Central Moravian Church
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA

The Belfry

News of Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania *March 2026*

Worship in March

9 a.m. in the Old Chapel
10 a.m. Sunday School in the C. E. Building
11 a.m. in the Sanctuary (with unstaffed nursery)

March 1 – Second Sunday in Lent
Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

March 8 – Third Sunday in Lent
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Jennika Eckhaus

March 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller

March 22 – Fifth Sunday in Lent
Reception Sunday at 11 a.m. Worship Service
Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

March 29 – Palm Sunday
Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

From Pastor Janel

What are you looking for? This was a theme (and Jesus's first words to his future disciples) I highlighted earlier this year. It is profound that Jesus comes seeking to know what are our needs and desires. But we can only hear those words of Jesus if we also choose to seek him, taking the time for meditation and worship, recentering ourselves from the demands of our lives that relentlessly beg for our attention. St. Ambrose (340–397 C.E.) wrote these beautiful words: "O God, teach me to see you, and reveal yourself to me when I seek you. For I cannot see you unless you first seek me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing and long for you in seeking. Let me find you in love and love you in finding."

The season of Lent is a gift, a recentering. It is not a destination but rather an invitation into seeking. Beginning with Jesus's wilderness time, we also enter a period of 40 days to wander and center, pray and watch, and seek God's presence. This doesn't mean that we are immune to the wonderful and terrifying ways of the world around us, but we are seeking a center that is God. To this end, our Lenten worship will center around the question of Seeking and the permission to ask honest questions for a deeper faith. Within the readings for this season come the honest questions of seekers, as we follow the Gospel of John throughout much of Lent and hear from Nicodemus, an outcast woman, and an exhausted community. In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning and a deeper faith. What they get is sometimes not what they are seeking, but rather a new perspective or a different path forward. Questions can be challenging, but also hopeful, for it is only when we question that we can grow. Through the changes within us and around us, in days when it feels like we are only walking on Jello or even quicksand, we pray that this Lenten season can be a time of recentering and restorative seeking.

I turn to our 2026 Congregational Watchword from the Moravian Daily Texts to center us: O Come, Let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker! (Psalm 95:6). My faith was formed in Ursinus College's chapel program when I knelt down before being sent off to serve. Each Sunday we began with these words on confession that I will be sharing each Wednesday during our Mid-Week Lenten program, which called us to Seek the Lord in what we do and say:

We come before you today as broken people in the need of forgiveness – having come from anguished moments in the night, and betrayals in the day; having said cutting words or no words. Often bewildered by the obvious or subtle suffering that we see – or that is our own – we have been uncertain. We have concentrated on the defense of ourselves and have found the condemnation of others easy. We have not received others simply as they are, nor met them as ourselves. Hear our various inward cries. Forgive us and heal us. Alone we cannot be healed. Therefore, lead us to discovery of others, free us from our bondages; cleanse our hearts with honesty and give us courage to accompany our fears; and bring us to faith and hope and love.

Seek God – and may we be grounded in a faith and a faith community where God's presence and love is found in the questions and the challenges. A Blessed Lent to you.

Lenten Dinners & Programs Continue

All dates include dinners in the Christian Education building at 6 p.m., followed by a brief worship and program at 7 p.m. in the Old Chapel.

Wednesday, **March 4**, "Famous Visitors in the Old Chapel". Central's young people will share anecdotes from famous visitors including Martha Washington, Ben Franklin, Lafayette, and more!
Dinner: Moravian Women, Bible Studies

Wednesday, **March 11**, "Indigenous Peoples in the Old Chapel". This program will explore the 1792 visit by Chiefs and Warriors of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy; and Moravian church's involvement with indigenous people.
Dinner: Congregational Potluck (sign ups at earlier dinners)

Wednesday, **March 18**, "Moravian Academy, Then and Now" Head of the Moravian Academy downtown campus, Abby Mahone, will join Charlene Donchez Mowers.
Dinner: Busy Workers

Wednesday, **March 25**, "Music in the Chapel and a Singstunde". Music through the years in the Old Chapel, the organs and organists, what hymns were sung during Lent, musical landmarks that occurred in the Old Chapel, how it was used, musically, though the years, i. e. concert hall for the Philharmonic Society. The evening will conclude with a Singstunde led by Becky Lepore.
Dinner: Central's Choirs

For those not able to attend the programs in the Old Chapel, a Zoom showing will be held in the Christian Education buiding on the Smart Board after dinner.

