

***This Week at Central Moravian Church  
May 18 – 24, 2025***

Sun.	10:00 am	Sunday School Closing Program	Nitschmann Hall
	12:00 pm	Committee Leaders Meeting	Nitschmann Hall
	2:00 pm	SATORI Concert	Chapel
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium
Mon.	7:00 pm	Moravian Women	Zoom
Tues	9:30 am	Ladies Sewing Society	Office, Conf. Room
	10:00 am	Awakened Hearts	Zoom
	7:00 pm	Christian Ed Committee	Zoom
Wed.	7:15 am	Morning Bible Study	Nitschmann Hall
	9:30 am	Busy Workers' Society	Chapel, lower level
	12:30 pm	Knitting Group	Office, Conf. Room
	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees	Zoom
Thurs.	10 am - 12 pm	Cynthia's Boutique Drop Off	Office, lower level
	7:00 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	7:30 am	Music trip to Philadelphia	College Hill Lot
	8:30 - 11:30 am	Food Pantry Distribution	Office, lower level
	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Tours	Chapel/Sanctuary
Sat.	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Tours	Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium

***Summer Worship Begins Next Sunday – May 25  
Richard Miller's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration***

10:00 am      Worship in the Sanctuary      Josh Follweiler

***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. Cost of the tickets is \$13 and includes a food credit. Please contact the church office to reserve your seat(s).



***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 18, 2025***

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 at the end of the pew in the Chapel or in the pew racks in the Sanctuary. 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.

Chapel restrooms are located on the lower level. 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).

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***Sunday School Closing Program***

Today's the last day of Sunday School. 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.

***SATORI Concert Today***

Join us today at 2 p.m. in the Chapel. – Two Part Invention – Plus Two! A fun hour of enjoyable chamber music featuring flute, violin, cello, and guitar. No tickets required. Free-will offering.

***Richard Miller's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration as Chapel Organist***

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

### ***Penny Challenge Update***

This is the final week for our Penny Challenge collection. The chapel had a commanding lead, but the sanctuary closed the gap last week. The chapel now leads the sanctuary by only 5,000 points, 14542 to 9494. Who will emerge victorious? Remember, all donations benefit your team, and the money raised will go towards our HVAC *Currents* Campaign. Check our Constant Contact to see who wins.

### ***Envelopes for Education***

Envelopes for Education is a program to offer high school graduates a gift from their church family. We still have envelopes available to pick up today. Donations by cash, check or electronic giving are due to the church office by May 22. June 1 will be the presentation Sunday. Thanks for your participation.

### ***Guest Preacher & 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. The 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> in the Christian Education building.

### ***Dining Out Group Update***

Update for the Tuesday, June 3 Dining Out Group. The location has changed to McCall Collective Brewing Co, 102 E Susquehanna St., Allentown, PA 18103. Specialty burgers and delicious sides, along with a variety of vegetarian entrees and salads. Large selection of beers, ciders, and local premium wines to complement their meals. Please RSVP to the church office.

### ***Vacation Bible School (VBS)***

VBS takes place Monday - Friday, June 23 - 27 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. For ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade (completed). The theme is “True North... Finding our way in a world gone wild!” We are now also offering an optional afternoon program: *Mad Science*. This program is available for children who have attended the morning session. It is an extension of our VBS program. There is a limited enrollment available for this program. Location: East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem PA  
**TIME:** 1 - 4 p.m. Children will need to bring a lunch and will eat between noon and 1 p.m.

**COST:** \$70 per child. Payment must be received to confirm *Mad Science* registration. Payment can be made by sending a check (VBS in the memo line) to East Hills Moravian Church.

### ***Camp Hope Opportunities***

Camp Hope is the location of the Eastern District Moravian Summer Camps. With its lake and 125 acres of forests, wetlands, fields, and lawns, it is the perfect location for Moravian Summer Camp since 1946. Camps are available for children of all ages. Scholarships available (BAM: \$300 and Central \$150) More information and registration via the link below.  
<https://www.camphope.org/camp>

### ***Sight and Sound “Noah”***

Purchase your tickets for this extraordinary theatrical event. Price includes bus transportation, premium seating at Sight & Sound *Noah* and gourmet buffet on Thurs., August 14.

- 8:00 a.m. departure at Gemeinhaus, 66 West Church Street, Bethlehem
- 6:00 p.m. return; ample parking in Central's upper parking lot.
- Cost: 12 and up is \$125; Children 6 - 12 are \$65
- Payment due: June 1, 2025

*Funding is available for individuals in need.* RSVP to the church office.

### ***Tour Guides & Greeters Needed***

Tours of the Chapel and Sanctuary take place on Fridays and Saturdays from 2 - 4 p.m. We count on the time and talent of our volunteers to offer hospitality as we tell the story of

our vibrant faith and witness, both today and in the past. The sign-up genius link below is available for you to sign up for shifts throughout the spring. [tinyurl.com/centraltours](https://tinyurl.com/centraltours)

### ***Blankets and Envelopes***

If you wish to make electronic donations to Blanket Sunday and/or Envelopes for Education you can do that on the church website donate page. The link below takes you directly to the Moravian Ministries Foundation for Central. Use the text box to tell us what your donation is to benefit. Thanks for your support.  
[https://mmfa.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit\\_id=1199](https://mmfa.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1199)

### ***Hiring for a New Position***

Striving to continue our growth and focus on Christian Education for children, youth and adults, we are thrilled to post a new position hire: Director of Christian Education. Please share this and encourage people who have an interest in growing the faith of our children, youth and adults, and enhancing the fellowship of a loving and inclusive church community.  
<https://www.centralmoravianchurch.org/employment-opportunity/>

### ***Contact Information Updates***

If you have any contact information updates, please reach out to the church office. Also, please take a few moments to confirm that we have your correct emergency contact information on file at the office.