Central Moravian Church
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The Belfry

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

Worship in November

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)

November 1
All Saints' Day Remembrance Sunday
Please share the names of loved ones to be remembered by contacting Pastor Janel before the service.
Mission Moment: Bethlehem Emergency Shelter
Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice
Welcome to our new Director of Music, Rev. Scott Siciliano

November 8
Christ as Chief Elder Lovefeast
Invite a Friend Sunday
Mission Moment: Tanzanian Orphans
Sermon: The Rev. Becky Lepore

November 15
Christ as Chief Elder Holy Communion
Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

November 22
Thanksgiving Worship/*Red Wagon Sunday*
11 a.m. Children's Choir sings
Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

November 29
First Sunday in Advent/ Advent Lovefeast
9-10:45 a.m. Advent Workshop (CE Auditorium)
One Service Only 11 a.m. Sanctuary
Meditation: The Rev. Janel Rice
Christmas Eve Ticket Distribution 11/29 & 12/6

From Pastor Janel

If you tried to get into the office or call Central on September 29, and didn't see our notice, we apologize — it was staff retreat day! We gathered our staff for a retreat off-site to get to know our new director of music, the Rev. Scott Siciliano and enjoy time of fellowship and strategic thinking together. We started the day off with the ancient Christian practice of the Examen. The examen comes from Ignatian spiritual practice as a way to intentionally and spiritually review your day. Practiced as a group, it provides a way to reflect in both gratitude and honesty.

The steps are:
• Become aware of God's presence
• Review the day with gratitude
• Pay attention to your emotions - both moments of consolation where you felt close to God, and moments of desolation where you felt distant
• Choose one feature of the day to pray from
• Look toward tomorrow asking God for the grace you need.

For our staff, we reflected upon our joys and challenges (#3) while asking the question, "How are we lovingly serving God, our congregation and greater community as staff members?" Essentially, how are we looking at the bigger picture (our church's mission) in the work we do?

I think it all starts with a first two steps, a grateful awareness of God's presence. And no better time to practice the Examen and this practice of intentional gratitude than the Thanksgiving season.

So, what am I grateful for? I'll start with what came out of the staff retreat. Our Central Moravian Church staff have grown together to see their jobs more as a vocation and a calling. I am grateful for our church community and for the volunteers who consistently overwhelm me by their often "beyond the scenes" dedication, wisdom, and love.

I am grateful for the joyful chaos and uncertainty in transitions as I am seeing such incredible and loving ministries from our new pastor of congregational life, the Rev. Becky Lepore (see page 3). I am already inspired and can't wait to welcome the Rev. Scott Siciliano as our new director of music, as he is dedicated to continuing our deep tradition of music as a vital ministry at Central. And I am so grateful for the incredible ministry of our interim organist Luke DiGiacinto and wish him God's blessings on his newest venture at Grace Church.

I am grateful that at the end of the day, as the Examen states, we have the chance to look forward to the future with the hope of a God whose love never fails. We look forward to the future as we welcomed in new members on October 25th and as we welcome in friends and neighbors on November 8th's Lovefeast which is "Invite a Friend" Sunday!

I invite you to practice the Examen this season remembering the words from the Apostle Paul "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

Colossians 3:15

Dining Out Group Event on November 3

Central's Dining Out group meets on Tuesday, November 3 at 6 p.m. at the Thai Thai II Restaurant at 509 Main Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. The entrees are a combination of original Thai food with a modern twist. Vegan, vegetarian, and gluten free dishes are available. It's BYOB. Parking is easy in Central's upper school lot with a short walk to the restaurant. For reservations, please email Rose Warner at rosaliepwarner@gmail.com. Only email reservations will be accepted.