If you are unable to attend in person, please access the 7 p.m. programs using the same Zoom link each week: **https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84564287979**

Memorial Service
Roberta Florey & Lorraine Lease

We will be remembering two sisters and members of Central together on Friday, March 20 at 11 a.m. in the Old Chapel. Sisters Roberta Florey and Lorraine Lease passed away within months of each other, and we will hold a joint memorial service for them.

2026 New Board Members

Welcome to our new Board members approved at Church Council on February 1, 2026.

Board of Elders:
1st term: Michael Brolly, Erik Derbak, Annie Jones, Brian Naisby

Board of Trustees
1st term: Mike Berlin, Paul de Vries, James Gold,
Returning for 2nd term: Jeff Biro

Our Elders and Trustees provide the leadership and are available for bringing issues, concerns, and ideas before our boards for discussion. Elders lead us in the spiritual oversight of the congregation as the Trustees work on the buildings, budget, etc. Our Boards work together as equal parts of the Joint Board in leading the congregation. We ask for your prayers for our Joint Board as they continue to work through the call process together for an Associate Pastor.

Invite a Friend Sunday – March 22!

What's your Central "call story"? How did you first come to worship at Central? Some of us might have wandered in on our own, or through a google or internet search. But time and time again, we hear stories that people come because a neighbor, a colleague, or a friend invited me. Maybe you were invited to a worship service (consider especially inviting someone to Great Sabbath – April 4 or Christian Family Lovefeast – May 10!). But maybe you were invited to help serve at the food pantry, learn how to trim beeswax candles, take a history tour, enjoy a fellowship group like the Busy Workers, take part in an online Bible study in the cold of the winter, etc. Central has no shortages of opportunities to grow in faith, service to our neighbor and education – but we can only grow and promote them with YOUR HELP!

You tell the story about your experience. The stirring of your spirit in worship. The joy in serving a neighbor. The support of a loving fellowship group. We are all called to tell this "good news" – the gospel!

Sunday, March 22 at the 9 or 11 a.m. services is a designated *invite a friend* (or neighbor, colleague, etc.) Sunday. We'll have a special Moravian gift for each visitor and also a chance for them to talk with Pastor Janel and if desired, have a chance to learn more about Central, take a short tour, etc. It will be a great chance for them to meet our pastoral leadership and learn more about the Moravian church today.

Remember how you were invited - and now it is your turn to tell someone about the experiences you have in this faith community. Thanks to the Membership Committee for their sponsorship of this event.

Guest Preacher, the Rev. Dr. Jennika Eckhaus

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Jennika Eckhaus on Sunday, March 8th to serve as our guest preacher while Pastor Janel is on vacation. Jennika graduated in 1998 from Moravian College with a degree in Chemistry and from Moravian Theological Seminary in 2001 with a Master of Divinity and was ordained by the Moravian Church in June 2001. She served congregations in Lake Mills, WI and Bethlehem, PA. She returned to Moravian University in 2013 to serve as Chaplain of the University deepening her commitment to spiritual formation in academic life. In 2020 she received her certificate in Spiritual Direction and in 2025 she received her Doctor of Ministry degree from the Moravian University School of Theology. Her doctoral research focuses on "Midlife as Spiritual Practice: The Quotidian Journey to Becoming Present to What Matters Most". Jennika currently serves as the Dean for Spirituality and Inclusion and the Director of Moravian Church Relations for the School of Theology. She serves as an administrative faculty member and teaches in the Compass Program, the Spiritual Direction Program, and the Masters' Programs.

Old Chapel & Sanctuary Tours Resume

After a winter hiatus, we are looking forward to offering tours of the Old Chapel and Sanctuary on Fridays and Saturdays from 2 – 4 p.m., starting March 6 and 7. We count on the time and talent of our volunteers to offer hospitality as we tell the story of our vibrant faith and witness, both today and in the past. As the World Heritage identity grows, we anticipate welcoming more people to learn about our spaces and heritage. If you would like to learn more about volunteering, reach out to Betsy Miller (betsy@mcnp.org). Sign up to volunteer at **CMC tour sign up.**

Indigenous People & Early Bethlehem
A Walking Tour

Indigenous people — both visitors and residents — have been part of Bethlehem since its founding. On this walking tour you will learn about the deep, persistent, and complex relationships that Lenape, Mohicans, and Haudenosaunee people formed with the Moravians at Bethlehem. We will visit the last surviving home from Nain (a nearby Indigenous village), which was moved to Bethlehem in 1765. Please join us for a remarkable and enlightening story. This tour will be held on Saturday, March 28 at 1:30 p.m., starting in the Old Chapel and will last approximately 90 minutes. Participants should expect to walk some steps, up to God's Acre and around the historic campus. Please contact Camie Modjadidi at modjadidic@moravian.edu to register.

