

Worship in September

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)

September 7 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 & 11 a.m. worship and 10 a.m. Sunday School Begins

Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

September 14 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Volunteer Recognition Sunday

Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

September 21 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Inquirers' Classes Begin

Sermon: The Rev. David Sommers

September 28 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Festival of the Children Lovefeast

11 a.m. Celebrating Senior Adults

Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

From Pastor Janel – It Takes a Village!

There's two ways to approach a difficult situation or a busy time or a murky chaos. I can't do this. OR I can't do this alone.

"I can't do this" assumes that you were the only one who could do it. There was no community around you, no people to support you. It also, at its heart, negates the presence of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

"I can't do this alone" With that one word - alone - we recognize our dependence. And dependence isn't a bad thing! It means that we were created to be in community; to be helped and to help each other. Dependence means that we recognize we are not God - we are not the creators of this world, but we are a beloved part of God's creation.

For much of my life, I've operated with a response, "I can do that!" It's a sign of a leader and one excited about a mission to have this curious, engaged and positive response. But when difficulties come, the natural reaction would be then, "I can't do this."

What happens if we change the response, "We can do this" and find the ways that others can help, and we can take new endeavors, difficult journeys, etc. to God in prayer? When times are tough, will our response be then, "I can't do this alone" reminded of the community that surrounds us?

As I write this, we have just gathered for lunch at the end of July with our wonderful Central Church staff. This was a bittersweet gathering, saying goodbye to our beloved Associate Pastor Josh Follweiler. But as I looked around the table, I saw the diverse talents and gifts from music, administrative leadership, organization skills, facilities management, attention to keeping our buildings and grounds clean, AND creative and loving hearts to brainstorm with. And I realized – despite whatever comes our way – I never have to do this alone.

Let me highlight the work of Mike Repsher this summer who has worked with the gifted lay leaders in our Buildings and Grounds committee to keep our campus and buildings safe, well-preserved and beautiful! The Belfry's wood railing is now repaired and painted, and our bell is ringing again each hour. Did you know that the Belfry houses America's oldest continuously running clock? The Old Chapel steps, after a careful process to find the right mason for the job, are now rebuilt and safe again to use! The Church Green has been better cared for with new sod, more places to sit and a Landscaping/ Gardening committee that is ready to attack any weed!

There are not enough pages in this newsletter to list all the ways that our Central village cares for each other, our historic structures and the greater community in outreach and service. I am thrilled to welcome two new part-time staff members – Linda de Vries as our Children's Ministry Director and Betsy Miller as our Pastoral Assistant to help us on staff. There aren't enough hymns of praise to express my gratitude for a Creator who has blessed us with diverse gifts and the life we are given. I am so privileged to honestly say, It takes a village and I never have do this alone!

Sunday School Begins for All Ages – Sept. 7

We enjoyed an engaging Sunday School at 10 a.m. with classes for toddlers/Pre-K, elementary, and adults last year, and started a Children's Choir that met from 9:30 - 10 a.m. as the children were excused from the 9 a.m. Worship before the sermon. **Good News! It continues with MORE!**

Here's what you will find when you come this September!

9 a.m. Old Chapel Worship. This worship service includes a children's message, and children's packets and bulletins. (Children's packets are also available at our 11 a.m. Sanctuary worship - look in the nursery in the West Room or ask a sacristan). Children of all ages, if parents choose, are dismissed after the children's message (around 9:30 a.m.) to attend Children's Choir with our Choir leader, Linda de Vries and helpers. Parents are always welcome to accompany their child if desired.

10 a.m.:

Pre-K (ages 2 – Pre-K): 1st floor, C. E. building classroom. This classroom is filled with age-appropriate Pre-K toys, and our morning will start with a short lesson or book, songs or simple craft and end with time to play together. Courtney Weikert, teacher and Ruth Ferrey, helper.

Lower Elementary: Lower level, C. E. building classroom. With wonderful decorations for our younger children starting in kindergarten, this class will engage using "Holy Moly" curriculum, featuring animated Bible story retellings and creative activities to follow the themes. Kelly Ahn and Lynne Brolly, teachers.

