

## *Worship in May*

9 a.m. in the Old Chapel

10 a.m. Sunday School in the C. E. Building

11 a.m. in the Sanctuary (with unstaffed nursery)

### **May 4 – Third Sunday of Easter**

Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

### **May 11 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Christian Family Lovefeast**

Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

### **May 18 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**10 a.m. Sunday School Closing Program**

Sermon: The Rev. Josh Follweiler

### **May 25 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**One Service Only at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

**Celebration of Richard Miller, Reception to follow**

Sermon: The Rev. Josh Follweiler

## **From Pastor Janel**

“Do this whenever you eat – or whenever you drink, in remembrance of me.”

These are the words we say each Communion service, echoing Jesus’s words to his disciples at the Last Supper (Luke 22:19). Telling stories and creating rituals builds a community that remembers. But what are we remembering? As we come out of the Easter season, we have told stories and remembered Jesus’s commitment to a love – God’s LOVE – that is stronger than any of powers and principalities of the world (Romans 8:38–39). And this May and June, as we move closer to the season of Pentecost, where the church is born and disciples are sent into the world, we are reminded that we now tell this story of God’s love in a hurting world.

This was also the mission of the church mouse, who since 1998, wrote “to remind you that Jesus loves you,” sometimes using fact, fiction, or fantasy, he writes “to entertain, enlighten, and attract attention to the true message: “Jesus loves you and so do I”

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Craig Mosebach, the creator of our beloved church mouse entered God’s more immediate presence. On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary, we will remember Craig in a memorial service. But what this service will point to is the love that God has shared through the vessel of humanity, in this case, through Craig’s life. We show Jesus’s love through ways we choose to live, big and small, and treat others in the process. No one will ever hear about God’s love if it doesn’t shine through your actions, your words, and your deeds. Think about how the message of Jesus could very well have stopped after his ascension, which we remember this year on May 29<sup>th</sup>. What moved it forward? The disciples told stories. The disciples remembered. The disciples started living and acting in a movement of Jesus’s love. This movement could have been titled, “Jesus loves you and so do I”.

I’ve been reading and rereading our three volumes of “Church Mouse Anthologies,” and appreciating more and more Craig’s beautiful and gentle way of remembering Jesus’s love. I leave you with his wish for us, as shared in a 2008 Church Mouse Report.

hello

and greetings

and did you ever think you would have enough

and i am going to wish you enough

and i wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright

no matter how gray the day may appear

and i wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more

and i wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive

and everlasting

and i wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys

in life may appear bigger

and i wish you enough gain to satisfy your needs

and i wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess

and i wish you enough hellos to get you through the final

good-bye

and Jesus doesn’t make wishes he just gives you enough love

and so do i.

Thank you church mouse.



Updates from the Joint Board

By now, I’m sure you have read or heard about Josh’s acceptance into the PhD Theological program at Princeton. In the short time Josh has been with us, he has become such an integral part of the Central Moravian Church family. His warmth, leadership, and presence will be deeply missed.

At the same time, we are so excited for him and proud of what lies ahead. From the start, we knew Josh’s appointment at Central was not indefinite, and we are grateful for the time we’ve had with him.

As we look forward, the Joint Board has been thoughtfully preparing for Joshua’s potential departure. Our priorities have been twofold:

1. Supporting our Senior Pastor and the broader congregation
2. Ensuring the strength and continuity of our programming and missions, especially in Christian Education

With that, we’re thrilled to share 2 important announcements:

We have officially posted a job opening for a **permanent Director of Christian Education**. This role will provide dedicated leadership for:

- Sunday School, Friday Fun Nights, Youth Group, Adult Education and Church Family Life

Christian education is a vital part of our church community, and we believe it’s time to have someone solely focused on nurturing and expanding these programs.

We’re also excited to share that **Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller** has accepted a **part-time, short-term appointment as Pastoral Assistant**, beginning in **August** and running through **May**.

