

This Week at Central Moravian Church—July 19 - 25, 2026

Sun.	9-9:45 am & after service – Recording for Daily Text in Chapel		
	After Service	Fair Trade Coffee Sale	NE corner Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium
Tues.	7:00 pm	Christian Ed Committee	Zoom
Wed.	7:15 am	Morning Bible Study	Nitschmann Hall
	9:30 am	Busy Workers' Society	Chapel, lower level
	7:00 pm	Search Committee	Archives
Thur.	10 am - 12 pm	Cynthia's Boutique Drop Off	Office, lower level
Fri.	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Tours	Chapel & Sanctuary
	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Special Friday Fun Night	Nitschmann Hall
Sat.	8:30 - 11:30 am	Food Pantry Distribution	Office, lower level
	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Tours	Chapel & Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium

Next Sunday's Worship Service – July 26

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary Becky Lepore

Recordings for Daily Text Today

You are invited to record the Daily Text, as we continue to share it on social media, from 9 - 9:45 a.m. and immediately after the worship service today in the Old Chapel. Please look for Kelly Ahn.

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Sale Today

We are offering coffee, tea, and chocolate for sale today after our worship service. Our table will be in the Sanctuary northeast corner.

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 will have Holy Communion during the 10 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. Following the worship service, we will gather on the Green for a Lovefeast. We will have plentiful refreshments to commemorate our church's renewal and ongoing legacy from 1722 to today.



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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 19, 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 unstuffed 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 – 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.).

Musikfest Concerts at Central

The Musikfest Vesper Concert Series takes place Monday, August 3 through 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 the concerts. To view a full schedule of events, visit: <https://www.artsquest.org/musikfest/lineup/>

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 is collecting school supplies **until August 2**. There are 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: markers, #2 pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, pencil cases, notebooks, erasers, rulers, crayons, small sharpeners, colored pencils, binders, scissors, folders, calculators, backpacks (med/lg).

Drive by Drop Off Donations

Volunteers will be at the Christian Education building parking lot off of New Street on **August 2 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** 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. Food Pantry items requested: coffee, sugar (1 or 2 lb bags), coffee, canned vegetables and beans (they have kidney) evaporated or boxed milk, or any items you wish to donate!

Dining Out Group at Wert's Café

Central's Dining Out Group will venture to Wert's Café, located at 515 N. 18th St., Allentown PA 18104, on **Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m. Note the time change.** Wert's is known for their burgers and onion rings but has a full menu that includes gluten-free and

vegetarian dishes. Those that attended last year can tell you that the homemade desserts are mouth watering. Please email Rose Warner at rosaliepwarnner@gmail.com for reservations. The limit is 18 people.

Special 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 C. E. 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 to RSVP, contact Linda de Vries at linda@centralmoravianchurch.org.

Arts Fest for Children

This year's Arts Fest for children, ages 3 and up, will meet on Thursday and Friday, **August 13 and 14**, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at First Moravian Church, 225 N. 10th Street, Easton PA 18042. Using the book *God's Paintbrush* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and illustrated by Annette Compton as our guiding story, children and youth will have an opportunity to paint God's world in a variety of mediums – watercolors, pastels, tempera, and acrylics and experiment with different techniques. Registration forms are available at First Moravian Church or by calling 610-258-6317. *Register by August 10 so that they have sufficient supplies.*

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 info 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 confirmation class, email Becky@centralmoravianchurch.org

Ice Cream & Backpack Blessing

On **Sunday, August 23rd**, our worship will focus on prayers for all returning to school; young people, staff, teachers, and also all of us as we prepare for another year of Sunday School and learning across all ages. Following the service, come gather with us on the lower church green and enjoy an ice cream treat from the Melt ice cream truck. At 12 p.m. (or after we have gotten our ice cream), we'll ask our children and youth to bring their backpack for a special blessing of the backpacks. Tell your friends and neighbors!

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 onsite 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.