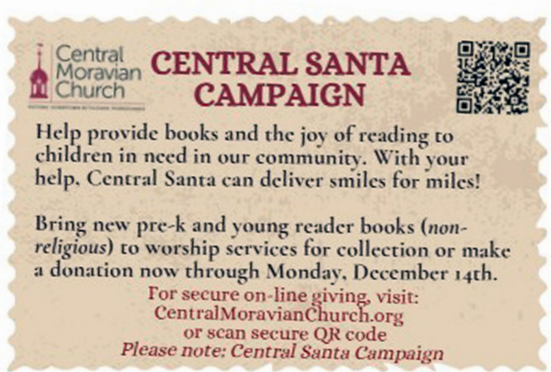
Learn More About Letter Writing and Advocacy: A Girl Scouts Gold Award

All are welcome to attend a letter writing workshop, with a goal of increasing advocacy skills and learning how to reach out to the local government and tailor letters to make the greatest impact on topics important to you. This workshop will take place on **Sunday, November 8th** after the 11 a.m. worship, in the C. E. building (lower level) and will feature Rep. Steve Samuelson who will provide us with insight on how writing to the government has an impact on lawmakers and creating change. A light lunch will be served, suggested topics and stationery will be provided, and it will be a great opportunity to learn how to use your voice as a member of our community! This workshop is part of Sophie Rice's Girl Scout Gold Award project, "Pencil Power". Join us and consider inviting a friend for an informative and collaborative workshop.

Friday Fun Night

All children Pre-K (potty trained, 3yo) to 5th grade are invited to join us for a night of fun on **November 13 from 6 - 8 p.m.** in the C.E. building, lowerr level. During our special time of friendship and fellowship, we'll enjoy pizza, play games, craft, pray, and sing. Required preregistration here: Nov FFN. Questions? Contact linda@centralmoravianchurch.org.

Central Moravian Church Social Action Committee



Busy Workers' Annual Christmas Sale

Please join us at the CE Building, 40 W Church Street, for the Busy Workers' Annual Christmas Sale! Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Bring your family and friends! We have exciting new items along with many of our traditional favorites. Delicious baked goods will be available, and fresh sugar cake will be delivered at noon on Saturday. Want to reserve a sugar cake? Please call Jacqueline Adams at 610-867-7463 or email crajva@rcn.com. Come early for the best selection of Christmas gifts and beautiful wreaths! *All proceeds benefit charitable causes throughout Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley, as well as worldwide and church-related causes.*

Bakers Wanted: The Busy Workers are looking for bakers to help make their Annual Christmas Sale a success! We welcome donations of cookies, brownies, cupcakes, muffins, scones, pies, jams, jellies, candy, or your favorite specialty. Your delicious contributions are always a highlight of our sale! Baked goods may be delivered to the CE Building Kitchen on: Friday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If this delivery time is not convenient, please contact Jacqueline Adams at 610-867-7463 to make other arrangements. For questions, please call Sallie Woodring at 610-746-5648 or Jacqueline Adams.

Natural Greens Needed: The Busy Workers are getting ready to make beautiful wreaths for this year's Christmas Sale, and they need your help! If you have any of the following trees or shrubs in your yard that could use a little "haircut," they would be delighted to use your cuttings: white pine, spruce, holly, winterberry, juniper, cedar, yew, pine cones, dried colored hydrangea, etc. They will need donations during the weekend after Thanksgiving, November 27–30. Please contact Joan Carson at 610-346-8012 or jec1@lehigh.edu to arrange when and where your greens can be delivered. Many thanks for helping us make our sale a success!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Join others from the Bethlehem Interfaith Group (BIG) at First Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, November 22 at 2 p.m. for this annual tradition.

Red Wagon Sunday on November 22

Come help our Sunday School children fill their red wagons with a special food pantry collection during the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services. Bring a canned good, cereal or another item to share as we give thanks for this important ministry feeding over 200 people each month!

Would you like to see how the food pantry accomplishes this amazing task? Meet us at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary's amen pews for a brief pantry tour. Stay to hear the Children's Choir sing at the 11 a.m. service.

Advent Workshop for All Ages

As the aroma of beeswax fills the air, candles illuminate the windows, and decorations brighten our surroundings, it's clear that Christmas is fast approaching. But first, we celebrate Advent—a time of preparation for Christ's birth. All ages are welcome on Sunday, **November 29 from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** in the Christian Education building, upper level, for a morning of crafts, activities, food, and fellowship to get into the Christmas spirit. Stay afterward for the 11 a.m. service, which will include a Lovefeast.