In this role, with approximately 8–10 hours/week, she will:

- Focus on Pastoral Care and Visitation
- Be on-call for pastoral care emergencies when the Senior Pastor is away
- Serve monthly communion to King’s Daughters Home
- Assist and occasionally preside over Communion and worship services at Central
- Liaison to Social Action Committee & teams

Many of us already know Betsy and the tremendous impact she’s had both at Central and beyond. For those who don’t, here’s a bit about her remarkable journey:

Betsy heard God calling her to ordained ministry in the choir loft here at Central and was ordained in the Old Chapel in 1985. She served the Lake Mills congregation in Wisconsin for 20 years. For five years, she served as Director of Congregational Leadership for the Western District before being elected President of the Provincial Elders’ Conference in 2010. She retired from that role in 2023. Since then, she volunteers as our denomination’s Ecumenical Officer,

chairs the Board of Trustees at Moravian Theological Seminary, and serves at Essentials Café. She rejoined Central last spring, sings in the choir and chairs our congregation’s World Heritage Committee. She enjoys walking, kayaking, and puttering in her garden.

We are blessed to have such incredible leaders in our community. While change always brings emotion, it also brings opportunity, and we are confident that God will lead us into this next chapter and we will continue to deepen and strengthen the life of our church.

Please join us in supporting Josh on his next steps, and in welcoming and celebrating the roles ahead for both our new Director of Christian Education (to be announced!) and Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller.

- Jennifer Ceneviva, Joint Board President

Last Month

Most of our *Belfry* articles are focused on the month ahead. In this section, we felt it was important to look back on the successes we enjoyed last month.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> Central hosted another installment of the Enslaved and Free Tour. The near record turnout was a balanced mix of Moravians and non-Moravians. The ending Q&A was filled with great questions and insights. Our thanks to Scott Gordon, Paul Peucker, Cheryl Boots, Craig Larimer and everyone on the Racial Justice Team.

Our Mental Health Team sponsored a screening of the film *Join or Die* at the ArtsQuest cinema on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The support of Central’s Prime Fund allowed ArtsQuest to “sell” free tickets. With advertising, courtesy of ArtsQuest, and a press release in the Morning Call, over 75 people attended the movie.

Perhaps there is no stronger relationship between two groups then there is between The Bach Choir of Bethlehem and Central Moravian. We are the host of the annual Bach at Noon concert series, and this year we also hosted the concert for the Bach gala. The concert featured the Thomanerchor boys choir (once conducted by J.S. Bach) from Leipzig, Germany. The 50+ boys and their chaperones were welcomed with lunch in the Christian Education building, followed by tours of the historic sites. Being from Germany, the kids were fascinated by the German roots of the Moravian church. Their performance, which was entirely acapella, was outstanding. We look forward to continued collaboration with the Bach Choir at their May festival where Central will welcome visitors to our Christian Family Lovefeast, followed by the new Cantata in Context concert at 2:30.

Envelopes for Education

It’s time for the Central Moravian Church’s Scholarships for High School Graduates! The goal is to give our teenagers a graduation grant from their church family. This year’s group of graduates includes Farrah Caldwell, Jesiah Gonzalez, Phillippa Grigsby, Lulu Mae Shipman and Liam Thomas.

It is easy to participate. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, envelopes and directions will be available at the back of the Chapel for the 9 a.m. service and then on the front pews of the Sanctuary for the 11 a.m. service. If you wish to participate, choose an envelope and directions. There is a number written on the front of the envelope, 1 is for \$1, 2 is for \$2, and so on. Please put your donation in the envelope and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office by May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Any envelopes not taken on May 5<sup>th</sup> will be available on the next two Sundays. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the Sunday chosen to recognize our graduates.

Please write your regular offering envelope number and/or your name, so that we can note this donation on your statement from the church. If you are not a member of Central, please include your name and address for our records. Thank you for your participation. Please contact Martha Jones at the church office with any questions you may have. Thank you for your participation.

