



WE ARE READY TO KICK OFF A NEW YEAR OF SUNDAY SCHOOL & WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US!

Our new classes for ages 4 to 100 year olds will begin September 10 before service from 9:30-10:15. Don't forget to wear the gear of your favorite sports team and join us after worship for lunch and festivities!

The Early Elementary class will be led by Kay Barcroft and Andrea Gentner and will meet in the Education Wing (2nd Floor). Children ages 4 to 2nd grade will be studying Power Xpress. Our PowerXpress curriculum uses a rotation model to immerse students in a Bible story for weeks, engaging children in Bible stories and characters by becoming artists, scientists, cooks, and musicians.

We are excited to announce a second Elementary Class for 3rd to 6th grade in the Education Wing. The older elementary will be led by Jane Kostanko and Shelly Reiser. We will also be studying Power Xpress with lessons and activities designed for older kids. We're going to learn about the Bible stories and have lots of fun!

The Mi-High class will be led by Julie Klynstra and Von Goodemoot in the basement classroom. Kids between 6-12th grade will be studying a video series that is yet to be decided, but with these excellent leaders, the class is sure to be fun while bringing teens the message of the Bible through relatable movies.

We are also pleased to announce the return of Adult Sunday School from 9:30-10:15. Nursery will be provided. While curriculum has not been decided, it will be a great time of learning, discussion and fellowship for adults of all ages. Check back next week for more information!

Finally, to be able to provide for classes that meet the needs of our church and community, we need lots of volunteers. We are still looking for an early elementary teacher who can teach two weeks a month, beginning in January (curriculum is provided), Sunday School helpers who can help out in the Elementary Sunday School classes (preferably for one month), and Substitutes who can teach a provided lesson if one of the teachers is unavailable.

We are also interested in finding a second adult leader. Teaching experience is not required!!! Just a person willing and able to present information or lead a discussion. The Education Committee would be happy to help you find materials. You might even teach a shorter session (8-12 weeks) instead of the entire year.

We Need You! Please see Jane Kostanko if you have any questions.

Welcome to



Central Church

Our Mission

Central United Methodist Church Glorifies God through the Work of Ministry and the Making of Disciples of Jesus Christ.

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CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Celebration Service

August 20, 2017

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign, pass, and return red friendship pads in each pew at this time.
Also prepare Prayer Request Sheets during this time.*

INTROIT "Great and Mighty" 2X On screen

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 103:1-5 (congregation in bold)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Bless the Lord who redeems your life from the destruction, crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Satisfies you with goodness, strengthened and renewed you like the eagles.

*OPENING HYMN: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" Hymnal 79
Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**Almighty and Eternal God, the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen,
have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessings.**

**Breathe on us your abundant life that where we cannot see we may have
courage to believe that we shall be raised with Christ.**

**Draw us beyond our doubts, till we see you and touch the wounds where
they bleed in the heart and lives of those who are suffering.**

**This we ask through Christ our Savior, who lives, and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC "Upon This Rock" Marilyn Noffke
by Gloria Gaither

Please Stand for the Reading of the Scriptures

*SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:39-56

SERMON: Melody in Your Heart:
"Through Sacrifice and Praise-Part 2" Pastor Dominic Tommy

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER,
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*PRAYER HYMN "Nearer, My God to Thee" vs. 1-3 Hymnal 528

INVITATION FOR OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" TFWS 2031

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS

**Gracious God, pour your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of our tithes
and offerings. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with
all who call upon your holy name. May we be one in ministry to the
world through the gifts and service we bring, through the blessed
name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen**

*CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Hymnal 664

*BENEDICTION
*** Choral Response (Chorus UMH #364)**
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

*RINGING OF THE BELLS

*POSTLUDE

***Please stand as you are able**



Our Annual Church Conference has been scheduled for **Tuesday, October 17, from 6 to 8:15 pm.** It will be held at Lakewood United Methodist Church. Mark the date on your calendar; *we encourage all of our members to attend.*

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The United Methodist Women are collecting items for baby boxes for Haiti: newborn to six months' sizes in sleep sacks, hats, pants, shirts, socks, bibs, small toys, etc. (new items only please.) There is a box at the main entrance of Fellowship Hall. Please drop off your items by Sunday, September 17. *Also,* anyone collecting pop can tab or box tops can also drop them off before the 17th.

UMW are accepting items for the annual fall rummage sale from church members only. No books please. Please contact Terri Catt to schedule your drop-off (480-231-7785). The UMW will also be hosting Christmas 'round the Town in our Fellowship Hall for vendors and their wares. Booths are available to our church family for \$25. See Terri for more information.

