

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 21, 2018

3rd 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 "Standing on the Promises" vs 1,4 Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (selected—Promise of God's Presence)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you even in silence.

The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

Those who know His name will put their trust in Him; for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Hymnal 155
Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

O God, how we need both light and enlightenment! Though we do not live in darkness physically, spiritually we experience disorientation amid competing values – confusion in the face of tough decisions, discouragement by the failure of initiatives of compassion, and disillusionment in response to an unholy alliance between apathy and compassion, inactivity and integrity. In situations that feel like darkness, grief grows to disparate proportions, faith seems unduly under siege, and courage wilts. Shine your light upon us, God, so that we may know the warmth of your love, the comfort of your presence, the wisdom of your counsel, and the strength that grows to sustain our journey into realization of the hope to which you have called us. Amen

ANTHEM "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Chancel Choir
Stewart Landon

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

O God, your call to us is clear. We present ourselves and our gifts this day, and ask you to use them as the call for others to embrace your love and grace. We give you thanks now, and commit the journey toward the future into your hands. Amen.

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

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

*SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:16-20 Pew Bible NT 32

SERMON "Promises and Words to Live By: Rev. Dominic Tommy
"Promises of His Presence—I am with You Always"

*CLOSING HYMN: "Be Still My Soul" Hymnal 534

*BENEDICTION

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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Contributor Statements for 2017 and Offering Envelopes for 2018 are available in the Fellowship Hall for those who have not yet picked them up. Please be sure to discard any 2017 envelopes. January Prayer Calendars are also available.

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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: Chuck Rayner / Shelly Reiser
Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Ray & Mary Dykhouse
Next Sunday: Open

Greeters

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

Nursery

Today: Jean Cook / Mary Dykhouse
Next Sunday: Judy Freidhoff / Jane Kostanko

Ushers

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

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Altar flowers this morning are presented by Lloyd and Bev Corston in celebration of their daughter Kerri's birthday on January 22.

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Crank Ada Dennie Lloyd and Bev Corston
Lloyd Corston, Jr. Pat Taylor and family

Continued in Prayer

Sgt. Branden Curtis Karl Klynstra Gary Smith
Sgt. 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 Peg Faulkner

Our Partners In Ministry

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
DeWitt Redeemer UMC, DeWitt
Faith Bible Baptist Church, Lake Odessa

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

01/23 Sonny Shuert
01/24 Ron Atwell
 Kay Goodemoot

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*We would like to thank our Church Family for the cards, letters and prayers. We are so grateful for all of your support.
~~Lloyd and Bev Corston*

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EVENTS

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 Lakewood Community Council – Front Room 4 pm
 Worship Committee – Lounge **7 pm**
Wed 1/31 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary 7 pm
Thu 2/1 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
 Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6 pm
Fri 2/2 *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*
Sun 2/2 Sunday School - Classrooms 9:30 am
 Worship Service – Sanctuary 10:30 am
Mon 2/5 **Missions Committee** – Front Room 9 am
 Red Cross Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall 12:00-5:45 pm
 AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Tues 2/6 **Fresh Food Distribution** – back parking lot 2 pm
Wed 2/7 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary 7 pm
Thu 2/8 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
 Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6 pm
Fri 2/9 *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*

**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.**