Capture the Magic: The 2026 Star and Candle Shop Returns to Bethlehem!

The holiday season is just around the corner, and the Moravian History Store is ready to help you check off everyone on your shopping list! For the third consecutive year, we are thrilled to partner with Central Moravian Church to bring you a beloved local tradition: the Star and Candle Shop.

Step into a winter wonderland filled with dazzling holiday treasures. Discover authentic Herrnhuter Moravian Stars, exquisitely handcrafted ornaments, festive home decor, and elegant Moravian star jewelry. You will also find a curated selection of themed glassware, tumblers, and one-of-a-kind gifts crafted by talented local artists and vendors, including Susan and Rich Kriebs, Diane Kessler, Linda Wickmann, and Carol and Karen Reifinger.

Find us inside Central's Christian Education building at 40 W. Church Street, Bethlehem.

Holiday Shopping Hours

The magic begins on Friday, November 27, 2026.
November 27 – December 20 (Thursday – Sunday)
Thursdays and Fridays: 1 – 7 PM
Saturdays: 10 AM – 8 PM
Sundays: 12 – 5 PM

After-Christmas Extended Hours (Daily)

December 26 – December 31: 1 – 5 PM daily

"Did You Know?" *by Pastor Becky*

Even though I've been a part of this congregation since 2002 in my former role as Minister of Music, I've been amazed and overwhelmed in my new role as Pastor of Congregational Life by how much I didn't know about so many of the incredible ministries of this church and all of the behind-the-scenes volunteers that make them happen.

This month's column features the Candlemakers. Did you know...

- The Candlemakers made 7,859 beeswax candles in the span of only three Tuesday mornings this past September.
- Candles are made in a dedicated room in the church office basement going way back to Mark Parseghian.
- The Candlemaking dream team includes Nate Bissey, Tim Brady, Bobb Carson, Phil Corvino, Kerry Meixell, Harry Tachovsky, and Linda Thudium plus 15-20 volunteers every week.
- They begin the season with 10,000 beeswax candles in inventory so they may be purchased by groups like Lehigh University and Moravian University.
- The candles are decorated with red trim on four Monday nights in October by a group of dedicated volunteers who are fueled by apple cider and gingersnaps.
- There are "take-home kits" available for those who trim candles at home, and there are 50 candles in each kit.
- Red trim papers are hand cut by Linda Thudium and Larry Michael using specialized equipment.
- Red trim papers are fire resistant and purchased from a fireworks company.
- Central goes through 300 lbs of beeswax every year as they also make 10" and 12" taper candles.
- The Candlemakers celebrate with an annual Schmaus that consists of the traditional menu of roast beef sandwiches, cole slaw, apple pie, and cheddar cheese.
- There is a token candlemaking display in the Kleiner Saal.
- Moravians first used trimmed candles for Christmas Eve in 1747.
- These candles remind us that "the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not over come it." (John 1:5)

Central's Active Ministry of the Putz

The season of Advent is coming and so is the Putz. It is arguably one of the most visible and well-known ministries our church offers. Yes, it is a ministry! You can ask the person who came 50 years ago with his grandparents to see it and is now coming with his grandchildren so they can see it. Or, you can ask the Host who overheard one teenaged girl tell another after the showing, "I have never heard that story."

What is your ministry here at Central? When we join the church, I believe we are called to define a ministry for ourselves as we grow within the congregation. There are many ways that you can use the Putz to enhance your personal ministry, starting with the **Putz Construction in Nitschmann Hall**. Strong bodies are needed on **Sunday,**

November 15 as the basic foundation of the Putz arises. This will take place following the 11 a.m. worship service, and takes a couple of hours to complete. A light lunch will be provided. If you are unable to get there at 12:15 or 12:30, come when you are able. Something will be found for you to do.

