

***This Week at Central Moravian Church  
April 14 – 20, 2024***

Sun. After Services	Fair Trade Coffee Sale	NE corner Sanctuary
10:00 am	Adult Sunday School	C. E. building
10:00 am	Children Sunday School	C. E. building
10:00 am	Moravian Women 7	Office, Conf. Room
10:00 am	Toddler Time	Benigna Auditorium
12:15 pm	Birthday Social	Nitschmann Hall
12:15 pm	Decorating Committee	Office, Parlor
12:15 pm	Inquirers' Class	Nitschmann Hall
1:30 pm	Enslaved and Free Tour	Meet at Chapel
5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium
7:00 pm	Virtual Inquirers' Class	Zoom
Mon. 10:00 am	Book Study	Chapel, lower level
Tues. 9:30 am	Ladies Sewing Society	Office, Conf. Room
7:00 pm	Christian Ed Committee	Zoom
Wed. 7:15 am	Men's Bible Study	Nitschmann Hall
9:30 am	Busy Workers' Society	Chapel, lower level
4:00 pm	Knitting Group	Office, Conf. Room
7:00 pm	Board of Trustees	Zoom
Thurs. 10 am -12 pm	Cynthia's Boutique Drop Off	Office, lower level
11:00 am	Women's Bible Study	Office, Conf. Room
2:00 pm	Stewardship Committee	Zoom
7:00 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri. 8:30 - 11:30 am	Food Pantry Distribution	Office, lower level
Sat. 8:30 - 11:30 am	Food Pantry Distribution	Office, lower level
1:00 pm	Catherine Meckstroth - Memorial Service in Chapel Reception	Nitschmann Hall
5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium

***Next Sunday's Worship Services–April 21***

9:00 am	Worship in the Chapel	Janel Rice
10:00 am	Care for Creation Celebration	Nitschmann Hall
11:00 am	Worship in the Sanctuary	Janel Rice



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

***Worship and Program Highlights–Sunday, April 14, 2024***

Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome at Central Moravian Church. If you are a visitor and are comfortable doing so, please share your contact information with us. Fill out a Visitor Card, which you will find in the pew racks in the Sanctuary or at the end of the pew in the Chapel. Activity bags are available for children in both the Chapel and Sanctuary. During the 11 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary, an unstaffed nursery is available in the West Room.

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

***Fair Trade Coffee Sale Today***

We are offering coffee, tea, and chocolate for sale today after both worship services. Our table will be in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary.

***Birthday Social Today***

Today, after the 11 a.m. worship service, we invite everyone who has a birthday to a special celebration in the Christian Education building, lower level. We'll have 12 tables of special cakes, one for each month! The Church Family Life Committee will supply sandwiches, fruit, gluten and sugar free options to balance out the cake!

***Celebrate Earth Day Next Sunday***

Next Sunday, April 21 during the church school hour (10 -11 a.m.), join the Sunday School and the Care for Creation Committee for a morning of crafts, refreshments and environmental education for all ages: birds, bees, butterflies, water, pollinator plants, recycling, etc. Come and learn new ways to appreciate and enjoy nature and be better stewards of the earth.

### ***Both Enslaved and Free Tour***

More than 50 people of African descent have been documented living in Bethlehem and its surrounding communities between 1740 and 1800. On this walking tour you will learn how these men and women came to be here, how they were treated, and how those who were enslaved became free. Join us today from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. for a remarkable and enlightening story beginning in the Chapel. Presented by our History Committee and Racial Justice task force.

### ***Busy Workers' Attic Treasures***

If you have household items (books, toys, games, records, DVDs, Legos, kitchen utensils, garden equipment, pottery, glassware, sports equipment, small furniture items, lamps, jewelry, linens, knick-knacks, decorations, etc.) that are in good condition but that you no longer need, please consider donating them to their sales on May 11 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and May 12 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *They cannot take clothing, text books, encyclopedias, electronics, stuffed animals or large furniture.* Donated items may be brought to the C. E. building, lower level, on the following dates. Any questions, contact Jacqueline Adams at 610-867-7463.

April 21 Sunday 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

April 23 Tuesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

April 25 Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

April 28 Sunday 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

April 30 Tuesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

May 2 Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### ***Bethlehem Emergency Shelter***

For our last Bethlehem Emergency Shelter dinner on Saturday, April 27, we could use 2 helpers for serving from 5 - 8 p.m. ish or dishwashing and clean up from 6 - 8:30 p.m. The shelter serves up to 70 men and women and meets at Christ UCC at the corner of Center and Market. If you are interested, contact Janice Ostock at 610-984-7502 or at janice.ostock@gmail.com.

### ***May Sanctuary Tours***

We are excited to be welcoming visitors to our church campus over Mother's Day Weekend, for the Busy Workers' sale, the local art show on Main Street, our Christian Family Lovefeast on Sunday and more. To this end, our History Committee will be offering tours on Saturday, May 11 from 2 - 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 12 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. These are 20 minute guided tours of the church sanctuary, intended to be a welcoming point for the general public to learn more about the history and architecture of the sanctuary, and also our current ministries at a living and active church community.

### ***Help Us Welcome Visitors***

We are hoping to do more of these types of tours in the future, and we have a small task force working on some ideas. But we can't do it without friendly faces to welcome visitors and also (if desired) serve as a tour guide. As we look to

determining if we can hold these tours on a weekly basis, we will be taking the names of interested tour guides and greeters (you can be a door greeter if you aren't comfortable giving the tour). Please look for sign-ups at church, contact the church office or talk with Diane Shaw or Pastor Janel for more information.

### ***Lunch & Learn about Jamaican Trip:***

In February the History Committee sponsored a trip to Jamaica for the purpose of learning about the involvement of the Moravian Church with the enslaved peoples on the Island. Despite the unspeakable tragedy we all experienced upon the death of Pastor Hopeton, going ahead with the trip was seen as a tribute to his memory. Twenty-three travelers from different Moravian congregations, as well as friends of the church, participated. The experience was amazing and humbling. We would like to share our memories with you.

On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a forum to report on the trip and share what we learned, particularly examining the response of the church to slavery and to the education of enslaved people. The program will be held in Nitschmann Hall following the 11 a.m. service. There will be a narrative accompanied by many photos. The History Committee will provide lunch for those in attendance.

### ***Mission Supper for Pradhans***

Revs. Vani and Shanti Pradhan will celebrate their son Nahum's graduation

from Moravian University Graduate School on May 4. On Wednesday, May 15 our Mission Committee will host a Mission Supper in the Christian Education building at 6 p.m. All are welcome! Vani and Shanti will present a program outlining their mission work in Kathmandu as well as their operation of the International Kindergarten and Shristi Academy. We hope you will also hear about their recent participation in the formation of the Southeast Asian Province of the worldwide Moravian Church. Vani and Shanti will be Central's guest speakers at the Sunday, May 12 Lovefeast services.

### ***Save the Dates***

**Celebration of our student pastor Josh Follweiler** as he graduates from Moravian Theological Seminary Saturday, May 4 at 4 p.m. at College Hill Moravian (72 W. Laurel Street) and preaches for us on May 5.

**Rev. Janel Rice's Installation Service and Reception** on June 23 at the 10 a.m. service, with the Rev. Melissa Johnson, President of the Eastern District of the Moravian Church, joining us in the service.

**Iron Pigs Baseball Game:** June 7 with 7:05 p.m. game time. \$10 ticket. Please RSVP to the church office.

**Vacation Bible School for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade** takes place on July 8-12 from 9 - 12 p.m., at East Hills Moravian Church (1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem).