

This Week at Central Moravian Church—June 7– 13, 2026

Sun.	11 am - 12 pm	Drive By Drop Off Donations	C. E., Parking Lot
	11:00 am	Committee/Ministry Meeting	Nitschmann Hall
	11:00 am	Recording of Daily Text	Chapel
	2:00 pm	Grace Hochella's Ordination	Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium
Mon.	4:00 pm	Personnel Committee	Zoom
	6:00 pm	Int'l Student Care Committee	Zoom
Wed.	7:15 am	Morning Bible Study	Nitschmann Hall
	9:30 am	Busy Workers' Society	Chapel, lower level
	3:00 pm	Buildings & Grounds	Zoom
	4:00 pm	Communications Committee	Office, Conf. Room
Thur.	10 am - 12 pm	Cynthia's Boutique Drop Off	Office, lower level
	1:00 pm	Twenty Minute Society	Office, Conf. Room
Fri.	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Tours	Chapel & Sanctuary
Sat.	8:30 - 11:30 am	Food Pantry Distribution	Office, lower level
	1:00 pm	Songs & Stories Presentation	Chapel
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium

Next Sunday's Worship Service – June 14

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary Winston Alonzie

Drive by Drop Off Donations for Food Pantry & Trex Plastic

Volunteers will be at the C. E. building parking lot off of New Street **today from 11 am - noon** to receive donations for the Food Pantry and Trex plastic. Reusable bags are available in the Sanctuary every Sunday. Grab a bag after church, fill it up with food, and drop it off for the food drive. ***Instead of having our drive by drop off on July 5th, we will have it on June 28 from 11 a.m. - noon.*** Food Pantry items requested: canned corn and fruit, tea (100 individually wrapped) sugar (1 or 2 lb bags), cereal, pasta, evaporated milk, shelf stable milk, coffee, or any other items you wish to donate.

Bulletin Sponsorships Dates Available

There are some Sunday bulletins available for sponsorship. Please check your calendars and see if one of these is of interest. August 9 and 16, September 20 and October 4 and 18. Contact Martha in the church office to reserve your date.



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 7, 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).

Grace Hochella's Ordination Today at 2 p.m.

We're excited to announce that Central member Grace Hochella, upon completion of ordination requirements, was approved to be ordained. Her ordination takes place today at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary with a light reception following. Grace serves as chaplain at Morningstar Living in Nazareth, and has now accepted a call to specialized ministry serving there. Please come to support Grace as we celebrate and ask for God's blessing in this call in her life.

Prayers for Synod Delegates and Northern Province Synod

On June 25-26th, 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, the Rev. Janel Rice, Becky Lepore, Jennifer Ceneviva, Brenda Hoelman, Mike Kane, and Katie Owens, and alternates Martha and Mark Jones, JoEllen LaPrade, and Bob Wascura, Hank Naisby as a part of the District Board, Betsy Miller, Jeff Long and Paul Peucker in leadership positions.

Pastor of Congregational Life

Central is overjoyed to announce that Becky Lepore has accepted the call to serve in full-time ministry at Central Moravian Church as our new Pastor of Congregational Life. Becky brings gifts of loving compassion, a thoughtful passion for justice, and energy for bringing together both our congregation and guests in community. We are thrilled that Becky will join Pastor Janel Rice in leading and caring for our congregation in this new chapter of ministry. **Becky will be ordained at Central Moravian Church next Sunday, June 14 at 2 p.m.**, with a light reception to follow. We invite everyone to join us for this joyous occasion as we celebrate God's call upon her life and ministry. Becky will conclude her responsibilities as Minister of Music on June 30 and officially begin her new pastoral role on July 1. **She will be installed as Pastor of Congregational Life during worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 5.**

Recordings for Daily Text Today

You are invited to record the Daily Text, as we continue to share it on social media, immediately after the worship service today in the Old Chapel. Please look for Kelly Ahn.

Danger, Hope, & Resilience: Songs & Stories of the US Civil Rights Movement

Come sing songs of the U.S. Civil Rights movement between 1955-1965. Hear stories about the brave women, men, and children who sat down, stood up, and marched to bring "liberty and

justice for all." June 13 at 1 p.m. in the Old Chapel. Presented by Dr. Cheryl Boots, Boston University Professor of American Studies and Humanities, retired. Sponsored by the Central Moravian Racial Justice Team and Music Ministry. Free and open to the public; a free will offering will be collected for the Old Chapel restoration and maintenance.

Guest Preacher Winston Alonzie

As Winston Alonzie led a prayer for the annual Advent breakfast service last year at Moravian Village, he filled the room with a spirit of authenticity and warmth. We are excited to welcome Winston as a guest preacher next Sunday, June 14. He serves as the CEO of the Bethlehem Boys and Girls Club, as well as a member of the Bethlehem Area School District, and is active in civic, community and religious life throughout the city.

Luke DiGiacinto, Organ Recital

Congratulations to Luke who will graduate from the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore with his Master of Music in Organ Performance. Luke will repeat his graduation recital in the Sanctuary on June 20th at 3 p.m. and includes repertoire by André Raison, Johann Sebastian Bach, William Albright, Alec Rowley, Camille Saint Saëns, and Joseph Rheinberger. No tickets are required. Free-will offering.

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 - 5th grade (completed). Cost is \$10 for 1st child, \$5 for each additional child. Afternoon program also available from 1 - 4 p.m. Contact Linda de Vries to register or if you have any questions. linda@centralmoravianchurch.org

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

On Sunday, July 12 at 10 a.m., our Sanctuary worship will include a Lovefeast as we celebrate the 275th anniversary of Central's Old Chapel, the second place of worship for the Moravians. Following worship, the Bethlehem Area Trombone Choir, the oldest continuously performing brass ensemble in America, will play on the Church Green at 11 a.m. and all are welcome for light refreshments. Stick around for Bethlehem's celebration of America 250 on July 12. From 12 - 5 p.m., the lower church green, located near the end of Main St., will be one of the sites taking part in the America 250 celebration happening throughout historic downtown Bethlehem on Main and Broad Streets. With gratitude for support from the Bethlehem Area Moravian Ministries Committees, our 7 Moravian churches will come together to showcase several of the church bands, as well as the headliner, The Stank Factory, at 3 p.m. The Stank Factory is a five piece band inspired by the jazz, funk, soul, and

blues sounds of New Orleans led by Moravian University graduate and friend of Central, Patrick Kerssen. We will also share free cotton candy, water, and information about our churches at a table on Main Street. The Old Chapel and Sanctuary will be available for tours during this time, and we look forward to being a part of America 250 Celebrations in Bethlehem!

"Christmas in July" FFN

Join us for a special "Christmas in July" Friday Fun Night on Friday, July 24 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Christian Education building, lower level (40 W. Church Street). 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! More details to follow. For questions and more info, contact Linda de Vries at linda@centralmoravianchurch.org.

Camp Hope

Starting with first grade, Camp Hope offers a wonderful selection of summer camps up to high school age, including specialty camps like Musical Theater and Junior Park Ranger. And, there are generous scholarships offered by Central (\$150) and BAM (\$200) for members and friends! For info, visit <https://www.camphope.org/camp>