

This Week at Central Moravian Church—April 28 - May 4, 2024

Sun.	9 am - 12:30 pm	Attic Treasures Drop Off	C. E. building, LL
	10:00 am	Adult Sunday School	C. E. building
	10:00 am	Children Sunday School	C. E. building
	12:15 pm	Inquirers' Class	Nitschmann Hall
	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
	10 am - 1 pm	Attic Treasures Drop Off	C. E. building, LL
Wed.	7:15 am	Men's Bible Study	Nitschmann Hall
	9:30 am	Busy Workers' Society	Chapel, lower level
	11:00 am	Community Conversation	Office, Conf. Room
	1:30 pm	Star & Candle Committee	Nitschmann Hall
	4:00 pm	Community Conversation	Office, Conf. Room
	7:00 pm	Care for Creation Committee	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
	12:00 pm	Community Conversation	Office, Conf. Room
	6:00 pm	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
Fri.	8:00 am	Community Conversation	Office, Conf. Room
Sat.	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium

Next Sunday's Worship Services—May 5

9:00 am	Worship in the Chapel	Josh Follweiler
11:00 am	Worship in the Sanctuary	Josh Follweiler

Ways to Give Financially to Central: There are several ways to give financially to Central Moravian Church. One way members and friends can give is through the Moravian Ministries Foundation, which does not charge you or the church a fee to process your donation. Look for Central Moravian Church on the giving page of: www.mmf.com. Please contact Martha Jones at the church office if you have any questions.



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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 28, 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 Josh, Our Student Pastor

Next Sunday, May 5, at both worship services, we will be celebrating our student pastor Josh Follweiler's graduation. Josh will be preaching and leading us in worship and we encourage you to join us for a light reception following the 11 a.m. service in the sanctuary. Josh will be graduating with a Master of Divinity from the Moravian Theological Seminary on Saturday, May 4th at College Hill Moravian Church. All are welcome. Josh has been a student pastor with Pastor Janel since the fall of 2022 when he served with her at Calvary Moravian Church in Allentown. He helped to preach and lead programs at Calvary when Pastor Janel took the call to Central in the fall of 2023, while also serving as a student pastor at Central. Josh has led worship, preached, taught, attended committee and board meetings, as well as community gatherings. "Mr Josh" has been well-known and much-loved by our children as he has led Friday Fun Night programs for almost three years at Central. We are so grateful for his leadership, and gifts of the head and the heart, as well as a good sense of humor these past years!

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 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 May 10 at the Christian Education building. Any questions about plants, please 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 May 10 after 2 p.m.

Save the Dates

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.

Community Conversations

Pastor Janel has been reaching out to members and encouraging us all to be a part of short (1 hour) "Community Conversations" in May as the recent *Belfry* article shares. We hope that these small group (limited to 10 sign-ups) sessions can be a time of listening and sharing, as well as a time to hear concerns, ideas, and to build community. We'll bring updates from the boards, as well as other ministry opportunities to share. Please sign up by going to our sign-up genius link here; <https://tinyurl.com/4uzu3j4p> or contact Janel if you cannot get onto this site. Please note that some sessions will be virtual as noted. If virtual, we will use this Zoom link. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88309082231>

Envelopes for Education

It's time to honor our high school graduates for 2024! Read about this in the Constant Contact email on May 1. Look for envelopes to pick up on Sunday, May 5, 12, and 19 in the Chapel and Sanctuary. The Sunday for recognizing our graduates will be June 2. If you have any questions, contact Martha at the church office.

Drive-By Drop-Off Donations

Volunteers will be at the Christian Education building parking lot next Sunday, May 5 (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) to receive your donations of food for the Food Pantry, summer clothing for children, women, and men, and diapers and wipes for Cynthia's Boutique, and plastics for the TREX challenge. We are in need of cereal, canned soup, flour, sugar, tea, coffee, spaghetti, etc.

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.

Mission Supper for Pradhans of Nepali Moravian Church

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.

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. We would like to share our memories with you.

On Sunday, May 19th after the 11 a.m. service, 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. The History Committee will provide lunch for those in attendance.