- Martha Jones, Stewardship Coordinator

Busy Workers’ Sale

Join us at the Christian Education building on Saturday, May 10th from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. We’ll have lots of attic treasures, crafts, baked goods, and Moravian sugar cake inside. Plus, outside beautiful plants for sale: flowering annuals, hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, and perennials from Central members’ gardens. Don’t forget that May 11<sup>th</sup> is Mothers’ Day. You’ll find many lovely gift ideas at the sale! Your support at our sales is always appreciated! Proceeds from Busy Workers’ sales benefit Bethlehem, Lehigh Valley, worldwide causes, and church causes too.

Memorial Service for Helen Irvine

The family of Helen Irvine invites all to celebrate almost 102 years of life with a memorial service on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in the Old Chapel, with a reception to follow in the Christian Education building.

Celebrating 30 Years of Our Old Chapel Organist, Richard Miller!

86 cents. That’s the cost of eggs the year that Richard started as Old Chapel organist, in 1994! Milk was \$1.44. While we might not be pleased with the ways that our grocery prices have grown, we are so pleased with the way that the music provided for us during the 9 a.m. Old Chapel worship services have grown over the last 30 years! Richard provides not only a wonderful selection of special organ and piano music, but invites instrumentalists from the congregation to offer their musical gifts, educates us with his *Grace Notes from the Organ Bench*, and has served as the Fearless Leader of the Old Chapel choir, nurturing them into a wonderful musical and spiritual community over these years. Last month, Richard took the Chapel choir on the road as they shared music with residents of Moravian Hall Square during their afternoon service. Richard has also been a treasured colleague to Becky, assisting her by playing Christmas morning services, Holy Week services, and additional worship services when Becky is on vacation or is unable to play.

Please join us for our first summer service in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. as we recognize and honor Richard with a joint choir and special tributes, as well as with a reception following in the sanctuary.

**Did you know that Richard is also an author?** Be sure to check out his new children’s book, “Fred Snufflenose and the Baby Ducks” which details the adventures of empty eggs and missing ducklings all around Central Moravian Church and the Historic District. A wonderful gift to share, and available on Amazon and other booksellers online.

Sight & Sound Noah

Join us on a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theater to see *Noah*! Purchase your tickets for this extraordinary theatrical event. Price includes bus transportation, premium theater seating, and a buffet meal at Hershey Farm.

**Date:** Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, **Cost:** \$125 per person

Final payment is due June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. *Funding available for those in need.* For reservations, contact the church office at office@centralmoravianchurch.org or 610-866-5661.





Sunday School Closing

Our Sunday School programs have had a great year. Our new format, furniture, and amazing teachers have brought joy to everyone who participated. Children’s Sunday School regularly had double digit attendance, and our adults have done deep learning on Paul, James, and Revelation. Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end. The last day for Sunday School will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. On the 18<sup>th</sup> we will host our Sunday School closing program. The kids will sing, the teachers will talk about the students’ achievements, and “awards” will be presented. We will have light refreshments. Everyone is encouraged to come and hear about all the wonderful things that have happened in our classrooms this year.

Vacation Bible School

Get ready for a week of fun, friendship, and faith at this year’s Vacation Bible School (VBS). In this year’s program, VBS kids will go on an Alaskan adventure and as they trek across the tundra, they will learn that Jesus is always their **True North**. For those from 3 years of age through those that have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. New this year, **there will be an all-day option!** More information to follow.