Upper Elementary: Lower level, C. E. building (former library). Come see our newly designed space for the older children with fun furniture coming soon! This class will be using Re:Form, a tween based retelling with humor and a chance for journaling, creative thinking, etc. Gayle Dimmick and Karen Brady, teachers.

Adults: The Adult class, led by Dr. Brigidda Zapatta, New Testament professor at Moravian Theological Seminary, is an informal and engaging look at Bible study and also some series. They enjoy the comfy chairs and couches in Zinzendorf Parlor (library) in the lower level of the C. E. building, and ALWAYS take time to make a cup of coffee or tea in the kitchen first! You are welcome whenever - no commitment needed. This is a great way to engage in more Bible study and discussion before or after worship on a Sunday morning.

New this year: Zinzendorf Library! Did you know we have an amazing library with a full collection of Moravian history and theology books as well as incredible contemporary books around a variety of religious topics? It has been moved to the former Zinzendorf Parlor, where the adult Sunday School

class will meet, and will be open for you to browse from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Before or after worship every Sunday). Our new librarian, Kim Shively, has been hard at work organizing books – come check it out!

What else is happening for Children and Youth?

Friday Fun Night takes place on the 3rd Friday of every month, from 6 – 8 p.m. Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade gather in the Christian Education building, lower level (40 W. Church Street) for a time of games, stories, food, music, and crafts. We also welcome children between two and four. Our younger children will have their own free play and story time while joining the older kids for the food and age-appropriate games. For more information, contact Linda de Vries at lindadev@rcn.com.

Don't forget – Confirmation year started this August: Confirmation is generally opened to 8th graders or older youth who were not confirmed in 8th grade. If younger siblings in 6th or 7th wish to join, we can be open to this opportunity. It is a one year commitment, with about twice a month gatherings either for service or learning sessions. Please talk with Pastor Janel for more details.

Children's Ministry Director

I'm excited to begin serving as your Children's Ministry Director! As a child, I was fortunate to attend a vibrant Sunday school class, as well as vacation bible school. I enjoyed sitting in the pew next to my Grandmother, watching the adults worship. I know those experiences were so important in beginning my Christian journey. Now I look forward to passing on that same loving foundation in Christ that I enjoyed. As a teacher, I spent 36 years teaching general music and directing choirs in both elementary and middle schools. I also taught private piano lessons and led small group ministries for all ages. I pray that my experience and passion for teaching will be useful here at Central Moravian.

~ Linda de Vries

Another Amazing Vacation Bible School

With thanks to Central volunteers Karen Brady, Linda de Vries, Bob Wascura, Kelly Ahn, Gayle Dimmick and numerous teen helpers like Kaylyn George, Elizabeth and Alexandra Goodman, and the partnership with East Hills and College Hill, there were 38 children who participated in the program with 12 from Central! We were also grateful to offer the "Mad Science" afternoon option, especially helpful for busy parents, at an affordable price with a BAM grant.

September Means Back to School... for Adults Too!

Learning and growing in faith never stops. This September, consider being a part of Bible study, fellowship group or learning something new!

Here's a list of options:

Awakened Hearts: A Wisdom Way of Knowing Prayer Circle meets on the third Tuesday of each month, 10–11:30 a.m., via Zoom for contemplative prayer practices, etc. Contact: Pastor Maggie Wellert at maggiewellert@gmail.com

Comenius Group: The Comenius Study group meets every other Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., in person in the Christian Education building, lower level, or by Zoom, to focus on a new understanding of Christianity and our world through discussion and book studies by a variety of authors. Contact: Judy Williams at williamsjudy1930@gmail.com

Morning Bible Study: The Morning Bible Study is a free-spirited, discussion-oriented Bible Study group that meets every Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. in the Christian Education building, lower level – with a creative, light breakfast provided by members on a rotating basis and, of course, coffee and/or tea. Open to all! Contact: David Wickmann at wickmann.david@gmail.com

Moravian Women Groups: A planned program of study, prayer and fellowship helps Moravian Women grow in Christ and in God's service through a small group (circle) gathering that meets monthly on the second Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. in the church office. There is an evening option on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. on Zoom. For more information contact Ginny Delph or Pastor Janel Rice.

