

***This Week at Central Moravian Church  
May 19 - 25, 2024***

Sun.	10:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Zinzendorf Parlor
	10:00 am	Sunday School closing program	Nitschmann Hall
	12:00 pm	Lunch & Jamaica Trip Talk	Nitschmann Hall
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium
Mon.	10:00 am	Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites, Office, Parlor	
	1:00 pm	B&G Walk Thru	Office
Tues.	7:00 pm	Digital Ministry Committee	Zoom
Wed.	7:15 am	Men's Bible Study	Nitschmann Hall
	9:30 am	Busy Workers' Society	Chapel, lower level
	4:00 pm	Communications Committee	Office, Conf. Room
	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees	Zoom
Thurs.	10 am - 12 pm	Cynthia's Boutique Drop Off	Office, lower level
	2:00 pm	Stewardship Committee	Zoom
Sat.	8:30 - 11:30 am	Food Pantry Distribution	Office, lower level
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium

***Next Sunday's Worship Services—May 26***

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

***Drive-By Drop-Off Donations***

Volunteers will be at the Christian Education building parking lot off of New Street on Sunday, June 2 from 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. For the Pantry, we are in need of coffee, sugar, cereal, boxed milk, carnation milk, canned corn, low sodium, items, and mac and cheese. The food pantry is looking for volunteers to help transport food to the food pantry on Thursdays 10 a.m. - noon. Pickup trucks or SUV vehicles are best, but willingness to help is most important. Contact Dave Wickmann at [wickmann.david@gmail.com](mailto:wickmann.david@gmail.com).



***The Sunday Times***

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

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***Worship and Program Highlights  
Sunday, May 19, 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.

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***Join Us for Lunch and 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.

Today, 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 the Christian Education building, lower level. The History Committee will provide lunch for those in attendance.

## ***Envelopes for Education***

It's time to honor our high school graduates for 2024! Did you pick up an envelope last Sunday? If not, there are envelopes available for pick up today at the back of the Chapel and on the Sanctuary Amen Pews. This program provides our graduating high school seniors with a grant from their church family. Cash, checks, or electronic giving are all welcomed. June 2 will be the presentation Sunday. Thank you so much for your participation. If you have any questions, contact Martha at the office.

## ***Upcoming Bible Study***

The Northern Province's Racial Justice Team will host a Zoom Bible Study on Christian citizenship, a 5-week series on Tuesdays, May 28 - June 25, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. *Being a Christian Citizen: A Bible Study for Our Time* is based on the Moravian Covenant for Christian Living and related scriptural texts. Please go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327816095?pwd=MGtOSGs1cDF0N3dSZXkvVGhNwbk1mdz09> to join the Zoom sessions, Meeting ID is 813 2781 6095, Passcode 993782. Registration is not required. The Bible Study is also available for download from this link: <https://www.moravian.org/northern/2024/04/23/being-a-christian-citizen-a-bible-study-for-our-time/>

## ***Welcoming Guests***

Here at Central, we have fulfilled a goal of the 2022 Strategic Plan in starting the World Heritage Readiness

task force. Regardless of the achievement of the World Heritage Status, we feel strongly that we want to expand the ways that guests can be welcomed to learn more about our history, architecture/buildings, and the living story of our 21<sup>st</sup> century ministries. Here are our plans starting this summer:

**Beginning this June, every Friday:** Old Chapel Friday Open House and Daily Text Readings, 12 - 1 p.m. Volunteers will welcome visitors, share in an explanation of the Moravian Daily Text and reading at 12:15 p.m. and offer a brief tour.

**Beginning this July, every Saturday:** Sanctuary tours. Similar to the tours piloted on Mother's Day weekend in May, we will begin Saturday tours of the Sanctuary, Time TBD.

Excited? Want to help? Currently, we are discerning if we have enough visitors to expand these tours beyond the hours and dates we have planned. We would love to have you welcome visitors and also (if desired) serve as a tour guide. Talk with Diane Shaw or Pastor Janel for more information.

## ***Meet Olivia Teel, Our City***

**Forester:** Did you know that the City of Bethlehem has a City Forester? What is the job description for a City Forester? Is it a desk job? Or is she out checking on trees in the neighborhoods, parks, and city

streets? Join us on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Nitschmann Hall for an informative meeting about how we care for trees in the City of Bethlehem. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers. *Sponsored by Central's Care for Creation Committee and the Citizens' Climate Lobby - Lehigh Valley.*

## ***A Double Installation***

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, it was announced that Pastor Janel, previously serving as pastor for congressional care and community outreach at Central had accepted the call to serve as Senior Pastor beginning April 8<sup>th</sup>. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, it was announced that our student pastor Josh Follweiler had accepted a one-year call to serve as Central's Associate Pastor. Josh will be ordained on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We are so excited to celebrate with both Pastor Janel and (soon-to-be) Pastor Josh on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> as both are installed in their new roles at 10 a.m. in the church sanctuary. A reception will follow the service.

## ***Camp Firelight Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Vacation Bible School***

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! We are looking for older youth and adults as volunteers to help. If interested,

contact Gayle at [gldimm@msn.com](mailto:gldimm@msn.com), Karen at [karen.bradley@rcn.com](mailto:karen.bradley@rcn.com) or Bob at [rwascura@gmail.com](mailto:rwascura@gmail.com). Registration forms are at the back of the Chapel and Sanctuary Amen Pews.

## ***Camp Hope Opportunities***

The Moravian Church, Eastern District camps are open and Scholarships are available from Central and the Bethlehem Area Moravian Churches. Friends are welcome! Central Scholarships (\$150) and BAM Scholarships (\$100) for a total of \$250 off a camp cost. For more details and to register: <https://www.camphope.org/> Let them know you are qualifying for a Central and BAM scholarship.

## ***Blood Donors Needed***

Miller Keystone Blood Bank is always in need of your blood. Please consider contacting them today to make an appointment and mention 0194 to credit Central Moravian Church. <https://www.giveapint.org/> Platelets are Always Needed! With a usable lifespan of only seven days, platelets are in constant demand for life-saving treatments. You can safely donate platelets every 8 days, up to 24 times per year, and it is up to people like YOU to ensure we have enough platelets for patients in our local hospitals. For more information, contact Diane Kessler, <https://www.giveapint.org/> or 1-800-B-A-Donor (223-6667).