

***This Week at Central Moravian Church
June 28–July 4, 2026***

Sun.	9:30 - 11:30 am 5:00 pm	Drive By Drop Off Donations AA	C. E., Parking Lot Benigna Auditorium
Mon.	10:00 am 2:30 pm	Christian Ed Committee Retreat World Heritage Committee	Nitschmann Hall Office Parlor
Wed.	7:15 am 9:30 am	Morning Bible Study Busy Workers' Society	Nitschmann Hall Chapel, lower level
Thur.	10 am - 12 pm 2:30 pm 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Cynthia's Boutique Drop Off 63 W. Church St. Committee Musikfest Planning Meeting Search Committee Meeting	Office, lower level Office, Parlor Office, Parlor Moravian Archives
Fri.	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Tours	Chapel & Sanctuary
Sat.	Independence Day – Church Office Closed on Monday, July 6 5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium

Next Sunday's Worship Service – July 5, 2026

John Hus Holy Communion & Installation of Rev. Becky Lepore

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary Becky Lepore

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 on the following Sundays:

- Sunday, July 5 (Communion and Rev. Becky Lepore's Installation)
- Sunday, July 12 (Old Chapel's 275th Anniversary)
- Sunday, August 9 (Communion)

"Christmas in July" Friday Fun Night

Join us for a special "Christmas in July" Friday Fun Night on Friday, July 24th 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.



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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 28, 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).

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. next Sunday, July 5.

Korean / English Worship Service Sunday, August 2 at 3 p.m.

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.)

Drive by Drop Off Donations

Instead of having our drive by drop off on July 5th, we will have it today. Volunteers will be at the Christian Education building parking lot off of New Street **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 every Sunday. Items requested: sugar, canned vegetables and beans (not green) corn, spaghetti sauce, or any other items you wish to donate. Thank you!

Celebrations Galore-July 12: Old Chapel's 275th & America 250

Celebrate the Old Chapel's 275th Anniversary (July 10, 1751) on Sunday, July 12th 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 12th

10 am - Moravian Lovefeast in Celebration of the Old Chapel's 275th 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 will be collecting school supplies from **July 12 thru August 2**. There will be collection bins available on the Amen Pews during services and a bin in the Church Office, available during office hours. Some items LCC has requested are: #2 pencils, markers, glue sticks, highlighters, pencil cases, notebooks, erasers, crayons, rulers, small sharpeners, colored pencils, binders, scissors, folders, calculators, backpacks (med/lg).

Musikfest Concerts at Central

The Musikfest Vesper Concert Series takes place on Monday, August 3 thru Friday, August 7 with a student group from 5 - 5:25 p.m., followed by a professional artist/group from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. To view the full schedule of events, please visit: <https://www.artsquest.org/musikfest/lineup/>

Inquirers' Classes Begin Sept.

Want to learn more about the Moravian Church's history and theology and the current practices of active ministries and living heritage of Central Moravian Church? A series of 3 Inquirers' Classes will take place on September 27 and October 4 and 5 from 12:15 - 2 p.m. and can lead to church membership if desired. Reception Sunday will be October 25. Lunch will be included in each class which will meet in the Christian Education building. Please contact the church office to sign up. We do ask for registrations to prepare enough materials and lunch.

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

Confirmation Class

Confirmation in the Moravian Church 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. If you are interested in learning more about classes, email Becky at Becky@centralmoravianchurch.org

Bulletins Available to Sponsor

There is one 2026 Sunday bulletin available for sponsorship. Please check your calendars and see if this is of interest: November 8. We are also taking reservations for 2027! If there's a special Sunday you would like to have, please let Martha know to reserve it for you!

Produce from Your Garden

Do you have a few too many fruits or vegetables in your garden? Our Food Pantry would welcome your 'extras'. Please bring your "extras" to the church office on the following days in July. July 9, 17, 24 and 30.