Ladies Sewing Society: A great way to get to know others and helping to continue the tradition of making Polly Heckewelder dolls since the late 19th century – starts again in September, each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the church office conference room. Contact: Mary Brown at mollielbrownus@yahoo.com

Busy Workers continue to meet each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the lower level of the Old Chapel and welcomes anyone to drop in to help craft and share in fellowship - no experience needed! Contact: Jacqueline Adams at crajva@rcn.com

Guest Preacher: Rev. David Sommers

We are so excited to welcome back the Rev. David Sommers to our pulpit on September 21st! For the past decade, David was a Resident Artist at the Banana Factory, Bethlehem, PA and now works at the Juxtahub community for artistic collaboration in Emmaus, PA. David recently retired as a Teacher of Spanish, Art History, and Comparative World Religions at Moravian Academy—Upper School. Prior to teaching, he also served as Associate Pastor of Religious Education – Lititz Moravian Church (1987-1995). He is an East Hills Moravian Church member. For exhibit information, articles, interviews, awards, and international studies and volunteer work, go to David's website at davidsommersart.com/about.

Children's Lovefeast: September 28

In August each year, we celebrate the spiritual renewal of the Moravian Church from August 13th, 1727 in Herrnhut Germany. Our tradition reminds us of the later event in August, often known as the Children's revival, when the young children in Herrnhut held their own prayer services and so influenced the greater community. We continue this tradition of celebrating our children with a Lovefeast on the last Sunday of the fall at the 9 a.m. service, led by children and youth of the congregation.

Recognizing Senior Sunday Honorees

The special service of recognition of our senior members will be on Sunday, September 28 at the 11 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we honor those members of our church family who are 90 years old in 2025: *Joanne & Hank Barnette, Maria Prochnau, Gordon Sommers, and Ned Spitzig.*

Envelopes for 2026

In looking ahead to next year, please consider how you have been supporting Central Moravian Church. Some of you give on Sundays from the pew, some through your financial institution, and some through our electronic process on our website Donate page. If you would like to make a change to whether you receive and use envelopes please let Martha know. If you have envelopes, you might not want to have envelopes for 2026. If you don't have envelopes, you might want to have envelopes for 2026. Contact Martha with any change you would like to make.

Please know that we are truly grateful for your financial support of Central and however your donation arrives to the office. Each envelope, check from a bank or electronic donation assists in the church's mission and ministry. Thank you.

~ Martha Jones, Stewardship Coordinator

Moravian Heritage is Our Community Heritage – Let’s Celebrate on Sept. 6th

Join us for a block party from Payrow Plaza at City Hall to the Church Green between 12 – 7 p.m. to celebrate our World Heritage inscription and remember this designation as more than the historic buildings we treasure, but also the living traditions and community we have today!

Here’s what to expect:

12 – 1 p.m. Opening ceremonies on Church Green, Unveiling of World Heritage inscription plaque and mural, Time of Remembrance in God’s Acre

1 – 5 p.m. Payrow Plaza and Church Green – Live Music, Children’s Activities, Free Giveaways, Community and Moravian booths

1 – 5 p.m. Food Trucks along Church Street

3 p.m. Johnston Festival Memorial Concert, Sanctuary

2 & 4 p.m. World Heritage Tours (meet at Gemeinhouse)

Old Chapel and Sanctuary will be open for visitors.

5 p.m. Community Lovefeast with BAM Churches on Lower Green

5 – 7 p.m. Free Ice Cream Social (Lower Green) sponsored by BAM Ministries Committee

Want to see if you make the best sugarcake? Enter the Moravian Sugarcake contest by emailing Tammy Wendling (TammyW@lehighvalleychamber.org)

Can you volunteer to help? We need helpers for our tours, ice cream social and other events. Sign up at tinyurl.com/centraltours or talk with Pastor Janel.