**True North VBS (June 22 – 26 from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon)**  
East Hills Moravian Church  
1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA

Camp Hope

Camp Hope is the location of the Eastern District Moravian Summer Camps. Camp Hope, with its lake and 125 acres of forests, wetlands, fields, and lawns, is the perfect location for Moravian Summer Camp since 1946. Camps are available for children of all ages. Information and registration can be found below:

- Musical Theatre Camp: 6/29 – 7/5 (5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Primary Camp: 7/6 – 7/12 (3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Midler Camp: 7/13 – 7/19 (5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Junior High Camp: 7/20 – 7/26 (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Senior High Camp: 7/27 – 8/2 (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Swim Camp: 8/3 – 8/9 (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Pre-Primary Camp: 8/3 – 8/6 (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

Register for camps at <https://www.camphope.org/camp>

**Iron Pigs Baseball Outing:** Central’s annual Iron Pigs Baseball Outing will take place on Friday, June 20, with a 7:05 p.m. game time. We have 20 tickets reserved between 3<sup>rd</sup> Base and Home. The cost of the tickets is \$13 and includes a food credit. Please contact the church office to reserve your seat(s).



Congratulations, Mitchell!

So proud of Central member Mitchell Davis, first year student at Ursinus College, for receiving All American honors in his NCAA Championship debut on pole vault after clearing the bar at 4.90 meters. Way to go Mitchell!

Moravian Academy Community Service

From getting our hands dirty, to making something sweet, every month’s Community Service block with Moravian Academy middle schoolers has been both fun and rewarding to serve our community. In April, we provided random acts of kindness with decorated cookies for janitors, security, administrators, and lunch helpers who usually don’t get recognized. In March, under the guidance of Barry Pell, these students helped to move antique items from the sanctuary to our new preservation room (Pat Smith room) in the church basement. We hope that our last time together in May will bring us a field trip to Essentials Café to learn more about their mission and help to do some cleaning for them. Thanks Moravian Academy for your help in serving the community!

Congrats to Alysa Jones  
A Medalist At this Year’s Special Olympics

We are so excited for Central member Alysa Jones, daughter of Annie and Dave Jones, who returned home this March with not one but TWO BRONZE Medals in the Giant Slalom and Slalom skiing events in the Special Olympics in Italy!

Updates on Our Minister of Music

We are so proud to see our Minister of Music, Becky Lepore, continue her seminary studies as she pursues ordination in the Moravian Church. One of the requirements is supervised ministry (student pastoring) in a church outside of your “home” (or in Becky’s case — “working”) environment. This gives the student an opportunity to grow into their pastoral identity and to practice worship leadership skills.

With the approval of the leadership of Central Moravian Church, Becky will be taking a summer 2025 sabbatical of reduced hours from Sunday morning worship at Central Moravian Church during the months of June and August. Becky will spend ten weeks (20 hours per week, including Sunday mornings) in an intensive internship at Nazareth Moravian Church. This internship will provide her opportunity to preach and participate in worship leadership. Becky will continue to work at Central during weekdays and will be available for worship planning, non-Sunday events such as memorial services and special music needs, and other meetings and rehearsals at Central. She will then be back with us this September, fulfilling a bulk of her supervised ministry requirement. In addition, Becky will be here for some of the key Sundays this summer including our July 6<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion and Pastor Josh’s last Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

We are excited to welcome Luke DiGiacinto, a former organ student of Becky Lepore, who is getting his Master’s Degree in Organ Performance from Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore to play for the Sundays that Becky is not available. He will be here starting June 1<sup>st</sup> and leaving August 17<sup>th</sup>. This opportunity will give a valuable internship to Luke, building his own resumé, as well as enhancing our worship. When Luke returns to school, we look forward to welcoming Richard Miller to lead us at the end of August. We continue to pray for Becky’s growth and leadership as not only our minister of music, but a gift to the future of pastoral leadership within the Moravian Church. Becky’s anticipated graduation from Moravian Theological Seminary is May 2026.

Morning Bible Study

In the early 1970’s a few men gathered in the early morning for an hour of studying the Bible at a time that would enable them to get to work by 9 a.m. The group grew over the years and still exists today known as Men’s Bible Study. The workforce has changed since then and so has the group. In response to a recent inquiry, the men decided there was no reason this early morning gathering should be limited to men. Many women may find the time convenient for them as the men did 50 years ago.