By **Friday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m.**, the evergreen trees will have arrived, thanks to the Putz Ministry of Dave Jones, and things will begin to take shape. Friday evening, for about 3 hours, is another time to establish your Putz ministry. The construction will continue on **Saturday, November 21 at 9 a.m.** as the figurines are placed and the scenes take shape. Again, a light lunch will be provided.

We mentioned the evergreen trees. We use live ones, and there is a cost involved. This year we are announcing a new way for you to become involved and establish your PM (Putz ministry!) **Sponsor a Putz tree for $40**. This year we are looking for people who would be willing to be **Central Putz Tree Sponsors**. You may sponsor **ONE** tree for **$40.**

The first 8 responses we receive will be Putz Tree Sponsors, and will have the option of honoring or remembering someone special. They will be recognized for their contribution at the site of the Putz. Any responses received after the first 8 will be classified as Putz Contributors, and will also receive recognition. Please get a check to the church office by **Monday, November 16**. Please write the words **"Putz Tree" on the Memo line of your check**. If you have someone you would like to honor, please include their name and if they have a putz connection, please tell us about it.

And, finally, it is time for the Putz to begin on Black Friday, Nov. 27 – New Year Eve's... and here's where we need LOTS of volunteers! The ministry of being Putz Host or Greeter is where you can share the outreach of the Christmas story with people from all over the world, and share what you love about our church and the Putz. The Putz Host shares a short introduction and then pushes the button to start the Putz, and the Putz Greeter welcomes people as they come into the Christian Education building. We hope to have a volunteer training on November 22 after the 11 a.m. service. There will be a Sign-up App link on the new website, it is hoped, by November 1. Or, talk with Sophie Rice, Putz Volunteer Coordinator (ricesophie17@gmail.com) anytime to learn more about this simple and yet important ministry that you can be a part of!

May your Putz Ministry bring you many blessings this Advent season. *- Richard Miller*

The Putz Schedule starts November 27 and 2-hour shifts are available Thursday through Sunday.

Opening day Nov. 27 (Black Friday) ..... 1 – 7 p.m.
Thursday and Fridays..... 1 – 7 p.m.
Saturdays ..... 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sundays ..... 1 – 5 p.m.
After Christmas, open daily ..... 1 – 5 p.m.

Mental Health Awareness, Did You Know?

Sponsored by Central Moravian's Mental Health Team

Mental Health for Homebound Individuals: Mental health support for shut-ins includes virtual therapy, 24/7 crisis hotlines (988), and community outreach programs designed to bridge the gap between isolation and care. Key resources include telehealth, peer support, and specialized services for anxiety and depression. Support is available for all ages, including older adults and those with mobility issues. (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)

An individual can call 211, a free confidential service, to speak with a specialist who can connect the person to local, long-term mental health resources in over 180 languages. Both Lehigh and Northampton Counties have Mental Health Offices which can connect the individual to specialized services for those needing in-home care or community outreach.

The individual can establish a routine and maintain a daily structure to provide stability. Phone calls, video chats and/or social media can be used to stay connected with family and friends. Engaging in hobbies, reading or listening to music can help to boost morale. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

If you or a loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis, please call or text the national suicide and crisis hotline at 988, call 911, or go to your nearest emergency room.

New Website and New Way to Volunteer

At the time of this publication, we are putting the finishing touches on a new website, developed by First Generation, with the guidance of Craig Larimer and our Communications Committee. We hope that it will be live on November 1st, using the same website address, www.centralmoravianchurch.org. Here are some of the new features, as we have tried to respond to your recent requests in what you are looking for in a website for both church members and guests to our greater community.

- Updated photos and an easier way to use drop downs for introducing guests to our faith community
- Volunteer Sign-up: A clear way on the homepage for volunteers to sign up for the variety of volunteer offerings like the Putz, tours, Food Pantry, and others. The volunteer sign-up link is: https://signup.com/go/FnPqctN
- Sharing the balance between our history, heritage and Christmas offerings for tourists with all our ministries offerings for the visitor (or member) looking to engage in the life of our church.