Inquirers’ Classes Planned for the Fall

A series of four inquirers’ classes will begin this September; September 21, 28, October 5 and October 12 (from 12:15 – 2 p.m.) and can lead to church membership if desired. Reception Sunday will be October 26. Lunch will be included in each class which will meet in the Christian Education building at 40 W. Church St. Please talk with Pastor Janel for more information or email office@centralmoravianchurch.org or call 610-866-5661 to sign up.

Online Directory Coming Soon

Have you ever thought – where is my church directory? Or maybe you are out of town and wanted to access contact information for a church member from your phone? We have GREAT news – Central is starting an online directory this fall. With the approval of our Joint Board, and assurance of the high security of a password protected website, we are launching an online member directory through the company “Instant Church Directory.”

Here’s what to look for:

1. Look for an email in mid-September inviting you to join. It will give you the chance to create your own password, and gain access to the church directory all through the email we have on file for you. (If you don’t receive something by the end of September, contact the church office and check on your email).
2. Check out your own information in the online directory (you will only have access to change your information). Make sure your phone number, address, and email are correct.
3. Consider posting a new photo and uploading it. We LOVE to have photos so we can all get to know each other better (and avoid those embarrassing moments when we forget your name but we should know it!).
4. If you have adult children listed, please email the church office to create a separate listing for them with their updated contact info, etc.
5. Keep your password and access the online directory from your computer or tablet.
6. Go to the app store or Google mobile play to download the Instant Church Directory app for your tablet or phone.
7. The Joint Board felt this company takes excellent security measures. If you have security concerns, please know that the Instant Church Directory website and databases are fortified with the latest security patches, ensuring robust protection against present and future threats. To ensure your membership directory is safe, only individuals entered in the directory have access.
8. If you have technical concerns, please contact the church office and we’ll try to help!

Printed Directories: If you don’t have access to the internet, or just want a print directory – don’t worry! We are also printing regular directories (no photos) with updated information and will get those out to each family unit later in the fall.

Congregational Retreat “When Simplicity We Cherish”

We often talk about a simpler life, but how do we apply that to particular parts of our daily life? Join us for a time to simplify and to be away on retreat, enjoying times of quiet and conversation and a program that focuses around the theme “Simpler Living, Compassionate Life”. We will take our theme from a book by this title, where various authors encourage us to think about simplicity as a path to wholeness in the fundamental issues of life: time, money, food, spirituality, heritage, and community. Our Congregational Retreat is open to all on **Wednesday, Sept. 24 (registration at 1:30 p.m.) until Thursday, Sept. 25 (ending at 1 p.m.)** at the CrossRoads Retreat Center, in Port Murray, NJ. Just a short 1 hour drive from Bethlehem, this retreat center offers comfortable rooms, delicious meals and a beautiful, rural setting. Sessions will include conversation and small group discussion, but there will be plenty of non-structured time as well. The retreat will be co-led by Becky Lepore and Rev. Janel Rice. Register now by contacting the church office. Cost is \$50/person (based on double occupancy, \$100 if single room is desired) and includes dinner (Sept. 24), breakfast and lunch (Sept. 25) and accommodations. Thanks to the Prime Fund for sponsorship.

Tour of Black Heritage Sites in Philadelphia

Join us for a powerful journey through American history on September 27 as we explore Philadelphia with a focus on Black heritage and the deeper, more complete story of our nation’s past. This is not black history or white history—it is our shared American history, told more truthfully and fully. This 3½ hour seated tour is led by historian Charlene Palmore-Lewis, who will guide us to important sites including:

- The President’s House
- Congo Square
- The London Coffee House
- Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

Schedule:

- **Departure:** September 27 at 10 AM from College Hill Moravian Church parking lot
- **Lunch:** Bring your own brown bag lunch to enjoy en route
- **Tour Start:** 1 PM at the Independence Visitor Center
- **Return:** Depart Philadelphia at 4:30 PM, back in Bethlehem around 6 PM

Cost: \$35 per person. If paying by check, please make checks payable to Central Moravian Church with *Racial Justice Trip* in the memo section. Reserve your spot by contacting the church office. *Hosted by the Racial Justice Team.*

Join Us!

