

This Week at Central Moravian Church—April 21 - 27, 2024

Sun.	9 am - 12:30 pm	Attic Treasures Drop Off	C. E. building, LL
	10:00 am	Earth Day Celebration	Nitschmann Hall
	12:15 pm	Inquirers' Class	Benigna Auditorium
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium
	7:00 pm	Virtual Inquirers' Class	Zoom
Mon.	10:00 am	Book Study	Chapel, lower level
	7:00 pm	Governance Committee	Zoom
Tues.	9:30 am	Comenius Group	Zinzendorf Parlor
	9:30 am	Ladies Sewing Society	Office, Conf. Room
	10:00 am	Awakened Hearts	Zoom
	10 am - 1 pm	Attic Treasures Drop Off	C. E. building, LL
	7:00 pm	Social Action Committee	Zoom
Wed.	7:15 am	Men's Bible Study	Nitschmann Hall
	9:30 am	Busy Workers' Society	Chapel, lower level
	7:00 pm	Joint Board Meeting	Zoom
Thurs.	10 am - 12 pm	Cynthia's Boutique Drop Off	Office, lower level
	10 am - 1 pm	Attic Treasures Drop Off	C. E. building, LL
	11:00 am	Women's Bible Study	Office, Conf. Room
	6:00 pm	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
	7:00 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	8:30 - 11:30 am	Food Pantry Distribution	Office, lower level
	9:00 am	Youth Group MOD	New York City
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium

Next Sunday's Worship Services—April 28

9:00 am	Worship in the Chapel	Janel Rice
11:00 am	Worship in the Sanctuary	Janel Rice

Bethlehem Emergency Shelter Volunteer Opportunity

For our last Bethlehem Emergency Shelter dinner on Saturday, April 27, we could use 2 helpers for serving from 5 - 8 p.m. 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. Contact Janice Ostock at 610-984-7502 or janice.ostock@gmail.com if you would like to help.



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 Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Closed for lunch 12-12:30 p.m.

Worship and Program Highlights—Sunday, April 21, 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.

Celebrate Earth Day Today – All Are Welcome

Today during the church school hour (10 -11 a.m.) in the Christian Education building, lower level, 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.

Vacation Bible School for K–5th Grade

Monday, July 8 to Friday, July 12 from 9 a.m. - noon at East Hills Moravian Church (1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem). We partner with College Hill, Advent, and East Hills Moravian Churches to host an exciting VBS for our kids every summer - don't miss it! Older youth are welcome to join us as helpers. Registration forms and more information to follow.

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.

If you are digging and dividing plants in your garden and would like to donate some of your extras, we would be happy to accept them:

The best time for drop off is 5/10 at the C. E. building. Any questions about plants, call Joan Carson at 610-346-8012.

Bakers Wanted! We are looking for bakers to make items to sell at our sale. Any questions, call Sallie Woodring at 610-746-5648 or Jacqueline Adams at 610-867-7463. Baked goods can be dropped off at the Christian Education building on 5/10 after 2 p.m.

Save the Dates

May 5: Celebration of our Student Pastor, Josh Follweiler.

Also, at the 11 a.m. service, we are excited to be welcoming our new members following the completion of a recent inquirers' class. We also welcome, through the sacrament of infant baptism, Sam Rampolla, son of Sarah and Kenny. Please join us for this special service!

May 12: Christian Family Lovefeast at 9 and 11 a.m. the Rev. Vani Pradhan, pastor of Nepal Moravian Church, will be preaching. Vani is a former student pastor of Central.

May 19: Pentecost, Sacrament of Communion: Mission Moment - Mental Health Awareness

June 23: the Rev. Janel Rice's Installation Service and Reception 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.

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 are not comfortable giving the tour). Please look for sign-ups at church, contact the church office or talk with Diane Shaw or Pastor Janel for details.

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.

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 19th 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.

Iron Pigs Baseball Game

Central's annual Iron Pigs baseball outing is on Friday, June 7 with a 7:05 p.m. game time. We have 20 tickets reserved between 3rd base and home plate. Tickets are \$10. Please RSVP to the church office.