Holy Week and Easter Worship

SUNDAY TO WEDNESDAY

March 29, 30, 31 (Chapel) April 1 (Sanctuary)
7 p.m. Readings for Holy Week

April 2 – Maundy Thursday (Sanctuary)
7 p.m. Readings for Holy Week & Communion

April 3 – Good Friday
10 a.m. Communion Service (Chapel)
2:15 p.m. Crucifixion Service (Sanctuary)
7 p.m. Seven Last Words (Chapel)

April 4 – Great Sabbath Lovefeast
2 p.m. (Sanctuary)

April 5 – Easter Sunday
6:15 a.m. Easter Dawn Service
(We start in the Sanctuary and move to God's Acre)
9 a.m. Old Chapel
10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt and Workshop
11 a.m. Triumph Service – Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt and Workshop

Children, youth and everyone are invited to join us for our Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 5. Join us right outside of the Old Chapel on the green as we hunt for eggs before the squirrels get them! Then come inside for refreshments, crafts and Easter fun for all ages in our Easter Workshop.

Both Enslaved & Free:
Men & Women of African Descent in Early Bethlehem A Walking Tour

More than 50 people of African descent have been documented living in Bethlehem and its surrounding communities between 1740 and 1800. On this walking tour you will learn how these men and women came to be here, how they were treated, and how those who were enslaved became free. Please join us at the Old Chapel on Saturday, April 25 at 1:30 p.m. for a remarkable and enlightening story. If you would like to participate, please contact Camie Modjadidi at modjadidic@moravian.edu.

Musical Notes

Becky Lepore, Minister of Music

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QR Code for the Central Moravian Church Music Webpage

Central Brass Ensemble – If you are interested in playing with the Central Brass Ensemble on the second Sunday of each month at the 11 a.m. service, please contact Caitlin Heckman at caitlin.g.heckman@gmail.com for further information.

Lenten Contemplative Concert – Sunday, March 8 at 2 p.m. in the Old Chapel featuring Ellen Hospador, cello and Richard Miller, piano. No tickets required. Free-will offering.

Organ Concert – Saturday, June 20 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary, featuring Luke DiGiacinto, organist. No tickets required. Free-will offering.

Music Committee Meetings:
Tuesday, March 3rd at 6 p.m. via Zoom
Tuesday, May 5th at 6 p.m. via Zoom

Church Council Comments from Pastor Janel

Here's my pastoral comments and goals I outlined at Church Council, February 1st, calling us to be a church with a strong focus on community engagement balanced by depth in spiritual life, fellowship and worship opportunities.

1. Central should continue to work on creating a culture of engagement and radical inclusivity. In an "Either/Or" world, how can we can be a place where Both/And? For example, a Historic Church AND Living Relevant Ministries in Today's World, Social Justice AND Community fellowship, Creating Conversation across Differences, Valuing and Respecting Different Voices, Charity AND justice work (advocacy) in community.
2. As we welcomed 18 new members last year, we need to continue to work on engaging them in our church community, providing more virtual and small groups opportunities for engagement. Likewise, we look to enhance our children's ministry (thank you Linda de Vries!) with opportunities for a growing population of older youth.
3. As we grow into our World Heritage status as Moravian Church Settlements-Bethlehem, we balance our role as a church community with also sharing with a broader visiting audience. A new website in 2026 as well as continued tours of the Chapel and Sanctuary will help us be the interpretive lens for telling the Moravian Church story.



Directory is Here – Opportunity for Photos at Worship on Sunday, March 1 & 29

Our new print directory should have been mailed to all members' homes the end of February, beginning of March; if you would like one and didn't receive one, please contact the church office. This directory is also available online with the opportunity to share photos as we all get to know each other better. Help us to continue to update the directory by submitting your photo online or quickly having your photo taken in the West Rooms either on March 1 or March 29. A photographer will be present at 10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. or after the 11 a.m. service those days. You can access the online directory at this website: members.instantchurchdirectory.com and enter your email address as listed in the directory. Click on "Send Secure Sign-In Link." Then check your email and click on the "Log into Instant Church Directory" button found in your email. You can choose the option to always remain connected and you will not have to log on again. If you cannot log on, it probably means that we do not have your email address in the church files. Please update your email or ask us for help by contacting the church office.