It is a warm and sunny Friday afternoon, my day to be a volunteer tour guide at the Old Chapel.

There is such a sense of peace when I open the door and enter this quiet space. Sitting there for a moment, I get a sense of all those who came before – from the famous George Washington and John Adams to the many Single Sisters who entered through the Bell House and so many others including those today for almost 275 years. I always sit in the Amen pew. From there, I can see the door open and encourage guests to join me so that they can get a true sense of the space by walking all the way up front.

Visitors come in a few at a time, a family, a group of friends, or an individual – not crowds of thousands. Some people pop in for a minute, “always wanted to see what this place looked like inside” and turn around and walk out. Some people want to share their religious affiliation or why they came to Bethlehem or how they heard about our city. Others say, “Just the highlights, please!”

Over these past months, I have met visitors from many states and many faiths, usually having toured the Sanctuary before coming to the Old Chapel. They are interested in the industriousness of the early Moravian community, “How did they build all these stone buildings and so quickly?”

Who are the Moravians? Are they similar to the Pennsylvania Dutch, the Amish, the Mennonites? What are the services like? I invite them to look at our Moravian Book of Worship to see the liturgies and hymns. Are there still services in the Old Chapel? Yes, every Sunday from September through May and, as we say at each service ... you are always welcome at Central! Do they have any favorite foods? Well of course, sugar cake!

Volunteering is so enjoyable. You never know whom you will meet or what they are going to ask. Join us as a volunteer at the Sanctuary or Old Chapel. Signing up is easy and it is for a two-hour shift from 2 to 4 on Friday or Saturday afternoons. There is a script which makes it easy to become familiar with the story. You don’t need years of experience to do this. If you don’t know the answer, refer guests to Central’s website and the Moravian Church website. You don’t have to be a pastor or historian to be a volunteer here – just smile and say “Welcome to the Old Chapel!”

~ Charlene Donchez Mowers

Sign up to help with tours: tinyurl.com/centraltours

Exciting Food Pantry News

The Food Pantry has received a \$6,000 grant from the Hunger and Thirst Field of Interest Fund at the Moravian Ministries Foundation. This grant will make a difference for the food pantry to be able to provide more healthy options for our clients. Eggs will be purchased throughout the year to offer during the distribution days. More fresh vegetables will be purchased from the Monocacy Farm Project during August, September and October. Some funds will be shared with the BAM Freezer Ministries. They provide soup and meals to our Food Pantry.

We remain grateful to Food Pantry leaders Connie Pierce and Janice Ostock, as well as our amazing volunteers who operate the Food Pantry once a month, and Cynthia's Boutique which is open twice a month. If you would like to volunteer, please contact them! The food pantry continues to see more clients this year, with 10–20 more family units being served each time on average.

Moravians Helping Moravians

As Moravian Academy is transitioning to new uniforms with a new logo, they reached out to Central to find a home for the previous uniforms' shirts and fleeces which were in great condition! We are thrilled to connect them with the Board of World Mission who found a need in the Bluefields Moravian School in Nicaragua as well as the Karawala Rio Coco area which was devastated by recent floods. Seven large boxes, filled with a variety of sizes, were recently shipped and arrived in Nicaragua at the end of July, with funding support from Central's Mission committee and the Board of World Mission.

Art for Justice Program – September 30

Art is able to tell a story that often words cannot. The Bethlehem Area Moravians are pleased to sponsor, with the support of the Moravian Theological Seminary, Daniel Gwynn, artist from the non-profit Art for Justice. Art for Justice (www.artforjustice.org) is a non-profit that supports and exhibits prisoner art to engage viewers in conversations about individual worth and collective justice, believing that this provides a path for conversation about justice in times of deep division. We are honored to welcome one of their long-time artists and powerful speaker, Daniel Gwynn, who was wrongfully incarcerated for over 20 years, as he speaks and displays some of his art at the Moravian Seminary (in the Saal, located at 60 W. Locust Street, Bethlehem) on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. A light reception and showcase of his art will be held from 5 – 6 p.m. Please talk with Pastor Janel for more information or with questions.