And much more! We are excited for you to check it out and share with friends and neighbors. And feel free to share feedback about questions, concerns or suggestions with the pastors or Jane Persa, Communications Committee Chair.

Pastor Janel, Guest Speaker at the 58th Annual Community Advent Breakfast

Saturday, December 5 from 8 - 10 a.m. Moravian Village of Bethlehem (526 Wood St., Bethlehem)

Celebrate one of Bethlehem's beloved holiday traditions at the 58th Annual Community Advent Breakfast at Moravian Village of Bethlehem. Enjoy a warm breakfast, festive music, fellowship, and the traditions that make the Christmas season in Bethlehem so special.

This year, we are honored to welcome Reverend Janel Rice, who will share her knowledge and personal experiences of Advent and Moravian traditions, offering a meaningful reflection on the customs, faith, and community that have shaped Bethlehem's Christmas traditions for generations.

Each guest will receive a complimentary Moravian beeswax candle and a slice of homemade Moravian Sugar Cake—a sweet and cherished way to begin the Advent season! Contact the office for ticket information.

Musical Notes

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2026-2027 Concerts

Saturday, December 5th – 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary – An Advent and Christmas Concert featuring the Mainstreet Brass and the Central Moravian Church Choir.

Monday, December 14th – 7 p.m. in the Old Chapel – A Contemplative Christmas Musical Service.

Sunday, February 14th – 2 p.m. in the Old Chapel – A Super Bowl ***and*** Valentine's Day Concert featuring SATORI.

Senior Sunday

On Sunday, September 27th at the 11 a.m. worship service, our congregation honored our eight newest seniors who turned ninety years old in 2026! Celebrating Dick Chynoweth, Barbara Heske, Ruth Keblish, Edward Pavlik, Barbara Roth, Judy Thomas, Anthony Thompson, and Sallie Woodring, members of our Congregational Care Committee interviewed each individual and asked them about favorite hymns, favorite memories of Central Moravian Church, and what was their preferred Moravian sweet treat. (This year, there was passionate support for lovefeast buns WITH raisins!). Flowers and lovefeast buns were given to each of the celebrated seniors who attended worship (or who lived in the Lehigh Valley), their favorite hymn was sung in their honor, and a beautiful insert with their photographs (in color) were included in the bulletin. What a wonderful way to pay tribute to such loved and treasured members of our church family!


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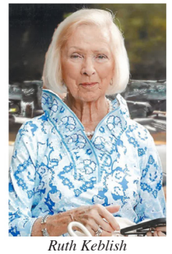
Barbara Heske


Anthony Thompson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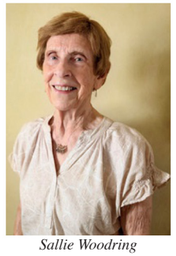
Sallie Woodring


Judy Thomas

Not Pictured: Edward Pavlik, Barbara Roth

Adopt a Village: A Bond That Endures

Reflections on the Sikonge Region of Tanzania

by Mia Mecleary

On Sunday, November 8th, the Moravian Women will coordinate the annual tradition of collecting donations to help support the orphans of the Adopt a Village project in our partner relationship with the Sikonge Moravian Church and region of Tanzania. For over three decades, with many changes, this relationship is one of the oldest and treasured partnerships and ministries of Central Moravian Church.

It has been many years since I last visited the Sikonge Region of Tanzania. Yet I would be less than truthful if I said that the people, the children, the Mamas, and the extraordinary work that Drs. Bill and Peg Hoffman poured their hearts and souls into for so many years are not still frequently in my thoughts.

I was fortunate to visit Sikonge several times, always with the Hoffmans. One particularly memorable journey included Rev. Dr. Douglas Caldwell and Katie Royer, a trip that will forever hold a special place in my heart. On another occasion, it was simply Bill, Peg, and me. Each visit left me with memories, friendships, and a connection to the people of Sikonge that time and distance have never diminished.

Much has changed since those visits, some of it in ways that would have been difficult to imagine years ago.