Bible Sunday

On March 1st at the 11 a.m.service, we will share youth study Bibles with our 3rd graders at Central. Our children's choir will also sing. We look forward to celebrating our young people and recognizing their spiritual growth in this annual tradition.

Bread for the World

2025 was a year of upheaval and uncertainty for millions of children and families around the world experiencing hunger. The reason? Cuts to domestic food assistance and international nutrition programs that serve countless people who are struggling to make ends meet.

Bread for the World has a yearly campaign to write our Senators and Representatives in Congress to make ending hunger a priority by strengthening SNAP and WIC, fully funding global food, health, and development programs, and passing a strong bipartisan Farm Bill that supports families, farmers, and communities.

Hunger is not inevitable. It is a reflection of our priorities and policy choices. We can and must do better. We hope you can participate in signing our postcards and sending them to your respective Representatives and Senators. As we offer our postcards to Congress we invite you to pray with us that these postcards would inspire elected officials to make ending hunger a priority.

On April 12th we will be handing out postcards at both the 9 o'clock and 11 o'clock services for you to mail. We appreciate your participation.
Bonnie Davis and Michael Brennan

New Documentary Featuring Central and Our Faith Ancestors

PBS39 Presents: Moravian Women in Early America, a new documentary, has been released and features Central Moravian Church, scholars Dr. Katie Faull and Dr. Scott Gordon and others as well as narration from Pastor Janel. We are pleased to partner with PBS39 in bringing the stories of our Moravian heritage to light as the 250th anniversary of America has been highlighted! To access the 30 minute documentary, go to PBS39 YouTube Channel and search for "Moravian Women in Early America".

Welcoming New Members

We look forward to welcoming in new members on Sunday, March 22 at the 11 a.m. worship service with a light reception to follow. Join us to welcome those who have completed the February and March inquirers classes and chosen to become a member.

Share the Heritage Gala

The Moravian Historical Society's 19th Annual Share the Heritage Gala will take place on Saturday, April 11 at 6 p.m. at the Northampton Country Club. This year's Heritage Award will be presented to Scott Paul Gordon for his scholarly contributions to the history of the Moravians during the Revolutionary War era. As we prepare to commemorate the Nation's 250th Anniversary, we invite you to join us for a festive celebration, including music, a cocktail hour, dinner, and auction. Details about the event are available at:
www.moravianhistory.org/share-the-heritage

Ways to Give Financially to Central A Quick Reminder!

Members can receive numbered **Offering Envelopes**. Cash or checks can be placed in those envelopes. Use the memo line if the offering is for something special.

There are **envelopes in the pew racks** for use by members who may not have their envelopes with them, or for visitors. Please be sure to write your name on the envelope.

Members can arrange through their **financial institution** to have checks issued to Central. Set this up as though it is a bill pay, however your bank does this.

Give through **PayPal Giving Fund**. The PayPal Giving Fund offers a way to give monthly and easily to Central. There are no fees to be paid when you use the Giving Fund.

Moravian Ministries Foundation through the Donate page on our website. Your contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our online giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. This is a way to give to Central which does not charge you or the church a fee to process your donation. Look here:
tinyurl.com/donate2central

Please contact Martha Jones if you have any questions or would like assistance. Phone: 610-866-5661 ex. 0203.
Email: Martha@centralmoravianchurch.org

Racial Justice at Central Moravian Church Moravian Magazine February 2026

Cheryl C. Boots

"Should we cancel? Can we re-schedule? A lot of people are telling us they can't come because of the snow!" This 10 a.m. phone call came just hours before the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ceremony on January 18, 2026, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. But the backstory to those earnest questions began in 2023 with the experience of several Central Moravian members in a program called "Sacred Ground." Because of their calling to put their expanded awareness into action, Central Moravian Church has developed a vibrant relationship with Second Baptist Church, a predominantly African American congregation in Bethlehem.

Sacred Ground is an educational program about race in America. The Episcopal Church designed it to better inform Christians—especially White Christians—about U.S. racism. Using readings and videos, small groups discuss what they learn. It involves 11 sessions of 1 ½ to 2 hours offered remotely. Participants develop trust so they can talk meaningfully about material that includes Indigenous Peoples, African Americans, Latinx, and Asian Americans. Sacred Ground encourages people to become aware of harmful racial patterns in our country and once they have done so, to find ways to undo those harmful patterns. The program now includes other Protestant congregations as well as Episcopalians. Sacred Ground in the Lehigh Valley will be offered again in Fall 2026.