Special September Offering Envelope

September 21): CROP Hunger Walks are community wide events sponsored by Church World Service (CWS) and organized by congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. Money raised ensures that people worldwide have access to nutritious, sustainable food sources. From combating droughts in Nicaragua, to providing agricultural training in Indonesia, to stocking shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the U.S., CROP Hunger Walks help end hunger by providing support to local food programs and the international anti-hunger work of Church World Service. Your contribution through the special envelope or your personal donation, is sent to CWS to support these year round programs.

CROP Walk – New Route, Same Great Cause

Help raise money for local and international hunger by walking with us on Sunday, October 19th! The Bethlehem Running Festival is on October 19, therefore, Central's worship is at 12 p.m. followed by the CROP Walk. We invite all participants to gather at 1:15 p.m. in the lower level of the Christian Education building (parking available in C. E. parking lot) for a pizza lunch, registration, and opening Program. The walk will kick off at 2 p.m.

What is the CROP Walk? It's a walk with a purpose; 25% of all funds will stay in Bethlehem feeding hungry people and 75% will go to international hunger relief through Church World Service. This year's walk is about 2 miles through many of the newly inscribed World Heritage properties, taking you down Church Street into the Colonial Industrial Quarters and up Spring Street to the first stop – the site of Essentials Café, one of our recipients of the CROP Walk. Then, we will walk over the Broad Street bridge and up to Center Street to get to Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering at Christ UCC Church, another recipient of the walk's funds. Other recipients include New Bethany Ministries, Freezer Gatherers, and Lehigh Conference of Churches. All of these agencies work to supply food to hungry people in Bethlehem through food pantries, access to fresh produce, emergency meals/housing, etc. There will be a shorter route available as well. Bring your family and friends, and register yourself and raise money online through the link below or look for more information in worship in September.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/central-moravian-crop-walk>

If you need a paper registration or have any questions, please contact Tina Ormiston (tormiston5@gmail.com).

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Use Less Plastic

- It's back to school time! Did you know that the average teacher spends \$500 of his/her own money on materials for the classroom? Donations of classroom items (or funds to purchase them) are always welcome. Talk to your local school district or a teacher you know, and see how you can help. Or, check out Donors Choose <https://www.donorschoose.org/about>
- Donors Choose is "committed to combating inequity in school funding. Our team works to inspire as much support as possible for students who don't have access to the resources that will set them up for success" A well-educated population is an important step toward a more sustainable world.
- Plant a tree! Trees help combat climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide; they improve air and water quality; they prevent soil erosion and provide habitats for wildlife. Trees also enhance mental and physical health, reduce energy consumption, increase property values and strengthen communities.
- Move away from microbeads! Skip using body scrubs, face washes and toothpastes laced with microbeads. These tiny plastic balls are so small they sail straight through filtration systems and end up in our oceans and fresh waterways...8 trillion every day, according to scientists.
- Leave your car at home one day/week and investigate alternative forms of transportation (car pooling? bus? bicycle?). One of the biggest microplastic pollution sources isn't straws or grocery bags, it's your automobile tires! Tire wear particles have been found to account for about 45% of all microplastics in both terrestrial and aquatic systems. A good reason to try to reduce your auto mileage!
- Make standard shipping your new standard! When you're shopping online, combine your orders into a single shipment and choose the slowest and most inexpensive shipping option. And while we're on the subject of online shopping, when you add items to your shopping cart, try waiting at least a week before purchasing. You may decide you really don't need that item...and you might save a bit of money!

Stewardship One-Liner

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Musical Notes

Rebecca Lepore, Minister of Music
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Music Brochures for the 2025–2026 season are available in the pews and online. Please take as many as you wish and share them with friends and family!

