



THE ADVANCE

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2026 Congregational
Watchword

Psalm 91:9

⁹ The Lord is my refuge.

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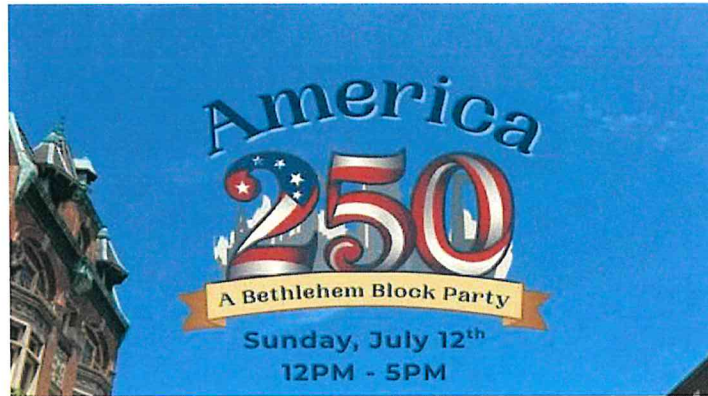
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Upcoming Events



June 13 – Rose Fest
June 21- Father's Day!



Event Overview

On July 12th from 12PM-5PM, celebrate history, community, and summer in style at America250: A Bethlehem Block Party! This exciting afternoon brings together neighbors and visitors for a vibrant, can't-miss celebration in the heart of Historic Bethlehem.

Held in partnership with Northside Alive, the City of Bethlehem, and in honor of Central Moravian Church's 275th anniversary, this event highlights Bethlehem's rich heritage while celebrating America's 250th anniversary.

Main Street will come alive with a lively street fair atmosphere featuring local bands and musicians, shopping, food, and family-friendly fun. Whether you're here for the music, the history, or the community spirit, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Join us as we celebrate two years of Bethlehem's recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and honor centuries of history that make our city so special.



West Side Moravian will be having a cotton candy table. Come visit us!!!

Sunday	Counters	Liturgists
06/07/2026	<i>Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons</i>	<i>Peter Collier</i>
06/14/2026	<i>Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers</i>	<i>Audrey Wanamaker</i>
06/21/2026	<i>Jim Kleintop & The Clugstons</i>	<i>Emily Bolmer</i>
06/28/2026	<i>Jim Kleintop & The Wanamakers</i>	<i>Ralph Wanamaker Jr.</i>



Collect Plastic to Recycle

Through the *Trex* Plastic Recycling Program, West Side is still collecting plastic to be recycled and made into outdoor benches. Please call the church office to arrange a drop-off time. Here's a reminder of accepted plastics: Accepted plastics include: pallet wrap and stretch film, grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock bags, produce bags, bubble wrap and air pillows, salt bags, and cereal bags. (NOTE: All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.)



West Side Moravian Church now has online giving enabled through the Moravian Ministries Foundation. Online giving can be a way for people to support your church from afar, make memorial gifts in lieu of flowers, honor a loved one, schedule tithing, and more.

<https://mmfa.info/west-side-moravian-church-pa-donation-form/>



Spiritual Direction



One of the ministries offered within West Side Moravian Church is that of Spiritual Companionship, more commonly known as Spiritual Direction. Pastor Maggie Wellert meets with individuals in a ministry of deep, confidential, holy listening. In a safe, sacred space, you explore the invitation God offers to be in a deep relationship with you. We notice God's Presence, The Spirit's movement in your life, and explore the open doors Spirit offers for you to stretch and grow. God longs for us as much as we long for God, the true Director of this holy conversation. If you'd like to explore, reach out to Maggie at maggiewellert@gmail.com or 610-417-2803.

ADA Bathroom Project



Fundraising for an upper-level ADA restroom is underway. Please support this effort as generously as you are able.

Checks can be made out to:
 West Side Moravian Church
 402 3rd Ave
 Bethlehem, PA 18018



Central Moravian Church to Host A Presentation on Christian Nationalism

Central Moravian Church will host a presentation on Christian Nationalism on Sunday, May 31 at 1 pm. Becky Lepore, a member of Central Moravian and a recent graduate of the Moravian University School of Theology, will be the presenter. The event will be held in the church’s Christian Education Building, located at 40 W. Church Street, Bethlehem, PA.

At the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province, the Committee on Church and Society resolved that the MCNP rejects Christian Nationalism, which supports racism and white supremacy, and fall of 2024, the Moravian Church Northern Province joined our ecumenical partners in endorsing the Statement of Christians against Christian Nationalism.

- What is Christian Nationalism, and in particular, how has the Moravian Church responded to the development of Christian Nationalism?
- What does our theology speak to this topic?

