

***This Week at Central Moravian Church  
May 26 – June 1, 2024***

Sun.	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium
Mon.	Memorial Day – Church Office Closed		
Tues.	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
Thurs.	10 am - 12 pm	Cynthia's Boutique Drop Off	Office, lower level
Sat.	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium

***Summer Worship Begins***

***Next Sunday's Worship Service—June 2***

10:00 am      Worship in the Sanctuary      Josh Follweiler

***Summer Choir – Mark Your Calendars***

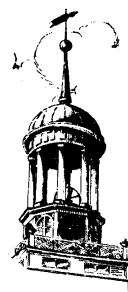
All are welcome to sing. We rehearse at 9 a.m. and sing for the 10 a.m. worship service on the following days: Sunday, June 2, Sunday, June 23, Sunday, July 7, and Sunday, August 11.

***Summer Concerts – All Are Free and Open to the Public***

- **Sunday, July 21** New Jerusalem Singers – Old Chapel 3 p.m.
- **Sunday, August 25** Chamber Vocal Concert featuring our soprano soloist, Kimberly Leamon and mezzo-soprano soloist, Kelly Schmidt – Old Chapel 2 p.m.
- **Sunday, September 15** Mainstreet Brass on the Church Green 2 p.m. (In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held indoors). No tickets necessary for any of the concerts.

***Busy Workers Had Another Successful Sale this Year!***

. We would like to say thank you to all of the volunteers, the bakers, plant diggers and those who provided the attic treasures for another successful sale. That means we can make more contributions to church causes and charities. See your annual report for our donations. – *Busy Workers' Society*



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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 26, 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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***Currents Campaign Passes the \$1 Million Mark!***

The campaign committee has received notification of a generous grant of \$100,000 from the Keystone Savings Foundation. With this, and other gifts this week, we are excited to note that we have reached \$1 million of our \$1.6 million goal. We have much to celebrate! As we remember Central's 282<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of ministry on June 30<sup>th</sup>, the campaign committee also has a celebration planned following the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will give thanks for all those who have donated, see the new grilles, and hear more about how the new system is working to provide heating, cooling and much-needed ventilation. We will also offer the chance to tour the basement and see the system up close! As we get closer to our goal, please continue to consider a donation to the campaign or sponsoring a grille by talking with Martha Jones, our stewardship coordinator in the church office.

## ***Next Sunday: Recognizing Our High School Seniors***

This is our 7<sup>th</sup> year for *Envelopes for Education*, to honor our high school graduates with a monetary gift from the congregation. Please join us next Sunday, June 2, when we will recognize and honor these seven students during our 10 a.m. summer worship service in the Sanctuary.

## ***Welcoming Guests at Central***

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 from 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, from 2 - 4 p.m.

*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.

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

Volunteers will be at the Christian Education building parking lot off of New Street, driveway adjacent to Kemerer Museum, next Sunday, June 2 (**from 9 - 11:30 a.m. summer hours**) 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. Please contact Dave Wickmann at [wickmann.david@gmail.com](mailto:wickmann.david@gmail.com).

## ***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 the Christian Education building, 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.brady@rcn.com](mailto:karen.brady@rcn.com)

or Bob at [rwascura@gmail.com](mailto:rwascura@gmail.com). Registration forms are in the Chapel and Sanctuary Amen Pews.

## ***Vol. 3 Church Mouse Book***

A new Church Mouse book is for sale for only \$7. The 3 volume set, or a group of any 3 books, is a bargain at \$15. They make excellent presents. Receipts from all sales go to the publication and printing of *The Belfry* newsletter. All volumes of Church Mouse books are available for sale at the church office during office hours.

## ***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. For more information, please contact Diane Kessler; <https://www.giveapint.org/> or 1-800-B-A-Donor (223-6667).