats loneliness.
- Power down the TV when not in use; and turn off the computer at the end of the day.



## Musical Notes

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**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.

**Central Choir** – In order to accommodate those who have conflicts on Thursday evenings or choose not to drive in the evenings, we offer two different rehearsal times: Thursday evenings at 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary balcony and Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

**Chapel Choir** – Rehearsals are on the following Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Old Chapel balcony: February 8, 15, 29 and March 7, 14, 21. Please contact Richard Miller at richardtmii@aol.com if you are interested in singing.

**A Super Bowl Sunday Concert** – Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 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.

**SATORI Chamber Music Ensemble** – Sunday, April 7, in the Old Chapel at 2 p.m. No tickets required. Free-will offering.

**Music Committee Meetings:** Tuesday, February 6 at 6 p.m. via Zoom and Tuesday, March 5 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

## BAM Annual Meeting

The Bethlehem Area Moravian annual meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Edgeboro Moravian Church (645 Hamilton Avenue, Bethlehem). There will be the opportunity to view the meeting via Zoom on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81699140837?pwd=N25jejNKVC9naE85WFJ2NDIKb3FkUT09>. Central joins Edgeboro, East Hills, College Hill, West Side and Advent Moravian Churches in making up the Bethlehem Area Moravian churches. BAM is comprised of Moravian Development Corporation, Moravian Village and the ministries that the BAM churches do together.

## a church mouse memorial

hello  
and in dedication to the life of hopeton clenon our pastor  
and provider of hope eternal  
and our good shepherd i offer these symbolic words from  
psalm 23  
and the lord is my shepherd  
and hopeton cared for us  
and i shall not want  
and we need little that he did not provide spiritually  
and he maketh me lie down in green pastures  
and he gave us rest  
and he leadeth me beside the still waters  
and we felt calm in his presence  
and he restoreth my soul  
and we were refreshed throughout by his kindness  
and he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his  
namesake  
and we follow him with honor  
and yea though i walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death i will fear no evil for thou art with me thy rod and  
thy staff they comfort me  
and his strong presence throughout our lives has made us  
peaceful  
and thou preparest a table before me in the presence of  
mine enemies  
and cats dont scare me because he was strong  
and thou anointest my head with oil  
and we will always feel his blessing  
and my cup runneth over  
and we are overwhelmed by his love  
and surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the  
days of my life  
and by accepting his devotion to the flock we will always  
remember him  
and i will dwell in the house of the lord forever  
and we will live with hopetons love eternally  
and he would confess jesus loves you  
and so do i



## Monday Morning Moravian Painters' Class

It's time to start the Monday Morning Moravian Painters' Class in the Christian Education building, lower level. Classes will run Monday, March 4 - Monday, April 8 from 10 a.m. - noon. Bring a photo of something you would like to paint (preferably your own photo), a roll of paper towels and a check for \$150 made out to Gene Allen. He supplies paints, canvas, brushes, and palette. Contact Gene to sign up at 610-285-6734 or to ask any questions. — Gene Allen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2024</h1>						
				1 10-12 Cyn Btq. Clothing drop off 73 W LL 11 Bible Study 73 W CR	2	3  5 AA, BA
4 9-1 Drive by Plastic & Food Pantry CE lot 10 Adult Bible School CE 10 Sunday School CE 12:15 Potluck for pantry, Trex Cyn Btq  5 AA, BA	5 10 Grief Support OC LL  4 Racial Justice Zoom	6 9:30 Sewing 73 W CR  6 Music Zoom  7 Congregational Care Zoom	7 7:15 Men Bible NH 9:30 BW OC LL  7 Care for Creation Zoom	8 10-12 Cyn Btq. Clothing drop off 73 W LL 11 Bible Study 73 W CR  1 Auditor 73 W CR  6 Choir OC 7 Choir CS	9 8:30-11:30 Food Pantry 73 W LL	10   5 AA, BA
11 Coffee Sale CS 10 Adult Bible School CE 10 MW7 73 W CR 10 Sunday School CE 10 Toddler Time BA 12:30 Jt Board Orientation NH 2 Concert OC 5 AA, BA	12 10 Grief Support OC LL  7 Christian Ed Cmte Zoom	13 9:30 Comenius CE CR  9:30 Sewing 73 W CR  Bach at Noon CS  6 Elders 73 W CR	14 Ash Wednesday  7:15 Men Bible NH 9:30 BW OC LL  4 B&G Zoom  6 Lenten Dinner NH 7 Service OC	15 10-12 Cyn Btq. Clothing drop off 73 W LL 11 Bible Study 73 W CR  4 Fundraising Zoom  6 Choir OC 7 Choir CS	16 8:30-11:30 Food Pantry/Cyn Btq Dist 73 W LL  6 Friday Fun Night NH	17 8:30-11:30 Food Pantry/Cyn Btq Dist 73 W LL  5 AA, BA
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### February Birthdays