Morning Bible Study meets at 7:15 on Wednesday mornings for coffee, light morning refreshment, and conversation. The sessions begin at 7:30 and end with prayer at 8:30. If the time is still a little early for you to be there in person the advent of Zoom makes it possible to join members on-line from as far away as Winston-Salem, North Carolina and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Each Wednesday morning in Nitschmann Hall in the lower level of the Christian Education building, there is a lively discussion of the Bible by members who are life-long students of the Bible and theology as well as lay people and pastors from a variety of faiths and congregations.

If you are interested in a group study of the Bible and the time is right for you, please contact Dave Wickmann at 610-730-1650 or [wickmann.david@gmail.com](mailto:wickmann.david@gmail.com) for more information or just show up. We’ll have the lights on and the coffee brewing.

Ruthie the Church Mouse

I went to busy worker sale this year,  
They didn’t notice my presence there,  
I’m so tiny that I slipped right by,  
But the sale was so wonderful, I just cannot lie!  
I showed up the next week with a thimble and thread,  
The thimble was so big it fit over my head,  
A nice lady taught me how to sew,  
It was quite a lot of work for someone with a height so low  
But I found why I was meant to go  
It seemed the place for me, was bringing people cheese,  
To keep them full while they crafted,  
So we were happy while the cheese lasted,  
Then I went to the store to get some more,  
And found that not the cashier nor  
The mouse traps that I don’t adore,  
Are as caring as my Central Church community  
Who could ask for more?  
  
Wherever you are in your faith journey,  
Whatever your identity may be,  
And no matter how small you are,  
You are always welcome here!

-Ruthie the Church Mouse



Endowments at Central:  
Recognition & Gratitude

Creating an endowment at Central is important to making a lasting impact upon the future preservation, ministry, and outreach of our congregation. Endowments give life to ministries like music and education, fund the preservation of our historic buildings, and provide resources to help support the ministries of outreach and action in our greater community. They are meaningful ways to honor or remember a loved one in a tangible act of faithful giving. Some endowments are created for specific causes, others are unrestricted gifts that help our Board of Trustees respond to unforeseen opportunities in the future. We recognize the generosity of generations who have gone before us.

There are two endowments that have been set up over the past several years: the Stanley R. & Catherine M. Woltjen Endowed Music Fund and the Bishop C. Hopeton Clennon Memorial Endowment for Social Action.

The Clennon Endowment is a generous gift from Central members who work with the social action committee and who saw a need and realized that this social action endowment would be so appreciated by Hopeton himself. Some funds were recently used to support the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration jointly held with the Second Baptist Church in Bethlehem.

The Woltjen Endowment was a generous gift from their son, John, a member of Central. The income generated from the fund will be used to support the music program with particular attention to the special music of the church, especially during the Christmas and Lenten seasons. We are blessed to use income generated from this generous fund to support the music ministry by covering the cost of Mainstreet Brass to play on Easter Sunday.

Thanks to the creation of these endowments, the preservation, ministry, and outreach will continue to support the future of Central Moravian Church.

Currents Campaign Update

**We’re breathing easier—literally!** Thanks to the newly installed HVAC system in the sanctuary, the air is fresh, clean, and comfortable for all. This major improvement would not have been possible without the generosity of our community.

A heartfelt thank you to the 267 members and friends who have pledged to support this project, and to the 219 who have already fulfilled their pledges.

**Are we finished? Not quite.** Our goal is to raise \$1.6 million, and so far we’ve received \$1,292,834.04 in pledges and \$1,072,033.07 in payments.

If you haven’t yet made a pledge—or are ready to complete one—it’s not too late to make a difference. **Every gift, no matter the size, brings us one step closer to our goal.**

Thank you for helping us keep our sanctuary a welcoming and comfortable space for all.

