

***This Week at Central Moravian Church
July 12 – 18, 2026***

Sun.	12 - 5 pm 5:00 pm	Americas 250 Celebration AA	Green & Main St. Benigna Auditorium
Mon.	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Investment Committee History Committee	Office, Conf. Room Zoom
Tues.	6:00 pm	Board of Elders	Office Conf. Room
Wed.	7:15 am 9:30 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Morning Bible Study Busy Workers' Society Knitting Group Board of Trustees	Nitschmann Hall Chapel, lower level Office Conf. Room Zoom
Thur.	10 am - 12 pm	Cynthia's Boutique Drop Off	Office, lower level
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 – July 19, 2026

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary Janel Rice

Recordings for Daily Text Next Sunday, July 19

You are invited to record the Daily Text, as we continue to share it on social media, immediately after the worship service next Sunday, July 19 in the Old Chapel. Please look for Kelly Ahn.

“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, July 12, 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).

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.)

Inquirers' Classes Begin in September

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. 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.

Celebrations Galore—Today Old Chapel's 275th & America

Stick around after the service today for a downtown Bethlehem celebration of America 250!

Schedule for Today

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

Starting at 12 pm - America 250 celebrations happen through Main and Broad Sts., 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 to 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, and backpacks.

Musikfest Concerts at Central

The Musikfest Vesper Concert Series takes place 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. Sanctuary tours will be available after concerts. For more info, visit: <https://www.artsquest.org/musikfest/lineup/>

Holy Communion and Lovefeast-on-the-Green

Join us on Sunday, August 9, as we celebrate our Moravian Church's renewal on August 13th. Moravians around the world celebrate August 13th as the spiritual "birthday" of the Renewed Unitas Fratrum. We'll have Holy Communion during the 10 a.m. service in the sanctuary. Following worship, we'll gather on the Green for a Lovefeast. We'll have plentiful refreshments to commemorate our church's renewal and ongoing legacy from 1722 to today.

Cybersecurity Workshop

Cybersecurity is how to protect computer networks and systems from service disruption and information theft. The goal is to defend and protect servers, personal and private data, computers, and mobile devices (smartphones, laptops and tablets) from attack resulting in damage or theft. Cyber threats are evolving at a very rapid rate. In 2024, there were 3,205 data breaches reported, effecting 353 million victims. Major companies lost billions of customer records. Because cybersecurity is essential and cannot be ignored, the Digital Ministry Committee is dedicated to keeping our congregation safe by providing information regarding the ever-changing world of technology. Paul de Vries and Will Schwab will conduct a 60-minute Cybersecurity workshop on Sunday, August 16th in the Christian Education building, lower level, after the 10 a.m. worship service. All are welcome.

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, please email Becky at Becky@centralmoravianchurch.org

Food Pantry Thank You

Thank you to the children and families who participated in summer Vacation Bible School. The Food Pantry received over 60 pounds of donations from them and appreciate their help in fulfilling our mission to feed our neighbors in need.

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 17, 24 and 30.

Miller-Keystone Blood Center

Miller-Keystone Blood Center is excited to partner with the Craig Thatcher Band and the Levitt Pavilion SteelStacks for a special summer concert benefitting the Blood Center on August 27. Lehigh Valley music icon Craig Thatcher and his amazing musicians will return to the Levitt Pavilion for a free community concert in support of saving lives through blood donation. MKBC's bloodmobile will be on-site during the event to accept blood donations and to schedule future appointments for those unable to donate that evening. When donating, mention Central Moravian Church and/or use 0194 for our organization credit.