

## ***This Week at Central Moravian Church - June 1 – 7, 2025***

Sun.	9:30 -11:30 am	Drive By Drop Off Donations	C. E., Parking Lot
	11:15 am	Confirmation Meeting	Kleiner Saal
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium
Mon.	4:00 pm	Racial Justice Committee	Zoom
	7:00 pm	Care for Creation Committee	Zoom
Tues	6:00 pm	Dining Group Event	McCall Collective
Wed.	7:15 am	Morning Bible Study	Nitschmann Hall
	9:30 am	Busy Workers' Society	Chapel, lower level
	4:00 pm	Communications Committee	Office, Conf. Room
	7:00 pm	Rev. Dr. Frank Crouch Lecture	Nitschmann Hall
Thurs.	10 am - 12 pm	Cynthia's Boutique Drop Off	Office, lower level
	4:00 pm	Membership Committee	Office, Conf. Room
Fri.	8:30 - 11:30 am	Food Pantry Distribution	Office, lower level
	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Tours	Chapel & Sanctuary
Sat.	11:00 am	Helen Irvine Memorial Service	Chapel
		Reception Following	Nitschmann Hall
	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Tours	Chapel & Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium

### ***Next Sunday's Worship Service – June 8***

#### ***Holy Communion for Pentecost***

10:00 am      Worship in the Sanctuary      Janel Rice

### ***Summer Volunteers at the Food Pantry***

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

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

Volunteers will be at the Christian Education building parking lot off of New Street today from **9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (summer hours)** to receive donations for the Food Pantry and Trex plastic challenge.



## ***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.

### ***Worship and Program Highlights—Sunday, June 1, 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 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).

### ***The Rev. Dr. Frank Crouch Two-Part Lecture Series***

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 present his two-part lecture series on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Christian Education building, lower level (40 W. Church Street). Both lectures will also be available through Zoom via the links below:

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

Lecture 2: June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. – <https://tinyurl.com/4m9ykdt>

### ***Confirmation Meeting Today***

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 occurs today at 11:15 a.m. (right after the 10 a.m. worship service) in the Kleiner Saal (second 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](mailto:janel@centralmoravianchurch.org)). Siblings can also be eligible if desired.

### ***TREX Volunteers Needed***

The TREX Plastic Challenge has moved into its 5<sup>th</sup> 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 first 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](mailto:jec1@lehigh.edu)) or Elke Rockwell ([elr2@lehigh.edu](mailto:elr2@lehigh.edu) or 610-216-3803) if you're interested or have any questions. Thanks!

### ***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 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 RSVP to the church office.

### ***Sing with the Summer Choir***

Summer Choir is open to all singers in the congregation. We will rehearse and sing in the Sanctuary balcony on the following Sunday dates:

June 8: meet at 9 a.m. /worship at 10  
July 6: meet at 9 a.m./worship at 10  
July 27: meet at 9 a.m./worship at 10

### ***Upcoming Juneteenth Events***

Juneteenth is a holiday celebrated on June 19<sup>th</sup> commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. It marks the day in 1865 when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and all slaves were free. Juneteenth events in the Lehigh Valley include:

**-Juneteenthfest:** June 14 (2 - 9 p.m.) at ArtsQuest.

**-Juneteenth Parade:** June 22 (3 p.m.) in Easton Center Square.

For more information on Juneteenth events in the Lehigh Valley, please visit: <https://juneteenthlv.org/>

### ***Iron Pigs Baseball Outing***

Central's Iron Pigs Baseball Outing will take place on Friday, June 20, with a 7:05 p.m. game time. **We have three tickets available 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 RSVP.

### ***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 memo line) to East Hills Moravian Church.

### ***Sight and Sound "Noah" Trip***

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 contact the church office to reserve your spots.

### ***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). For more info and registration, visit: <https://www.camphope.org/camp>