

## ***This Week at Central Moravian Church - June 8 – 14, 2025***

Sun.	After Services 5:00 pm	Fair Trade Coffee Sale AA	NE corner Sanctuary Benigna Auditorium
Mon.	5:00 pm	Personnel Committee	Zoom
Tues	6:00 pm	Board of Elders	Office, Conf. Room
Wed.	7:15 am 9:30 am 3:00 pm 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Morning Bible Study Busy Workers' Society Buildings & Grounds Johnston Rehearsal soprano/alto Rev. Dr. Frank Crouch Lecture	Nitschmann Hall Chapel, lower level Zoom Sanctuary Nitschmann Hall
Thurs.	10 am - 12 pm 1:30 pm	Cynthia's Boutique Drop Off 20 Minute Society	Office, lower level Office, Conf. Room
Fri.	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Tours	Chapel & Sanctuary
Sat.	8:30 - 11:30 am 2:00 - 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Food Pantry Distribution Tours AA	Office, lower level Chapel & Sanctuary Benigna Auditorium

### ***Next Sunday's Worship Service – June 15***

10:00 am      Worship in the Sanctuary      Josh Follweiler

### ***Fair Trade Coffee Sale Today***

We are offering coffee, tea, and chocolate for sale today after our worship service. Our table will be in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary.

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

The Food Pantry is shorthanded 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.

***Tour Guides & Greeters:*** Chapel and Sanctuary tours 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. If you would like to help, please sign up at this link: [tinyurl.com/centraltours](https://tinyurl.com/centraltours)



## ***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, June 8, 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).

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### ***The Rev. Dr. Frank Crouch Lecture***

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 part two of his lecture series on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Christian Education building, lower level (40 W. Church Street). The lecture will also be available through Zoom via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/4m9ykdu>

### ***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:

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

### ***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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Contact Joan Carson (610-346-8012 or [jecl1@lehigh.edu](mailto:jecl1@lehigh.edu)) or Elke Rockwell ([elr2@lehigh.edu](mailto:elr2@lehigh.edu) or 610-216-3803) if you're interested or have questions.

### ***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, visit: <https://juneteenthlv.org/>

### ***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 2 tickets left** 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).

### ***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.

### ***July Dining Out Group***

On Tuesday, July 1 at 6 p.m., Central's Dining Out Group will visit the Point Phillips Hotel. It's a short drive (5 miles) north of Bath at 943 Point Phillips Road, Bath, PA 18014. Dating to 1857, this laid-back tavern serves steaks, seafood and BBQ amid country decor and Americana. Car pooling will be available. Please contact the church office to RSVP.

### ***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). Register 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 2025

*Funding is available for individuals in need.* Please contact the church office to reserve your spots.

### ***Volunteer Opportunity***

We are in need of a volunteer to work at New Bethany Mollard Meal Center. The need is for the third Tuesday (9:30 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m.). Volunteers prep the meal components and the serve the meal to clients. There are usually 3 or 4 members on the team. Please contact Margaret Krawiec (610-751-2441) or Joan Carson (610-346-8012). Thank you for considering this request.

### ***Thank You from Richard Miller***

It was an incredible feeling to be surrounded by your love and good wishes on May 25, as we celebrated together my 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Old Chapel Organist. I felt as though I greeted every one of you who was there. It was especially meaningful to make a connection and talk with each of you. Thank you for your kind and gracious comments, and for your cards and notes, which I am still receiving. And wasn't the cake delicious?

### ***Bulletin Sponsorships***

A few Sundays are available for bulletin sponsorship in the coming months. The donation is \$60. Please reserve your date with Martha Jones at the church office. July 27, August 17 & 31, September 14, 21 & 28, October 19 & 26, November 2, December 7, 14 & 28. Thank you for your support!