Becky Lepore did extensive study on this topic during her seminary classes and created and presented a talk on Christian Nationalism in February 2025 to 120 interested congregation and community members. Becky will give an updated presentation on Sunday afternoon, May 31 at 1 p.m. in the Christian Education Building of Central Moravian Church. The presentation will not be on Zoom, but a recording will be made available by the MCNP Racial Justice Team at <https://www.moravian.org/northern/racialjustice/>



SEEKERS

Sundays at 6:30 PM,

Advent Moravian Church, Christmas Hall, 3730 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem PA 18017. A new, non-traditional faith formation opportunity for the "God curious" or anyone seeking peace and love amidst life's challenges. Led by Rev. James Joniec in an informal, welcoming environment.



Who would imagine a Moravian Mission in the International city of Geneva, Switzerland?



Central Moravian Church,
Bethlehem, PA USA

1:30-2:30pm (EST/AST), 7:30pm (Swiss)
JUNE 03 2026

Come and hear Rev'd Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts, founding Pastor of the Geneva Moravian Fellowship share the journey of this unique 21st century Moravian Mission from its inception in 2019 to present.

Meeting ID: 711 795 2607
Password: 891206

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**NEW DATE....
SATURDAY MAY 30
10:00 AM UNTIL SOLD OUT**
ROSE GARDEN
FARMER'S MARKET
8TH AVE. BETHLEHEM

*Strawberry
Shortcake in
the Rose
Garden*

Benefits Essentials Cafe



LIVE MUSIC: PEPPERS AND HIS RHYTHM BOYS

**ROSE
FEST**

CELEBRATING
THE HISTORIC
WEST SIDE

Saturday, June 13

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Please join us for the 
6th Annual RoseFest at the historic
Bethlehem Rose Garden.
(8th Avenue and Broad Street)

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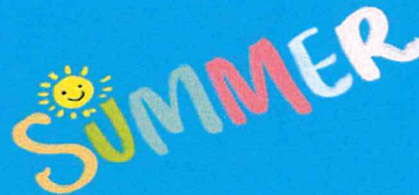
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VBS and Summer Ministries Summer 2026

 Bethlehem @ East Hills *Full Day Option*	June 22-26 9:00-12:00 Lunch 1:00-4:00	Vacation Bible School Snow Ball Mountain Challenge Powerballers
 Easton First	July 9-10 6:15-8:30	Vacation Bible School
 Emmaus	August 13-14 9:30-11:30	ArtFest
 Palmer	July 20-24 9:00-12:00	Vacation Bible School Road Trip - On the Go With God
 Schoeneck	July 20-24	Mission Camp (Grades 6-12)
		Vacation Bible School Go Fish Guys - Kicking It Old School 80s Style

Spread the word around the Valley!
Summer Programs open to all!
Contact individual churches for details,
pricing and to register



CAMP HOPE 2026

15 Ridgeway Avenue, Blairstown, NJ 07825

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Musical
Theater
June 27 -
July 4
Grades 5-9

Primary
July 5 - 11
Grades 3 & 4

Middler
July 12 - 18
Grades 5 & 6

Junior High
July 19 - 25
Grades 7 & 8

Senior High
July 26 -
August 1
Grades 9-12

Junior Park
Ranger Camp
August 2 - 8
Grades 3-6

Pre-Primary
August 2 - 5
Grades 1 & 2

For more information, visit:
www.camphope.org/camp
email: hopecenter@camphope.org
call: (908) 459-4435



Please Pray For:**Health:** Sandy, Doug, Sal, Pat, Blaine, Penny**Bereavement:** Conrad Family, Glagola Family, Rice Family

Lifting up our friends & neighbors that are homebound or living in retirement communities:
 God of us all, share your love with us all. We ask a special blessing for those who are not able to get to church.

Weekly Watchwords for June**Week of June 7****Hosea 6:6**

⁶ God desires steadfast love and not sacrifice,
 the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Week of June 14**Psalm 100:5**

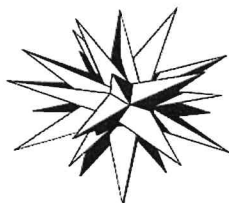
⁵ The Lord is good;
 his steadfast love endures forever
 and his faithfulness to all generations.

Week of June 21**Matthew 10:39**

³⁹ Jesus said, "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Week of June 28**Psalm 89:15**

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
 who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;



The Prayer Chain can be activated by any member of West Side Moravian Church. Simply call any member of the Prayer Chain with your joy or concern and that information will be passed on so that your joy or concern will be held in prayer. The Unified Board will also be informed of your prayer request.

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Please remove this page from THE ADVANCE, **and pray daily.**