

This Week at Central Moravian Church--July 26-August 1, 2026

Sun.	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium
Mon.	4:00 pm	Personnel Committee	Zoom
Tues.	9:00 am	B & G Walk Around	Office, CE building
	7:00 pm	Social Action Committee	Zoom
Wed.	7:15 am	Morning Bible Study	Nitschmann Hall
	9:30 am	Busy Workers' Society	Chapel, lower level
Thur.	10 am - 12 pm	Cynthia's Boutique Drop Off	Office, lower level
	4:00 pm	Membership Committee	Office Conf. Room
Fri.	8:30 - 11:30 am	Food Pantry Distribution	Office, lower level
	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Tours	Chapel & Sanctuary
Sat.	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Tours	Chapel & Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium

Next Sunday's Worship Service – August 2, 2026

10:00 am	Worship in the Sanctuary	Janel Rice
3:00 pm	Korean / English Worship Service in the Chapel	

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 next Sunday, August 2 at 3 p.m. in the Old Chapel. (English subtitles will be provided.).

Extra 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: July 30 and August 6, 14, 21, 27.



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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 26, 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 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).

Musikfest Concerts at Central/Street Changes during Musikfest

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. To view a full schedule of events, visit: <https://www.artsquest.org/musikfest/lineup/>. Heckewelder Place will remain one-way south during Musikfest. It will not be reversed. All vehicles must turn left on Church Street during festival hours because no traffic will be allowed onto Main Street. Church Street will be reversed after 11 a.m. each day. Church office parking is still available. If you are stopped, please say you are here on church business. Sunday's parking is available on both sides of Church St., as usual, until 1 p.m. You need to exit by going up (wrong way) on Church Street.

Holy Communion and Lovefeast-on-the-Green: We hope you can 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.

Drive by Drop Off Donations for Food Pantry & Trex Plastic

Volunteers will be at the Christian Education building parking lot off of New Street next **Sunday, 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: sugar (1 or 2 lb. bags), canned vegetables and beans (they have kidney) evaporated or boxed milk, coffee, or any other items you wish to donate. Thank you!

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, and backpacks (medium/large).

Arts Fest for Children

This year's Art 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. *Please 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 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.

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, please 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. Open to all – 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 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.

BAM at Lehigh Valley Pride

Join our volunteer team during the popular Lehigh Valley Pride event at SteelStacks in Bethlehem on **August 30!** Volunteers welcome visitors to the BAM booth, and distribute water and glitter blessings to attendees. Volunteers should be comfortable with some walking and moving about, no booth confinement required! To sign up for a shift, visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45ABAB29A1FAC25-64704102-lvpride>

Upcoming Inquirers' Classes

A series of 3 Inquirers' Classes will take place on **September 27 and October 4 & 5 (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.