

Intro:

Prosperity or the bounties to God come from God but we must:

- a) be strong and courageous because the task ahead would not be easy,
- b) obedience to the law and principles of God;
- c) constantly be the student of the Word of God.

1. Key to Success:

To be successful, we are to follow the law of God's words to Joshua. We may not succeed by standard of the world, we would be a success in God's eyes, and God's opinion last former, if He leads us.

To me that is the bounties of God for the people of God, and to hold God accountable, we should follow this passage in the light of covenant blessings:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

"When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

2. Notice in verse 3-4 "The Lord Spoke to Joshua"

"I will Give You Every Place You Set Your Foot (vv. 3, 4) Compare this verse with 1 Peter 2:9 (read)

God looks for a warrior spirit in us, that is through strong spirit in us for his work, we'll not be too easily discouraged and intimidated in our faith. We, too, will not develop the "grasshopper syndrome" (see Numbers 13:31-33). We need the spirit of Joshua and Caleb to face the future, in other word, to be willing to possess the Promised Land (see 14:6-9).

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

January 14, 2018

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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 "Praise the Name of Jesus" 2x Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 29 (congregation in bold)

Let the heavens praise the Lord! God is full of glory and power!

The voice of the Lord thunders over the waters. Let us be still and listen to our God.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness. Let us listen and wait with patience.

The voice of the Lord is greater than all. Let us trust in the Lord.

The Lord comes to strengthen us and give peace.

Praise and glory to the Lord God of all creation!

*OPENING HYMN "God of Grace, God of Glory" Hymnal 577
Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

We give you thanks, God, that from the beginning of time you have shown your creation your steadfast love. In wilderness wanderings, in stubborn sinfulness, and in rejection and suffering, your faithfulness has endured. Especially we thank you for the gift of your only son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who came to rescue us by giving his own life for us. As we worship, fill our hearts with the joy of this grace. May we then turn to one another and to our world with such grace, as forgiven brothers and sisters in Christ who are united in his name. May the boundaries and distinctions between us disappear, that we may worship and serve in unity to your glory. Amen.

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace" Chancel Choir
Donald Moore

SHARING PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus be with You!

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 Children age 4 & under are welcome to leave for the nursery downstairs after the *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

We give you thanks, Lord God, that you speak and give us the gifts of creation and life. We give you thanks for your gracious work throughout the ages, and pray that the saving word spoken in Christ would take even deeper root in us, so that we may serve you with courage. Make us generous in heart, so we may gladly share all that you have given us. Extend our reach across borders, boundaries, and divisions with respect, understanding, and love. May your Holy Spirit guide and strengthen us so your plans are our plans and your grace our generosity. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

Please stand for the reading of God's word, as you are able.

*SCRIPTURE Joshua 1:1-8 Pew Bible OT 185

SERMON "Promises and Words to Live By: Rev. Dominic Tommy
"Promises of His Abundance"

*CLOSING HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Hymnal 127

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE Choral Response "God Be With You" v. 1 Hymnal 672
God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

** Please stand as you are able.*



You are reminded to check the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall to sign-up for various activities you can help with. Sunday morning Coffee Hour is the center of our weekly connectional life. Our prayer is that families and individuals will sign up weekly to provide coffee and fellowship moments without interruptions on any Sunday. Please consider this ministry as part of community moments for members and friends worshipping with us here at Central. You could also sign up for altar flowers to celebrate a birthday or honor a loved one. Now is the time to reserve your special date and sign up before it's gone. **Committee chairs are encouraged to fill in those dates that events are planned to avoid conflicts.**

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If you have not already done so, you can pick up your 2018 offering envelopes in the Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to discard any 2017 envelopes. January Prayer Calendars are also available.

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Thank you to everyone for the generous Christmas gift! It is a pleasure to be the director of such an amazing choir. ~~Jackie Spagnuolo

United Methodist Women (UMW) News

Officers for 2018:

Co-Presidents	Terri Catt / Bonnie Leak
Vice-President	Andrea Gentner
Secretary	Helen Good
Treasurer	Thelma Curtis
Global Concerns	Elaine Garlock
Circle Leaders	Betty Shetterly / Karen Avery

Next Event: Unit General Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2018, 1:30 pm
 Church Lounge
 Hostess: UMW Officers
 Program: Elaine Garlock, "A Call to Prayer and Self Denial"

If you are not a member but have questions or would like to become a member, please see one of the officers for more information.

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

Audio/Visual

Today: Tony Barcroft / Shelly Reiser
Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Margie First
Next Sunday: Ray & Mary Dykhouse

Greeters

Today: Kim & Dawn Deardorff / Mark Corston
Next Sunday: Same

Nursery

Today: Brenda Steele / Kay Goodemoot
Next Sunday: Jean Cook / Mary Dykhouse

Ushers

Today: Kim & Dawn Deardorff / Mark Corston
Next Sunday: Same

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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.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Madeline Hoffman	Bonnie Leak	Camryn
Susie Steele	Joyce Shuert	Bev Welch
Cierra, Elise and other teens	Dylan	Unspokens
Mary Shoemaker	Kathy Vimpeny Napier	Dan Baes
Armstrong Family	John Catt	Marti Lind
Dodie Denman	Pastor Jeff Fernandez	

Our prayers and condolences to Dale Brock following the loss of his sister, Madeline Hoffman.

Continued in Prayer

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

Our Special Friends

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

Our Partners In Ministry

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Delta Mills UMC, Lansing
Koops Funeral Chapel, Lake Odessa

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

01/17 Pat Wilson
01/20 Joyce Shuert

EVENTS

Mon 1/15	Finance Committee – Front Room	6 pm
	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 1/16	Nominations/Lay Leadership Committee – Front Room	10 am
Wed 1/17	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	7 pm
Thu 1/18	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	4:30-6 pm
Fri 1/19	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sun 1/21	Sunday School - Classrooms	9:30 am
	Worship Service – Sanctuary	10:30 am
Mon 1/22	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 1/23	Education Committee – Front Room	7 pm
Wed 1/24	Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall	9 am
	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	7 pm
Thu 1/25	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	4:30-6 pm
Sat 1/27	Rental – Fellowship Hall	12 pm
Sun 1/28	Sunday School - Classrooms	9:30 am
	Worship Service – Sanctuary	10:30 am
Mon 1/29	A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 1/30	Fellowship & Care Committee – Front Room	6 pm
Wed 1/10	Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall	9 am
	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	7 pm
Thu 1/11	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	4:30-6 pm
Fri 1/12	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	

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