The infrastructure, for one, has improved considerably. The once-rutted dirt road, which made travel both difficult and sometimes dangerous, has been paved. What was once a long, uncomfortable journey, with the ever-present concern of rollover accidents, is now a quicker and safer trip.

Perhaps even more remarkable is the passage of time reflected in the lives of the children. Many of the orphans whom Central and other congregations committed to supporting are no longer young elementary school students. They have grown into young adults, some attending secondary school, others pursuing vocational training, and a few continuing their education at the university level. It is a powerful reminder that the seeds planted through years of generosity, faith, and commitment continue to grow.

For me, however, one of the most meaningful changes has been the way we communicate.

There was a time when news from Sikonge arrived in letters, followed eventually by email. Today, through WhatsApp, we can exchange messages, photographs, and even video calls almost instantly—although the eight-hour time difference still requires a little planning!

This technology is certainly not available to most villagers. Yet it has transformed our ability to remain connected. During a scheduled call to discuss the needs of the villages, a familiar face will sometimes appear on the screen. Perhaps it is Mama Kimwaga who was here visiting Central Moravian many years ago or Little Esta, whom cared for me in Sikonge during my visits. In those moments, the thousands of miles between us seem to disappear.

And while so much has changed, one thing has not: the Adopt a Village program remains as vital today as it was when this remarkable partnership began.

The needs remain significant. According to Our World in Data, using UNAIDS estimates for 2024, approximately 932,000 children in Tanzania had lost one or both parents to AIDS-related causes. Behind these numbers are individual children, families, and communities whose futures depend upon opportunities for education, stability, and hope.

Recently, Central's Mission Committee requested the part-time assistance of Jackson Mlimuka, a former Barnette Scholar and graduate of Moravian University. Jackson will provide additional support on the ground, helping gather information about the villages and the children, compiling statistics, and reporting back to the committee. Working alongside Kefas Kabota, his involvement will help strengthen communication and provide valuable insight into the continuing needs of the communities we support.

The challenges are still great, but so too are the bonds that have been formed over decades.

Our love for these people, our commitment to their children, and our connection to the communities of Sikonge have never depended upon how frequently we visit or how many miles separate us. They are rooted in something much deeper: relationships built on faith, trust, compassion, and a shared belief that every child deserves an opportunity for a better future.

I shall close with the words that have traveled from Sikonge to Central so many times over the years:

"Please express our greetings, our gratitude to the members of Central, especially Drs. Bill and Peg Hoffman.

Welcoming Visitors and Central Tours

Each Saturday (and with increased hours during Advent and Christmas), incredible volunteers have offered a warm smile and information about Central's history, architecture, traditions, and current ministries in both the Old Chapel and Sanctuary, especially as more visitors have come since being designated a World Heritage site. This is a great way to show what the living Moravian Church is all about! We welcome new volunteers as greeters or tour guides (sign up on our website on the Volunteer button! Or talk with Betsy Miller). Would you like to be a part of this warm hospitality that we can show to guests in our community? We would love to have your help, especially in the busy season of Advent!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle; Use Less Plastic

- Use wool dryer balls in your dryer, rather than dryer sheets, to soften clothes and reduce static cling. Dryer sheets are single-use and they're coated with chemicals that can coat the dryer vent and clog the lint screen. Buildup of this coating can affect the dryer's moisture sensors, causing the dryer to run longer than necessary (more energy =more $$). It can also coat the items in the dryer, ruining absorbency of towels and athletic wear. And, while we're on the subject of dryers, be sure to clean the lint screen in your dryer after every use and CLEAN THE DRYER EXHAUST VENT TO THE OUTSIDE REGULARLY. This may not be an easy task, but is necessary to prevent fires!!
- Muscle cramps? There's a quick solution, and most of us have what's necessary right in our own refrigerator or pantry. Try 1 or 2 teaspoons of classic yellow mustard or drink 2 to 3 oz. of pickle juice. You'll be amazed at how quickly it works. The acetic acid in both is the reason. Tennis player Carlos Alcaraz swears by pickle juice and trainers for the Philadelphia Eagles (Go Birds!) keep yellow mustard handy.
- Is an unused bicycle residing in your garage? Consider donating it to the Coalition for Appropriate Transportation (CAT) in Bethlehem: https://lvcat.org Or to Community Bike Works in Allentown: https://communitybikeworks.org/mission-%26-materials

Stewardship One-Liner

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
Ephesians 2: 8

Special November Offering Envelopes

Bethlehem Emergency Shelter (November 1):

Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering (BES) is a faith-based partnership that provides care, dinner, and a bed for the homeless in our community. The overnight shelter is currently open November – April for up to 70 men and women, with an average of 66 per night .

