

**Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School:**

**If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat**

*Book and video by Ortberg*

Deep within you lies the same faith and longing that sent Peter walking across the wind-swept Sea of Galilee toward Jesus. In what ways is the Lord telling you, as he did Peter, "Come"?

John Ortberg invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone. Out on the risky waters of faith, Jesus is waiting to meet you in ways that will change you forever, deepening your character and your trust in God. The experience is terrifying. It's thrilling beyond belief. It's everything you'd expect of someone worthy to be called Lord.

The choice is yours to know him as only a water-walker can, aligning yourself with God's purpose for your life in the process.

There's just one requirement: If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat.

**Teacher: Pastor Dominic**

**Time: 9:30 to 10:15 am, in the Lounge**

# Welcome to



# Central Church

## KICK OFF Tailgate Potluck!

Sunday, September 10th  
*Immediately following worship during coffee hour.*

Wear your favorite team's colors or gear and join us in Fellowship Hall for tailgating fun to celebrate our Sunday School Kick Off!

Sloppy joes, chips, drinks & home-made ice cream sundaes will be provided.

Plus, be ready for some fierce Minute-to-Win-it competitions!  
Don't miss out on the fun!

All Are Welcome!!

### 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

September 3, 2017

9:30 a.m.

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### GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

### 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 "My Hope is Built" vs. 1,3,4 Hymnal 368

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

Lord, we gather today to give You praise for all who labor to provide for their families and make our world a better place.

**Work is a noble enterprise. And all lawful professions are worthy of recognition.**

Through our work we teach others, care for the affairs of our community, and cultivate our world and our land.

**Through our work, we uplift the broken-hearted and we fend for the underrepresented, each of us fulfilling our role in God's grand design.**

All who work are to be compensated honorably, and their contributions to our society are not to be diminished.

**We bless the Lord, who gives us strength to work, grace to achieve, compassion to serve, and favor to excel.**

\*OPENING HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" Hymnal 545  
*Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets*

### INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison)

**Lord on this Labor Day, we celebrate the work we do, and we thank You for the blessing of our jobs. We ask for those seeking employment that You guide them in their search for work. We ask for guidance when we are confused. We ask for patience when working through conflicts. We ask for strength to complete each day.**

**We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask that for Your presence with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Forgive us for those times we put our desires in front of the needs of others. Remind us that our faith is often not about what we feel inside, but how we live outwardly. In the name of Christ, who gave his life for us, who called us to be last of all and servant of all, we pray. Amen**

### SHARING PEACE

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus be with You!

### Congregation: And Also with You!

(Please take this time to greet one another in the Name of Christ by saying, "Peace be with you" and your neighbor says "And also with you")

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### 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 Lord, our God, you help us throughout our lives. It is by your faithfulness and generosity that we receive what we need. Today, we are mindful of those who are refugees, those who need a home, and those looking for work. In gratitude, we celebrate the bounty you have given. Receive this offering as our first fruits to bless others through the mission of this congregation. Amen.**

### PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal 881

### GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

*Please Remain standing for the Reading of God's Word.*

\*SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON: "On this Rock I Will Build My Church" Rev. Dominic Tommy

\*HYMN: "Lead Me to Calvary" On screen

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE LORD'S PRAYER, GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

\*CLOSING HYMN "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" vs.1,2,4 Hymnal 301

\*BENEDICTION Choral Response (in the tune of Amazing Grace)

**"Through Christ You Are a Child of God**

**Who dearly loves us all**

**Go forth in peace to share God's love;**

**Rise up to hear Christ call."**

\*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 **tonight, 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.

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*Due to funding issues this month, the Fresh Food Distribution will not be held in September. **The next food truck will be here on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.***

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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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Prayer Calendars as well as *Our Daily Bread* and *The Upper Room* devotionals are now available on ushers' tables and in Fellowship Hall.

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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**

Tom Reiser

**Communion Steward**

Char Kendregan

**Homebound Communion Stewards**

Karen Avery / Eunice Goodemoot

**Audio/Visual**

**Today:** Chuck Rayner / Shelly Reiser

**Next Sunday:** Same

**Coffee Fellowship**

**Today:** Marilyn Noffke / Elaine Garlock

**Next Sunday:** Homecoming Sunday/Sunday School Kick-off Potluck

**Greeters**

**Today:** Jean Cook / All & Kathy Decker

**Next Sunday:** Brenda Steele / All & Kathy Decker

**Nursery**

**Today:** Dawn Deardorff / Shelly Reiser

**Next Sunday:**

**Ushers**

**Today:** Del Kostanko / Sam Kostanko

**Next Sunday:** Same

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*Altar flowers this morning are given by Kim and Dawn Deardorff in celebration of their anniversary on September 4.*

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**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of Scott Livermore	Judy Cross	Devin
Family of Velma Endsley	Patti Coorman	Unspokens
Families in Texas	Delores Carr Stank	Marilyn Inglis
For all who are ill; for those who need guidance who feel lost;		

**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	Kim Seese

**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  
 Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, Pleasant Lake  
 Kilpatrick United Brethren in Christ Church, Woodland

**CELEBRATIONS**

**Anniversaries**

09/03 Ray & Mary Dykhouse – 57 years  
 09/04 Kim & Dawn Deardorff – 41 years  
 09/06 Tim & Kay Goodemoot – 20 years

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated in worship this morning. (Gluten-free and additive-free elements are available.) All are welcome at the Table.*

*Please remember that next Sunday, September 10, worship time changes back to 10:30.*

**EVENTS**

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	7 pm
	<b>Choir Rehearsal begins</b> – Sanctuary	7 pm
Thu 9/7	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	4:30-6 pm
Fri 9/8	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
	<b>Missionary Paul Webster Dinner and Presentation</b>	4 pm
Sun 9/10	<b>Sunday School begins</b> – classrooms	<b>9:30-10:15 am</b>
	<b>Homecoming Sunday-Worship Service</b> <i>note change in time</i>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Mon 9/11	<b>Staff-Parish Relations Committee</b> – Lounge	5:30 pm
	<b>Lay Leadership/Nominations Committee</b> – Front Room	7 pm
	A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	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
	Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary	7 pm
Thu 9/14	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	4:30-6 pm
Fri 9/15	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sun 9/17	Sunday School – classrooms	9:30-10:15 am
	<b>UMW Sunday</b> Worship Service – Sanctuary	10:30 am

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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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**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.**