

***This Week at Central Moravian Church—June 21–27, 2026***

Sun.	11:15 am 5:00 pm	Mission Committee AA	Office, Conf. Room Benigna Auditorium
Mon.	9 am - 12 pm	Vacation Bible School	East Hills Moravian
Tues.	9 am - 12 pm	Vacation Bible School	East Hills Moravian
Wed.	7:15 am 9 am - 12 pm 9:30 am	Morning Bible Study Vacation Bible School Busy Workers' Society	Nitschmann Hall East Hills Moravian Chapel, lower level
Thur.	9 am - 12 pm 10 am - 12 pm	Vacation Bible School Cynthia's Boutique Drop Off	East Hills Moravian Office, lower level
Fri.	8:30 - 11:30 am 9 am - 12 pm 2:00 - 4:00 pm	Food Pantry Distribution Vacation Bible School Tours	Office, lower level East Hills Moravian Chapel & Sanctuary
Sat.	2:00 - 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Tours AA	Chapel & Sanctuary Benigna Auditorium

***Next Sunday's Worship Service – June 28***

***Central's 284<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

10:00 am      Worship in the Sanctuary      Janel Rice

***Sing with the Summer Choir***

Mark your calendars! All are welcome to sing. We rehearse at 9 a.m. and sing for the 10 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary on the following dates:

- Sunday, July 5 (Communion and Rev. Becky Lepore's Installation)
- Sunday, July 12 (Old Chapel's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
- Sunday, August 19 (Communion)

***"Christmas in July" Friday Fun Night***

Join us for a special "Christmas in July" Friday Fun Night on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Christian Education building, lower level. Open to kids in Pre-K through fifth grade, we will enjoy an evening of pizza, learning favorite Moravian Christmas songs like "Morning Star" and "Hosanna," decorating Christmas cookies, and making a Moravian Christmas ornament! For questions and more details, contact Linda de Vries at [linda@centralmoravianchurch.org](mailto:linda@centralmoravianchurch.org).



***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 21, 2026***

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 fill out a Visitor 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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***Prayers for Synod Delegates and Northern Province Synod***

On June 25 - 26<sup>th</sup>, delegates across the Northern Province will gather for Synod, and for the first time in a very long time, not in Bethlehem! We look forward to being together in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for this important gathering of prayer, worship, fellowship and guiding the business of our Northern Province churches' direction over the next four year. We welcome your prayers for Synod and Central's delegates, Rev. Janel Rice, Rev. Becky Lepore, Jennifer Ceneviva, Brenda Hoelman, Mike Kane, and Katie Owens. Hank Naisby as a part of the District Board, Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, Jeff Long, and Paul Peucker in leadership positions.

***The Rev. Becky Lepore's Installation at Central on July 5***

Becky concludes her responsibilities as Minister of Music on June 30 and officially begins her new pastoral role on July 1. She will be installed as Pastor of Congregational Life during worship in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 5.

### ***Vacation Bible School***

VBS takes place Monday - Friday, **June 22 - June 26 (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)** at East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem PA. For ages 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade (completed). Cost is \$10 for 1<sup>st</sup> child, \$5 for each additional child. Afternoon program also available from 1 - 4 p.m. Please contact Linda de Vries to register or if you have any questions: [linda@centralmoravianchurch.org](mailto:linda@centralmoravianchurch.org)

### ***Drive by Drop Off Donations***

Instead of having our drive by drop off on July 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have it next Sunday, June 28. Volunteers will be at the Christian Education building parking lot off of New Street on **June 28 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.** to receive your donations for the Food Pantry and Trex plastic. Reusable bags are available in the Sanctuary on Sundays. Items requested: canned corn and fruit, cereal, sugar (1 or 2 lbs.), tea (individually wrapped) pasta, evaporated milk, shelf stable milk, coffee or any items you wish to donate.