Several Central Moravian Church members participated in Sacred Ground offered in 2023. Their Sacred Ground experience so moved Barry and Diane Kessler that they sought to create opportunities for interracial dialog. These "Caring Conversations" aimed to give Persons of Color and Whites a place and time to talk about their concerns leading to better understandings and healthier interactions. With the support of the late Bishop Hopeton Clennon (and subsequently of the Rev. Janel Rice), Barry and Diane reached out to Pastors Paul and Tara Patrick of Second Baptist Church in Bethlehem. What started as a dinner conversation in Barry and Diane's home has become a gathering where participants from both congregations share opinions and ideas on topics such as the current political climate, Christian Nationalism, post Reconstruction America, and marginalization.

Another outgrowth of the Sacred Ground experience was a bus tour of Philadelphia historic sites featuring African Americans. Members of both churches attended. A guide led the group through the historic district and Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church, the oldest African American Episcopal Church in the United States. Its church building is the oldest one continuously owned by African Americans.

Which brings us back to that Sunday morning phone call on January 18. Initially, the two churches planned to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s interfaith legacy together. Then the program expanded to become a community-wide event. Additional sponsors included Moravian University School of Theology, Bethlehem Interfaith Group, and Bethlehem Area Moravians. Despite the unexpected snowstorm, participants "stepped out in faith" and proceeded. Second Baptist Church youth presented 15 historical figures in a "wax museum" format. Vocalists, dancers, poetry performers, and speakers from the Jewish, Muslim, and Protestant Christian faiths offered a formal program in Foy Hall at Moravian University. Nearly 100 attendees braved the winter weather.

Since partnering with Second Baptist, Central Moravian also has consulted about food pantry programs, sharing information and learning about each other's procedures for combating food scarcity. This spring, Central Moravian members will get on the bus with Second Baptist members riding to New Jersey for Pastor Paul's elevation to be a Bishop. Additional opportunities to share their Christian embrace of love and service will no doubt arise in the days and years ahead.

Ordination of Byrnese Craig

Byrnese Craig, who helped with our Putz and World Heritage tours last year, will be ordained to service as a Deacon in the Moravian Church, Northern Province on March 7 at 3 p.m. at the Moravian Theological Seminary, 60 W. Locust Street, Bethlehem. Reception to follow. If you are unable to attend in person, you are welcome to contact Byrnese directly (byrnese.craig@gmail.com) to indicate interest and she will share the service link when it becomes available.

Save the Date for Our Birthday Social

We will be having our annual Birthday Social on Sunday, April 12. It is the best party with a light lunch, and birthday cakes for each month. Fun for kids, those young at heart, and everyone else. More info regarding required birthday cake bakers will be shared in *The Sunday Times* in late March. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 12, for our annual Birthday Social!

Memorial Service Planning Reminders

The Congregational Care Committee reminds our members and friends that you are always welcome to talk with a pastor to learn more about setting aside plans for a memorial service. Hymns, scriptures and remembrances for a memoir can be securely left in the church office to help your loved ones plan a memorial service. Please look to: **https://www.centralmoravianchurch.org/grow-learn/ adults/** for the packet of information about memorial services and memoirs planning, etc.

March Special Offering Envelopes

Moravian Unity Offering (March 1) – The 2026 Unity Offering has been designated to the Moravian Unity Heritage Foundation (MUCHF). The purpose of MUCHF is supporting preservation projects of historical buildings and other structures considered cultural heritage, belonging to the Moravian Church around the Unity. The link to the Unity website is www.unitasfratrum.org. Please make a special effort to support this important effort. Checks payable to the Moravian Church-Northern Province and forwarded to the Finance Office, 1021 Center St., Bethlehem, PA 18018, with a note in the memo area indicating "Unity Offering." Please send all offerings no later than May 31 to ensure their being able to transmit all funds to the Unity for the current year's project or use the giving portal link as listed below: **https://mmfa.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1265**

Sikonge Partnership (March 29) – Central Moravian Church has been in partnership with the Sikonge Moravian Church in Tanzania since 1991. Our first efforts were to help build a new church for the community. Over the years, we have assisted in a number of other construction projects. Contributions from Central have helped dig wells, build churches, while providing clothing, school fees, books, desks, and supplies for children, equipment for the handicapped, assistance for retired Moravian pastors, bikes for evangelists, and Bibles for church schools. Your financial gifts will help to continue this work. We continue to seek the guidance of Bill and Peg Hoffman, so that our contributions may be used effectively.