1 William Parkinson	11 A. Thomas Jacoby	18 Tara Tachovsky
2 Tara Anderson	12 Ginny Delp	19 Pam Larimer
2 Kelley Gold	12 Robert Huth Jr	19 Norman Prochnau
2 Kimberly McFadden	12 Carol Sabetti	20 Andrea Danenhower
2 Bob Wascura	13 Ryan Dean	20 Gabriel Krem
2 Ben White	13 Sandra Deiter	20 Jill Lichtenwalner
3 John Santanasto	13 Jeff Feather	20 Alice Mosebath
4 Doris Tatham	13 Lulu Mae Shipman	20 Stephen Yorks
5 Bonnie Davis	13 Isabella Weikert	21 JoAnna Allen
5 John Paul DeBard	14 Robert Davis	21 Kyle Warmkessel
5 Alex Newell	14 Thomas Hierl	22 Esther Evans
6 Grace Rampolla	14 Deidre Hockin	23 Michael Behr
6 Bryon Richards	14 Gabrielle Kintzer	23 Brenda Haas
7 Miriam Devey	14 Julia Rockwell	23 Owen Royer
7 Barry Stauffer	15 Ann Kuhn	23 Barbara Wright
8 Brenda Hoelman	15 Harper Malishchak	24 Mark Weddigen
8 Camie Modjadidi	16 Susan Ettwein	25 Lynnette Delbridge
8 Lauren Parkinson	16 Noah Ko	25 Alica Diehl
9 Susan Parks	16 Eric Reifinger	25 Austin Kozar
9 Tom Tenges	16 Judith Smith	25 Maximus Kozar
10 Matthew Grenauer	16 Laura Wintjen	26 Linda Thudium
10 Dale Henninger	17 Robert Clewell III	27 Kora Lindsay
10 Peg Hoffman	17 Jason Eckhart	27 Stacy Price Miller
10 Valerie Ruhe	17 Lisa Fontanez	28 Ashley Baker
11 Nicholas Butterfield	18 James Jordan	28 Margaret Melgary
11 Tamra Ingraham	18 Gisela Leck	28 Julia Terwilliger

### March Birthdays

1 Laurence Fishler	13 Terri Lee Nasatka	23 Missy Farinhas
3 Tammy Hilt	13 Jennifer Heil	24 June Robinson
3 Chloe Eckhart	13 Jordan Achey	24 Trisha Bray
3 Vivienne O'Connor	14 Anna Kodama	24 Liam Brolly
5 Deborah VanHorn	14 William McKay	25 Margaret Rowland
5 Diane Kessler	14 Sophie Rice	25 Cindy Reichert
5 Rebecca Hummel	15 Sandy Griffis	26 Anne Zug
6 Ursula Hoffmann	15 Barbara McEvoy	26 Royce Prichett
6 Jeffrey Kostenbader	16 Dawn Ketterman-Benner	26 Losian Fontanez
6 Nan Frantz	16 Donald Jean	27 Louis Viruet
7 Althea Sell	16 James Freund	28 Wayne Achey
7 Kathleen Stehly	17 David Williams	29 Margaret Snyder
8 Jan Christensen	18 Bruce Seidel	29 Frank Shipman III
8 Rob Phillips	18 Charlotte Sacks	30 AnneMarie Whildin
8 Brian Naisby	18 Spencer Schlack	30 Rosi McIlwain
9 Robbie Williamson	18 Devon Schlack	30 Robert Rice
9 Jo Ann Haines	19 Dawn White	30 Terry Worrich
9 Jeffrey Griffis	19 Shelly Watson	30 Michael Krem
9 Todd Silvius	19 Kecia Smith	31 Debra Nyby
9 Cole Frank	20 Paula Ballard	31 Brett Seruga
10 Linda McCarthy	20 Renee Roberts	31 Ronan Kane
11 Jane Tegyi	20 Michael Reifinger	
11 Howard Freed	20 Nate Bissey	
13 Barry Kessler	21 Lois Mast	
13 Beth Ann Boyer	22 Kathleen Frank	
13 Dale Browder	22 Zachary Thomas	

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Articles for the April *Belfry* are due by March 4