In addition, Christ UCC and BES partner to serve bagged lunches to food insecure people on weekends. Your financial gift to BES will help us to continue this work in the prayerful hope that we will be able to provide year-round shelter for our homeless community in the near future.

Preservation Fund (November 29): Gifts designated to the Preservation Fund are used for capital project expenses to maintain the interior and exterior buildings and grounds, including major repairs and restorations. We use the interest income from this Fund which is Board designated for capital projects only. Our long-term goal is to increase this fund, thereby increasing the income generated. More income means more monies available to perform the upkeep of our precious historic buildings.

Giving to Your Church

I think that the word participation is a very significant part of stewardship. Isn't it giving back something of value to that which we value in our lives and our family's lives? Is it not honoring our God and our Church? There are so many ways to be good stewards at Central. We have over 60 ministries, committees and teams where you can contribute time and talent, BUT let's not forget we also have a magnificent, historic church campus that has been recognized nationally and Now internationally. And let's not forget we have a church staff for which we are immensely grateful. In short, it takes money to sustain all God has provided to us. It's so much more than paying the utility bills!

Many groups are working hard to prepare for the fall and coming new year. You have received a pledge letter written by the co-chairs of Stewardship – Jennifer Ceneviva and Brenda Hoelman. In the envelope is a pledge card and return envelope. Please give prayerful thought to what you are able to pledge to Central for 2027. The small portion of the pledge card is for you to keep for your records. The larger portion is to be returned in the small envelope through the mail, offering plate or even by email. As usual, the information is kept confidential but is a helpful gauge for budget planning. Please contact Martha Jones with any questions you may have. We appreciate your financial support for Central Moravian Church.

- Barry Kessler

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Scott Siciliano
Senior Office Administrator:
Cindy Gibson
Financial Staff:
Martha Jones
Andrew Miller

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Tammy Ace
Head Sacristan: Tim Brady
Head Female Sacristans:
Beth Boyer and Ann Raines
Media Director:
Will Schwab
Media Assistant:
Paul de Vries
Children Ministries:
Linda de Vries



November Birthdays

1 Frank Strouse
1 Jodi Guro
1 Erik Derbak
1 Christian Bach
2 Fred Cole
2 H Christina Connar
2 Christopher Allen
3 Mary Jo Hellick
3 Nicole Batchelor
3 Kevin Lindsay
3 William Parkinson
3 Norah Derbak
4 Steve Krawiec
4 Brent Schippang
4 Allison Schippang
4 Carter Eckhart
6 Jeffrey Benner
6 Mike Kane
6 Dane Calcagnetti
6 Annie Lamberton
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10 Kolby Delgado
10 Jacob Lamberton
11 Evan Mengel
12 Jan Hepler
12 Carol Reifinger
12 Janice Ostock
13 Dave Wickmann
13 Patti Arnold
14 Kim Shively
14 Dirk Chiles
14 Ramona Josephs
15 Judy Williams
15 Beth Schlener
15 Mary Kerr
15 Annie Jones
15 Emma Bond
16 Patricia Ettl
16 Janice Schmidt
16 Ronald Baker
18 Zachary Roman
19 Reed Treible
19 Eileen Ann Meitzner
20 Patricia Magann
21 Carole Jodz
21 Calli Mosebach
22 Barry Trumbauer
23 Megan Kelleher
23 Christopher Milot
24 Jane Corvino
24 Susie Harned
24 Faith Fiegel
25 Priscilla Oren
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25 Kevin Kelleher
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