

This Week at Central Moravian Church—July 5 – 11, 2026

Sun.	5:00 pm	AA	Benigna Auditorium
Mon.	Church Office Closed for Independence Day Holiday		
Tues.	6:00 pm	Dining Out Group Event	White Orchids Thai
Wed.	7:15 am	Morning Bible Study	Nitschmann Hall
	9:30 am	Busy Workers' Society	Chapel, lower level
	3:00 pm	Buildings & Grounds	Zoom
Thur.	10 am - 12 pm	Cynthia's Boutique Drop Off	Office, lower level
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 – July 12

Lovefeast & Old Chapel's 275th Anniversary

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary Janel Rice

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.

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:

July 12 (Old Chapel's 275th Anniversary) and 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, July 5, 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

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 on 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. For a full schedule of events, visit: <https://www.artsquest.org/musikfest/lineup/>

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 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, backpacks (med/lg).

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.

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.

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

Backpack Blessing & Ice Cream

On Sunday, August 23rd, our worship will focus on prayers for all returning to school; both 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 noon (or after we have gotten our ice cream), we'll ask our children and youth to bring their backpacks 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. 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. Join them on August 27 for an unforgettable evening of music, community, and lifesaving impact!