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Mark the Dates:
Annual Rummage Sale
 Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7
Christmas 'Round the Town
 Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25

MINISTER: Every Member of This Church
PASTOR: Rev. Dominic Tommy
SECRETARY: Kim Stoepker
ORGANIST: Marilyn Noffke
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jackie Spagnuolo
CUSTODIANS: Mike McCartney / Rolando Varela
TODAY'S SERVICE:

Worship Assistant
Lori McNeill

Audio/Visual

Today: Tony Barcroft / Shelly Reiser
Next Sunday: Chuck Rayner / Shelly Reiser

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Jane Everett
Next Sunday: Open

Greeters

Today: Mike McCartney / Myra Kauffman / Betty Shetterly
Next Sunday: Same

Nursery

Today: Brenda Steele / Sharlene Goodemoot
Next Sunday: Karen Avery / Andrea Gentner

Ushers

Today: George McNeill / Tom Reiser / Charlie Reiser
Next Sunday: Same

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Altar flowers this morning are presented by the Reiser Family in celebration of Ed Reiser's 80th birthday on September 22.

**In case of a pastoral emergency, please call
 Pastor Dominic at the parsonage (374-8294) or on his cell
 (269-941-3787) or the Church Office during office hours.**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Kathy Moore Unspokens
Those injured in Charlottesville Prayers for peace
Prayers for those in a difficult family situation

*Our love and prayers of support go to Thelma Curtis
following the death of her mother, Marie Haskins.*

Continued in Prayer

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| Sgt. Branden Curtis | Karl Klynstra | Gary Smith |
| Sr. Airman Lloyd C. Corston | Toni Robinson | Ed Hilliker |
| PFC Steven Wakley, Jr | Dale Patterson | Hank Minenna |
| 1SG Nicholas Ludema | Phylis Armstrong | Susan Steele |
| PFC Jason Hilley | Pam Coleman | Sharon Brink |
| Sgt. Nathan Sparrow | Terena Galaviz | Ross McDowell |
| Brian Rayner | Carol Herzog | Travis Tucker and family |
| Judi Brandon | | |

Our Special Friends

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| Leah Abbott | Margot Bailey | Ada Dennie |
| Lois Goodemoot | Marian Klein | Joanne McDaniels |
| Phil Shetterly | Ed Leak | |

Our Partners In Ministry

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Perry United Methodist Church, Perry
Harvest Community Church, Lake Odessa

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

8/22 Ed Reiser
8/24 Bob Durkee

Anniversaries

8/21 Casey & Christy McDonald – 8 years
8/23 Dave & Jean Faulkner – 47 years

EVENTS

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| Today | <i>Rental – Fellowship Hall</i> | 1 pm |
| Mon 8/21 | UMW Salad Luncheon – Fellowship Hall | 12:00 |
| | Finance Committee – Front Room | 6:00 pm |
| | A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom | 7 pm |
| Wed 8/23 | Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall | 9 am–12 pm |
| Thur 8/24 | Respite Care – Lounge | 1:30 pm |
| | Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall | 4:30-6:00 pm |
| Fri 8/25 | <i>Office closed – For an emergency Pastor call be reached at 269-941-3787</i> | |
| Sun 8/27 | Worship Service – Noisy Offering | 9:30 am |
| Mon 8/28 | Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Lounge | 6:30 pm |
| | A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom | 7 pm |
| Tues 8/29 | <i>Rental – Front Room</i> | 11 am |
| Thur 8/31 | Respite Care – Lounge | 1:30 pm |
| | Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall | 4:30-6:00 pm |
| Fri 9/1 | <i>Office closed – For an emergency Pastor call be reached at 269-941-3787</i> | |
| Sat 9/2 | <i>Rental – Fellowship Hall</i> | |
| Sun 9/3 | Worship Service – Sanctuary | 9:30 am |
| Mon 9/4 | Labor Day – office closed; Pastor call be reached at 269-941-3787 | |
| Tues 9/5 | Fresh Food Distribution – Back parking lot | 2 pm |
| Wed 9/6 | Strategic Planning Team – Front Room | 7 pm |
| | Choir Rehearsal begins – Sanctuary | 7 pm |
| Thur 9/7 | Respite Care – Lounge | 1:30 pm |
| | Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall | 4:30-6:00 pm |
| Fri 9/8 | <i>Office closed – For an emergency Pastor call be reached at 269-941-3787</i> | |
| | Missionary Paul Webster at Central UMC | 4 pm |
| Sun 9/10 | Sunday School begins – classrooms | 9:30-10:15 am |
| | Homecoming Sunday-Worship Service <i>note change in time</i> | 10:30 am |

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PLEASE NOTE:
Sunday, September 10
Worship time changes to 10:30 a.m.