Frank Crouch Guest Preaching & Lectures

When it comes to race and racism, Moravians have our own stories of villains and heroes, complacency and prophecy, complicity and resistance. Moravian archival records, both North and South, reveal a long-term insider view of the actions and decisions of church leaders, congregations, agencies, and Synods. Some of these have lain dormant, without public discussion, for decades or centuries. We’ll explore some of the lowlights and highlights of what Moravians have done—for worse and for better—with respect to slavery, segregation, and discrimination. These sometimes sobering, sometimes inspiring stories offer both a lens and a mirror, as we look at “them” then and ourselves now.

Rev. Dr. Frank Crouch will be our guest preacher on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will present his two-part lecture series on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Dr. Frank L. Crouch retired in 2021 after 25 years at Moravian Theological Seminary—19 of those years as Vice-President and Dean and Professor of New Testament. He grew up in Greensboro, NC as a member of First Moravian Church, was ordained in 1980, and was consecrated Presbyter in 1986. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1977, BA, English), Moravian Theological Seminary (1980, MDiv), and Duke University (1996, PhD, New Testament Studies). He serves on the Southern Province Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural, & Ethnic Reconciliation. Frank lives in Bethlehem, where he enjoys research, movies, music, occasional dark chocolate, and daily walks with his wife Audrey West and their dog, Halo (not necessarily in that order).

Special May Offering Envelope

**Maintenance of Church Campus (May 25):** Gifts given with this envelope go to reimburse expenses for maintaining the buildings and grounds of Central Church. Such as: the Sanctuary, Chapel, Parsonage, and Church Office. Maintenance and utility expenses for the Christian Education building are shared with Moravian Academy. Examples of some of the maintenance expenses are: cutting the grass, snow removal, plumbing repairs, HVAC repairs, cleaning the gutters, and housekeeping.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Use Less Plastic

- Food waste is a huge problem, costly to consumers and a contributor to methane when food winds up in our landfills. But ‘sell by’ and ‘best by’ dates are confusing. Eat it? Or toss it out? Get a better understanding of food expiration dates. Here’s a website to get you started: <https://www.webmd.com/diet/features/do-food-expiration-dates-matter>
- And while we’re on the subject of ‘fresh’ food, May is the month when many Farmers’ Markets open up for the season. Shop local and support our local growers! Check out this website: <https://www.buylocalglv.org>
- And after purchasing all those fresh fruits and vegetables, do you know the best way to store them? Refrigerate? Or not? Temperature, air flow, and ethylene gas are the 3 factors to help determine the ‘staying power’ of your produce. Check out this article from Wirecutter in the *New York Times*. . . .and keep your apples away from your lemons! <https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/blog/keep-your-produce-fresh/>
- Have your air conditioner checked and cleaned for the summer. And seal your air ducts. Leaky air ducts can reduce a cooling system’s efficiency by 30%. Sealing and insulating ducts make it easier for your AC to keep your home cool. Avoid extra air-conditioning costs by closing off rooms that are not in use.
- Planting a vegetable garden? Try the “3 Sisters” method for planting corn, beans, and squash. And, at harvest time, remember to donate extras to neighbors and Central’s Food Pantry! <https://www.nativeseeds.org/blogs/blog-news/how-to-grow-a-three-sisters-garden>
- Switch to LED light bulbs. They are energy and cost efficient, durable and environmentally friendly.

Stewardship One-Liner

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you are called in one body. And be thankful.  
*Colossians 3:15*

Musical Notes

Rebecca Lepore, Minister of Music  
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QR Code for the Central Moravian Church Music Webpage



**Central Moravian Church Choir** rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

**Central Brass Ensemble** will play for the 11 a.m. worship services on May 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in playing with the Central Brass Ensemble, please contact Caitlin Heckman at [caitlin.g.heckman@gmail.com](mailto:caitlin.g.heckman@gmail.com) for further information.

