

***This Week at Central Moravian Church
May 25 – 31, 2025***

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	Morning 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
Fri.	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Tours	Chapel
Sat.	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Tours	Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium

Next Sunday's Worship Service – June 1, 2025

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Frank Crouch

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary Rev. Dr. Frank Crouch

Envelopes for Education

Thank you to all who made donations to this program. All the envelopes have been picked up! If you would still like to make a donation to this year's program, please feel free to do so.

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 3rd Base and Home. Cost of the tickets is \$13 and includes a food credit. Please contact the church office to reserve your seat(s).

Busy Workers' Thank You

Busy Workers had another successful sale this year. They 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 they can make more contributions to church causes and charities.



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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, May 25, 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's Card, which you will find in the pew racks. Activity bags are available for children and an unstuffed 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).

The Rev. Dr. Frank Crouch – 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 1st and will present his two-part lecture series on Wednesday, June 4 and Wednesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. in the Christian Education building, lower level. Both lectures will also be available through Zoom; the links are below:

Lecture 1: June 4th at 7 p.m. – <https://tinyurl.com/4f44tk45>

Lecture 2: June 11th at 7 p.m. – <https://tinyurl.com/4m9ykdut>

Confirmation Meeting: June 1

Confirmation is a rite by which persons baptized as children publicly affirm the covenant made for them in baptism and join the church as an adult member, and a time that our congregation affirms this important step of their faith journey. Meetings will include both a time to learn more about the Bible, their faith journey and Moravian living heritage, as well as field trips to visit other faiths and explore the ways Central serves the greater community. Maybe now more than ever, it is vital for our young people to know that they are loved by God and a community outside of their immediate family, and we encourage all youth ages 12-16 who haven't been confirmed to consider joining next year's class. An important planning meeting will occur next Sunday, June 1 at 11:15 a.m. (right after the 10 a.m. worship service) in the Kleiner Saal (2nd floor) of the Sanctuary for parents and youth to review a potential calendar, establish best meeting times, and answer any questions. If you or your young person is interested, but unable to attend, talk with Pastor Janel (janel@centralmoravianchurch.org). Siblings can also be eligible if desired.

TREX Volunteers Needed

The TREX Plastic Challenge has moved into its 5th year, gathering single-use plastic bags and plastic film, keeping it out of the landfill, and using it to produce TREX plastic decking and outdoor furniture. We collect plastic on the 1st Sunday of each

month. We adjust our hours during the summer months, working from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the CE Kitchen and parking lot. We're looking for some new people to learn the fine points of plastic collection. On the job training is provided. We have interesting conversations, talk about good books/good movies/good restaurants, and solve all the world's problems... all while sorting and stuffing plastic. Contact Joan Carson (610-346-8012 or jec1@lehigh.edu) or Elke Rockwell (elr2@lehigh.edu or 610-216-3803) if you're interested or have any questions. Thanks!

Food Pantry Volunteers

The Food Pantry is shorthanded as some of their faithful volunteers are on vacation. They are looking for more summer volunteers. Client days are: the 1st and 4th Fridays, and the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 8:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (July 5th instead of the 4th). If interested and willing to help, please contact Janice at 610-984-7502 or Connie at 508-317-0826.

Drive-By Drop-Off Donations

Volunteers will be at the Christian Education building parking lot off of New Street next Sunday, June 1 from **9:30 - 11:30 a.m. (summer hours)** to receive donations for the Food Pantry and TREX plastic challenge. Items requested: evaporated milk, spaghetti sauce, jelly/jam, cereal and any other items you wish to donate.

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 Street, Allentown, PA 18103. Specialty sandwiches 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 contact the church office to reserve your spot.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS takes place Monday - Friday, June 23 - 27 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. For ages 3 to 5th 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 are available (BAM: \$300 and Central: \$150) More info and registration via 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. Please RSVP to the church office.

Job Opportunity

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/>