The Johnston Festival Memorial Concert will be held on Saturday, September 6th at 3 p.m. and will feature the Mainstreet Brass, SATORI, and Elaine Hagenberg's *Illuminare*, performed by Central Moravian Church Festival Choir, string orchestra, Becky Lepore on piano, and conducted by Allen Frank. The concert is free and no tickets are needed.

Central Brass Ensemble will play for the 11 a.m. worship services on September 14, October 12, November 9, and November 30. If you are interested in playing with the Central Brass Ensemble, please contact Caitlin Heckman at caitlin.g.heckman@gmail.com for further information.

Sing in the Choir! If you are interested in singing with either (or both!!) the Church Choir or the Chapel Choir, you are welcome! Please contact either Richard Miller (Chapel Choir) or Becky Lepore (Church Choir) for additional information.

Sunday School Choir will sing for the 9 a.m. worship on Sunday, September 28th. More information will follow in emails for Sunday School families.

Mark Your Calendar for the Donald Spieth Memorial Concert on Saturday, October 4th at 2 p.m. in the Old Chapel featuring the fabulous Dvořák Piano Quintet.

Music Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, October 7th at 6 p.m. via Zoom

Tuesday, December 2nd at 6 p.m. via Zoom

In the Hospital? Need Pastoral Care? Unable to get to Church?

Please let Pastor Janel and Pastor Betsy know if you are hospitalized, or desiring a pastoral visit; know that the local hospital no longer alerts churches when you are hospitalized, so we won't know unless you let the church office know. We will hold all requests confidential and will only share prayer requests with our prayer chain or in worship if given permission. Pastor Betsy Miller is our new pastoral associate, part-time for visitation, pastoral care, and some committee work. Betsy's email is becky@mcnp.org. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Janel at 484-903-3946.



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September Birthdays

1 Bob Beck	10 Dennis Jolliffe	18 Ralph Shields III
1 Gen Marcon	10 Ramona Skinner	18 Lilah Toedter
2 Richard Crosland	10 Beth Ellis	19 Wyatt Whymark
2 Gillian Moses	11 Deborah Mehler	20 Kathy Feather
2 Riley Chiles	11 Ann Raines	20 Richard Miller II
3 Samuel Morneweck	11 Kylyn Warmkessel	21 Madeline Brown
3 Gretchen Laubach	12 Paul Dorney	21 James Gaal
3 Jeremy Sestito	12 Cory Bond	21 Gillian Raines
3 Claire Heckman	13 Janette Zuk	22 Jane Hammond
4 Miriam Sorensen	13 Susan Jackman	22 Anthony Thompson
4 Robert Brandt	13 Elizabeth McKay	22 Kathy Long
4 David Thompson	13 Colin Worrich	23 Biz Wehr
5 Thomas Christensen	13 Emily Trexler	24 Roy Boehm
6 Deborah Lindsay	13 Amelia Marcon	24 Bryon Grigsby
6 Laura Chiles	13 James Santanasto	24 John Kintzer
6 Derrick Clark	14 Bridget Corcoran	24 Victoria Spruiell
6 Max Heckman	15 Jane Hospador	24 Richard Weddigen
6 Kenny Rampolla	15 James Reifinger	25 Willard Martin
7 Mark VanHorn	15 Pat Metcalf	25 Carol Milot
7 David Charrier	15 Diana Worley	26 More Okonkwo
7 Matthew Wehr	15 Sam Rampolla	27 Mary Brown
7 Evan Larimer	16 Micah Sadigh	28 Richard Smith
8 Eileen Wescoe	16 Susan Noack	28 Richard Pearce II
8 Floyd Charles Jr	17 Elaine Treible	28 Helen Meckstroth
8 Stephanie Bissey	17 Paul Peucker	28 Theo Sattler Keithley
8 Erin Vavra	17 Yoon Jin Kim	30 Maria Prochnau
9 Paul Haas	17 Lakota McCarty	30 Ellen Wyckoff
9 Nathaniel Jones	17 Angela Reichert	30 Richard Foster
9 Beau McCay	18 Eleanor Chase	30 Claire Phillips

Church Journal

In Memoriam

July 15 – Scott McKay