### ***Dining Out Group Event***

The Dining Out Group is going to White Orchids Thai Cuisine, located at 2985 Center Valley Parkway, Center Valley, PA in the Promenade Shopping Center on **Tuesday, July 7 at 6 p.m.** White Orchids has been voted the best Thai restaurant in the Lehigh Valley. They have a parking lot. To make your reservation, please email Judy Williams at [williamsjudy1930@gmail.com](mailto:williamsjudy1930@gmail.com).

### ***Celebrations Galore-July 12: Old Chapel's 275<sup>th</sup> & America 250***

Celebrate the Old Chapel's 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary (July 10, 1751) on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> with a Lovefeast during our 10 a.m. service in the Sanctuary, and stay around for a downtown Bethlehem celebration of America 250!

#### **Schedule for July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**10 am** - Moravian Lovefeast in Celebration of the Old Chapel's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Sanctuary. Proclamation from Rep. Steve Samuelson

**11am - 12 pm** - Bethlehem Area Moravian Trombone Choir on the church green, light refreshments provided by Central (hot dogs, veggie dogs, etc.)

**Starting at 12 pm** - America 250 celebrations happen through Main and Broad Streets with many outdoor vendors, food options, children's activities, etc.

**12 - 5 pm** - Main Street (by church sign). Bethlehem Area Moravians offer free cotton candy and water, as well as a welcoming presence and table.

**12 - 5 pm** - Music on the lower green as part of America 250. Seating will be provided or bring your own lawn chair.

**12 pm** - The Edge Band (Edgeboro Moravian)

**1 pm** - East Hills Praise Band

**2 pm** - The Gate Band

**3 pm** - The Stank Factory "The Stank Factory is a 5 piece band inspired by the jazz, funk, soul, and

blues sounds of New Orleans. Since their formation in October 2024, the band has performed throughout the mid-Atlantic region at jazz clubs, church vespers, festivals, libraries, outdoor bars, and more."

**12 - 4 pm** - Old Chapel and Sanctuary will be open for tours.

### ***Back-to-School Supply Drive***

The Lehigh Conference of Churches (LCC) is hosting its fourth annual back-to-school supply drive to support students in need in the Lehigh Valley. To contribute to this drive, Central Moravian will be collecting school supplies from **July 12 to August 2**. There will be collection bins available on the Amen Pews during church services and there will be a bin in the Church Office, available during office hours. Some items LCC has requested include: #2 pencils, markers, notebooks, glue sticks, highlighters, pencil cases, erasers, crayons, rulers, calculators, small sharpeners, colored pencils, binders, scissors, folders, backpacks.

### ***Korean| English Worship Service***

Our first Korean-English service was a deeply meaningful and precious time for the Moravian Korean community, where we overcame barriers of language, culture, and generation to praise and worship the living God with a united heart, loving and serving our Savior. To continue this amazing grace, we wish to gather once again to rejoice in Jesus Christ as our Lord. We will come before the Lord, who gathers us together, to hear His Word and enjoy

faithful fellowship as a loving family community. We would like to invite you to this Korean-English worship service on **Sunday, August 2 at 3 p.m.** in the Old Chapel.. (English subtitles will be provided.).

### ***Director of Music Search***

We are deeply thankful to Paul Peucker for chairing the search committee for our new full-time Director of Music position, and we are grateful to Luke DiGiacinto for serving as our interim organist throughout the summer months during this transition. We will start interviews over the summer with the hopes of a new director of music starting in late fall or early 2027. Applications or inquiries for more information can be sent to: [employment@centralmoravianchurch.org](mailto:employment@centralmoravianchurch.org)

### ***Confirmation Class***

Confirmation is an important time when young adults who were baptized as infants or children, can confirm their faith by publicly affirming that covenant that was previously made for them by their parents. Confirmation classes are a time to ask questions about God, to learn about the Bible and beliefs of the Moravian Church, and to build a foundation of faith. A year long confirmation class taught by Pastor Becky will begin in August for any interested individuals ages 12 - 16. Please email Becky if interested, at [Becky@centralmoravianchurch.org](mailto:Becky@centralmoravianchurch.org).