



**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor). Children ages 4 to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6-12<sup>th</sup> 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 27, 2017**

**9:30 a.m.**

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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.*

NOISY OFFERING Today's Noisy Offering will go to the MSU Wesley Foundation

INTROIT "Standing on the Promises" vs 1,2,4 Hymnal 374

\*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 126:1-6 (congregation in bold)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.  
**Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for  
them."**

The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. Restore our fortunes, O  
LORD, like streams in the wilderness.

**Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!  
He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home  
with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

\*OPENING HYMN: "As the Deer" TFWS 2025  
*Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets*

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**Dear Heavenly Father, the mountains and the dry land were formed  
by you; You shaped us out of the dust of the earth; you formed the  
soils and made this earth a place of beauty and abundance:  
We give you thanks for the gift of soil.**

**Create in us such a sense of wonder and delight in this and all your  
gifts that we might receive them with gratitude, care for them with love,  
and generously share them with all your creatures,  
to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC "Day Star Shine Down on Me" Marilyn Noffke  
*by Steve Richardson*

*Please Stand for the Reading of the Scriptures*

\*SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 4:18-37

SERMON: Melody in Your Heart:  
"When it is Well with Your Soul" Rev. 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 "Father I Adore You" TFWS 2038

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  
**O God of grace, open our eyes, help us to see the grace and the  
graciousness of your gift to us through Jesus Christ. As you have given  
your best for us, even so today we offer our best to you. May your blessing  
be on these tithes and offerings. Bless not only the gifts but also the givers  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

\*CLOSING HYMN "It is Well with My Soul" Hymnal 377

\*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*

Paul Lee Webster is a missionary serving at Mujila Falls, Zambia, who we have supported for many years. He is back in the states and as part of his itineration, our Missions Committee has invited him and his travel companion, Silvester Santimu, to visit Central UMC. **On Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4 p.m.** there will be a meal and a presentation in the sanctuary following to share their mission story and the impact it is having. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend in support of his mission work.

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The Woodland UMC invites you to its annual "Old Fashioned Hymn Sing" Labor Day Sunday night, **September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 pm.** Enjoy an hour or so of singing your favorite hymns and choruses. There is plenty of parking behind the church.

You are also invited to the Ice Cream Social on Friday night from 4:30 to 7:30 pm.

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*Due to lack of funding this month, the Fresh Food Distribution will not be held in September. We hope to have something in place for October.*

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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 drop those off before the 17<sup>th</sup>.

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; see Terri.

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*Our Daily Bread and The Upper Room devotionals are now available on ushers' tables and in Fellowship Hall for September-October.*

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:* Chuck Rayner / Shelly Reiser

*Next Sunday:* Same

**Coffee Fellowship**

*Today:* Marilyn Noffke / Betty Shetterly

*Next Sunday:* Marilyn Noffke / Elaine Garlock

**Greeters**

*Today:* Mike McCartney / Myra Kauffman / Betty Shetterly

*Next Sunday:* Bob & Judy Cross / All & Kathy Decker

**Nursery**

*Today:* Penny Thelen / Andrea Gentner

*Next Sunday:* Dawn Deardorff / Shelly Reiser

**Ushers**

*Today:* George McNeill / Tom Reiser / Charlie Reiser

*Next Sunday:* Del Kostanko / Sam Kostanko

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*Altar flowers this morning are given  
in celebration of Elaine Garlock's birthday today.*

**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

Family of Dave Schipper	Toni Robinson	Bonnie Leak
Ed Reiser	Patti Cooreman	Rev. Bill Kren
Ashley Barcroft	Praise: Pat Fisher	
Safe travels: Brendan Klynstra, Bret Curtis		

#### Continued in Prayer

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	Bonnie Leak	

#### Our Special Friends

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

#### Our Partners In Ministry

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa  
Shaftsburg United Methodist Church, Perry  
Hope Church of the Brethren - Freeport

### CELEBRATIONS

#### Birthdays

08/27 Elaine Garlock  
Delos Johnson  
08/28 Zach Davis  
08/29 Tabitha Landon  
08/30 Bill Eckstrom  
George McNeill  
08/31 Ray McDaniels  
Margie First

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Today's Noisy Offering is designated for MSU's Wesley Foundation. Your spare change can change a life.*

#### EVENTS

Sun 8/27	Worship Service – Noisy Offering	9:30 am
Mon 8/28	<b>Staff-Parish Relations Committee</b> – Lounge A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	6:30 pm 7 pm
Thu 8/31	Respite Care – Lounge Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	1:30 pm 4:30-6 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	<b>Labor Day</b> – office closed; Pastor call be reached at 269-941-3787	
Tue 9/5	<b>Fresh Food Distribution</b> – CANCELLED	
Wed 9/6	<b>Strategic Planning Team</b> – Front Room <b>Choir Rehearsal begins</b> – Sanctuary	7 pm 7 pm
Thu 9/7	Respite Care – Lounge Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	1:30 pm 4:30-6 pm
Fri 9/8	<i>Office closed – For an emergency Pastor call be reached at 269-941-3787</i> <b>Missionary Paul Webster at Central UMC</b>	
Sun 9/10	<b>Sunday School begins</b> – classrooms <b>Homecoming Sunday-Worship Service</b> note change in time	<b>9:30-10:15 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>
Mon 9/11	<b>Lay Leadership/Nominations Committee</b> – Front Room A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm 7 pm
Tue 9/12	<b>Fellowship &amp; Care Committee</b> – Front Room	7 pm
Wed 9/13	<b>Friendship Group</b> – Fellowship Hall	9 am–12 pm

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Our Annual Church Conference is 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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