**SATORI** – The rescheduled Super Bowl Concert that was canceled because of ice will be presented on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in the Old Chapel. No tickets needed. Free-will offering.

**Sunday School Choir** will sing for the 9 a.m. worship on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Johnston Festival Concert** will be held on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. All singers are invited. A summer rehearsal schedule will be available in the June *Belfry*.

**Music Trip to Philadelphia** – On Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Central’s Music Ministry is organizing a bus trip to Philadelphia to tour the historic Old Christ Church and Cemetery, attend the Philadelphia Orchestra performance of Beethoven’s 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony, and enjoy some free time in between. The bus will leave at approximately

7:30 a.m., and will return to Bethlehem following the end of the 2:00 performance. Cost is \$150 – transportation, tickets, water, and snacks are provided. Please contact Becky Lepore if you are interested in signing up.

**Music Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

Thank You Pastor Tim and  
Croton Falls Community Church

We are always grateful to our friends at Croton Falls Community Church in New York for worshipping with us, and in April for leading us through the tradition of Ukrainian Egg dying. Pastor Tim recently shared a thank you to the candlemakers for teaching them the tradition of candle making and trimming. He writes about another new tradition at Croton Falls, creating an Essentials Program which connects adults with special needs in the larger community. Thank you Pastor Tim and Croton Falls for your continued partnership and friendship!



## The Belfry

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## May Birthdays

1 Pat Eisenhart	13 Martha Griffis	22 Chuck Post
1 Susan Trimble	13 Deborah Brown	22 Ashley Pearce
1 Karen Brady	13 Amy Santanasto	23 Susan Schlack
1 Annmarie Schippang	13 Kim Kane	23 W Scott Ingraham
1 Kale Baker	13 Abigail Lichtenwalner	24 Litty Hado
1 Aidan Behr	13 Gregory Derbak	24 Dick Williams
1 Brody Charles	14 Marlene Troxell	24 Liz Lychak
3 Jackson Mlimuka	14 Beth Brevik	24 Josiah Adams
3 Raymond Midlam	15 Louisa Frey	24 Luke Shimko
4 Jewel Bonser	15 James Vespoli	24 Gianna Schippang
4 Caitlin Heckman	16 Erica Moses	25 Stephen Clendenning
6 Dorothea Lovis	16 Charles Gold	26 Ron Flowers Jr
7 Laura Ridge	17 Raymond Holton	26 Abby DePalma
7 Patricia Mills	17 Janel Rice	27 Bonnie Kelleher
7 Daria Kret	17 Kristy Eckhart	27 Janice Benner
7 Gabriella Toedter	17 Sophie Freund	27 Cavan Haas
8 Lucy Thomas	18 Everett Oren	27 Hannah Recchiuti-Quier
9 Michael Pragheimer	18 Don Brown	28 Lou Leposa
9 Nicholas Rockwell	18 Bill Hoffman	28 Barbara Vernooy
9 Leah Shields	18 Val Antonelli	29 Shirley Matlock
10 Becky Husseinzadeh	18 Lisa Becker	29 Belle Endress
10 Carol Delbridge	18 Kaylyn George	29 Cassia Dever
11 Jennifer Gifford	19 Elke Rockwell	30 Andrea DeCarlo
11 John Kintzer	19 Eliana Reichert	30 Elizabeth Trostle
11 Mabel Makovsky	20 Elizabeth Reed	30 Graydon Wascura
12 Edward Stehly	20 Abigail Jezick	31 David Hittinger
12 Joan Krem	21 C Jayne Trent	31 Ruth Ferrey
12 Carlos Fontanez	21 Sarah Lernerman	31 Andie Lynn Silvius
12 Abigail Tubio	22 Jane Persa	

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March 21 - David Beckwith

March 23 - Margaret Rowland

April 8 - Craig Mosebach