Stewardship One-Liner

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:32

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle; Use Less Plastic

- Volunteer! Central's Food Pantry, the TREX Plastic Recycling project, and Cynthia's Boutique (Central's Clothing Closet) would appreciate your help, as would other area non-profits. The Bethlehem Emergency Shelter, New Bethany, Meals on Wheels, the Essentials Café, the Moravian Archives, Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites are always in need of additional helpers. Check their websites, or give them a call and ask how you can help. Not only does volunteering help the organization; it also keeps you involved in the community, combats loneliness and improves mental health!

- There IS another online place to shop for new and used books. Check out https://www.betterworldbooks.com/go/mission Every book purchased from Better World Books helps them donate books to people who need them. BWB has donated over 38 million books. BWB also provides literacy grants to educational nonprofits and libraries, and has partnered with a variety of organizations such as Books for Africa, Internet Archive, and Little Free Library. And they 'never, ever' throw away a book. "Any book for which we cannot find a proper home is recycled". Check out their website (above) for more information. FYI: The Southern Lehigh Library in Center Valley is a partner with Better World Books.

- Use wool dryer balls in your dryer, rather than dryer sheets, to soften clothes and reduce static cling. Dryer sheets are single-use and coated with chemicals, while dryer balls are reusable and work by physically separating clothes. Your laundry may not smell as fragrant as with dryer sheets, but your environmental impact will be less.

- Reduce your nighttime light pollution. Research shows that our porch and security lights are major causes of insect decline (not good for those pollinators!!), Consider turning off your lights at night. Or use motion sensor security lights. Or replace the white bulb in your lights with yellow or amber-tinted LED bulbs. These color wavelengths are the least attractive to nocturnal insects.

- The Busy Workers' Plant & Attic Treasures sale is on Mother's Day weekend in May, but collections for Attic Treasures begin right after Easter. Watch for collection times in The Belfry, Constant Contact, and Sunday Times; now is a good time to go through the garage, attic, basement, closets, etc. for all those treasures that you no longer need and would like to donate!

The Belfry

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March Birthdays

1 Laurence Fishler
2 Liesel Dreisbach-Williams
3 Tammy Hilt
3 Chloe Eckhart
3 Vivienne O'Connor
4 John Woltjen
5 Deborah Cox-VanHorn
5 Diane Kessler
5 Tina Ormiston
5 Rebecca Hummel
6 Ursula Hoffmann
6 Jeffrey Kostenbader
6 Nan Frantz
7 Kathleen Stehly
8 Jan Christensen
8 Rob Phillips
8 Brian Naisby
9 Robbie Williamson
9 Jo Ann Haines
9 Jeff Griffis
9 Todd Silvius
9 Cole Frank
10 Rafael Vicidomini
11 Jane Tegyi
11 Howard Freed
13 Barry Kessler
13 Beth Boyer
13 Dale Browder
13 Terri Lee Nasatka
13 Jennifer Heil
13 Jordan Achey
14 Anna Kodama
14 William McKay
14 Sophie Rice
15 Sandy Griffis
15 Barbara McEvoy
15 Zachary Bechtold
16 Dawn Ketterman-Benner
16 Donald Jean
16 Janet Grosset
16 James Freund
17 David Williams
18 Bruce Seidel
18 Charlotte Sacks
18 Spencer Schlack
18 Devon Schlack
19 Shelly Watson
19 Kecia Smith
20 Paula Ballard
20 Renee Roberts
20 Michael Reifinger
20 Nate Bissey
21 Lois Mast
22 Kathleen Frank
22 Zachary Thomas
23 Missy Farinhas
24 June Robinson
24 Dolores Snyder
24 Donald Pharo
24 Trisha Bray
24 Liam Brolly
25 Cindy Reichert
26 Anne Zug
26 Royce Prichett
26 Losian Fontanez
27 Louis Viruet
28 David Caccese MD
28 Wayne Achey
29 Margaret Snyder
29 Frank Shipman III
30 AnneMarie Whildin
30 Rosi McIlwain
30 Robert Rice
30 Terry Worrich
30 Michael Krem
31 Debra Nyby
31 Brett Seruga
31 Ronan Kane

Church Journal

Baptism
February 1 – Francesca Rose Sestito

In Memoriam
January 9 – Lorraine Lease