



Lakewood Community Council Christmas Basket Program

Central Church will host the Lakewood Community Council Christmas Basket Program again this year. With your help, we provide generous gifts of food, certificates redeemable for meat and dairy products, gifts, hats, mittens, and socks for about 180 low-income families in the Lakewood area each year. Following the example of Christ, we strive to care for these families in need. The families who receive these gifts are blessed, and those who help with this project feel blessed as well. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Our church has been asked to contribute \$10-\$12 gifts, wrapped and tagged, for **boys ages 10 and 14, and girls age 12**. Gift tags are available in Fellowship Hall. We can accept non-perishable packaged food, if that is better for you. Hats, mittens, and socks of all sizes are also needed. Financial contributions can be marked "Christmas Baskets" in the Missions section of your offering envelopes or a separate envelope. Kay Barcroft or Alan Goodmoot can answer any questions you may have.

We will be happy to find a job for you at any of these times

- **Wednesday, Dec. 5 -- 9 AM to 2:30 PM – Transport food & sort**
- **Thursday, Dec. 6 -- 9 AM to 2:30 PM - Pack boxes & gift bags**
- **Saturday, Dec. 8 -- 9 AM to noon - Delivery of boxes**

See Kay if you prefer to help Tuesday evening or Friday afternoon.

Donations can be brought in now through Wednesday, Dec. 5.

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 – Laity Sunday

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 11, 2018

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.

*PRAISING THE LORD “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” On screen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are appointed by Jesus Christ.

We go with God.

We offer peace in the Spirit of the Lord to everyone we meet.

We open our hearts.

We proclaim the good news.

The kingdom of God is near!

*OPENING HYMN “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” vs 1,3,5 Hymnal 357
Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

Dear God, What a comfort it is that you meet us wherever we are in our lives. We come to you this morning with our burdens, needs, and problems. We turn everything over to You. Thank you that You will not cast us out, but Just as We Are, you accept us and love us. We pray for your blessing on our time together, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM “Great is Thy Faithfulness” Chancel Choir
arr Stewart Landon

SHARING PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus be with You!

And Also with You!

MESSAGE #1 “Welcome to Church: No Luggage Required”

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Children age 4 & under are dismissed to the Nursery downstairs immediately following the *Children’s Moment*.

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS, OUR TITHES, AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY “Your Love Compels Me” Marilyn Noffke,
by Doug Holck Christine Cunningham

*DOXOLOGY “I Surrender All” vs 1, refrain Hymnal 354

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER

Lay leader: We pray for our unity and the unity of your whole church in your mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

People: Hear us, O God.

Lay leader: We pray with leaders at every level of our common life— villages, towns, states, nations, corporations, and international associations—that there may be peace and justice for all people.

People: Hear us, O God.

Lay leader: We pray for the earth, that we may be and inspire others to be good stewards of all of the gifts of your creation.

People: Hear us, O God.

Lay leader: We pray with all who need your healing and deliverance, from physical or mental illness, isolation, deprivation, violence, and any form of oppression.

People: Hear us, O God.

Lay leader: Hear us, O God, and make us also to be agents of your unity, justice, care, and healing.

People: Amen.

HYMN “The Servant Song” TFWS 2222

*SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 10:12-13,17-21 Julie Nelson

MESSAGE #2 “Love Handles”

*CLOSING HYMN “Together We Serve” TFWS 2175

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*

Ministry Exploration and the Future of Central Church

TOMORROW - Monday, November 12th - 6 to 8 pm

Dinner (pizza, salad, refreshments) will be served at 5:30.

The leadership of Central UMC would like you to sign up to attend this important visioning forum to discuss the future of Central Church. Committee Chairpersons are especially needed to attend.

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The Great Thanksgiving Feast (and last SouperThursday meal of the year) will take place this Thursday, November 15, from 4:30 to 6 pm (take-outs after 5:30) See Leona Rayner if you would be interested in helping.

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"Hanging of the Greens" will be Sunday, November 25, following coffee hour. This is a fun time to work together decorating the building for the Advent and Christmas season. Please stay if you are able. Many hands make light work. There is a signup sheet for lunch items. Even if you aren't able to help with the decorating, perhaps you could supply a lunch item. Children are welcome, too, if accompanied by their adult.

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Additional Stewardship pledge cards are available on ushers' tables. You will also find newsletters and prayer calendars for November, and new daily devotionals.

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Christmas 'Round the Town
Friday, November 23 and Saturday, November 24
Fellowship Hall will be full of vendors selling their wares.
The UMW is hosting the event and will be selling ornaments, aprons and caramel corn- make sure you stop in and check it out!

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

Worship Leader
Von Goodemoot

Audio/Visual

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

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Margie First
Next Sunday: Garlock

Greeters

Today: John & Terri Catt
Next Sunday: Same

Nursery

Today: Terri Catt / Jane Kostanko
Next Sunday: Karen Avery / Andrea Gentner

Ushers

Today: Shane McNeill / Dodie Denman
Next Sunday: Same

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Altar flowers this morning are presented by Marcia Bytwerk in loving memory of her mom and dad, Bob and Betty Logan.



(Tear Off)

Ministry Exploration and the Future of Central Church

Monday, November 12th - 6 to 8 pm

If you plan to attend, please sign-up here and put this in the offering plate.

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Lynda Cobb Duane Deardorff Char Kendregan
Linda Warner Vern Booher Caleb

Continued in Prayer

Sgt. Branden Curtis Karl Klynstra Mary Shoemaker
Sgt. Lloyd C. Corston Phylis Armstrong Susan Steele
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr Dale Patterson Hank Minenna
1SG Nicholas Ludema Travis Tucker and family Kim Seese
PFC Jason Hilley Pam Coleman George Speas
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow Armrose LaBine Brian Rayner
Judi Brandon Brian Harper Arlene Lee
Marti Lind Barbara Wareing Lloyd Corston

Our Special Friends

Leah Abbott Margot Bailey Lloyd Corston
Virginia Decker Ada Dennie Peg Faulkner
Bette Makley Joanne McDaniels Ed Reiser
Phil Shetterly

Our Partners In Ministry

Missionary Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Missionaries Brendan and Mary Webb, Arabian Peninsula
Williamston United Methodist Church, Williamston
Woodland United Methodist Church, Woodland

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

11/11 Jane Everett
11/13 Brian Decker
11/14 Jewel Eckstrom
11/14 Ford McDonald
11/15 Kay Barcroft

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Upcoming Fall Activities:

- ❖ Nov. 12 Visioning Forum
- ❖ Nov. 15 Great Thanksgiving Feast
- ❖ Nov. 18 Thanksgiving Sunday Service
- ❖ Nov. 21 Community Thanksgiving Service at Zion Lutheran Church - Central Church's chancel choir will be participating.

EVENTS

Mon 11/12 **UMW Unit General Meeting - Lounge** 1:30 pm
Vision for the Church – Fellowship Hall (dinner at 5:30) 6 pm
AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm

Tues 11/13 **Fellowship & Care Committee – Lounge** 6:30 pm

Wed 11/14 **Friendship Group – Warren Courtney's** 9 am
Women's Bible Study – Lounge 5 pm
Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary 7 pm

Thur 11/15 Respite Care – Lounge 1:00 pm
Great Thanksgiving Community Dinner – Fellowship Hall 4:30 pm

Fri 11/16 *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*

Sun 11/18 Sunday School – Classrooms 9:30 am
Worship Service – *Stewardship* 10:30 am

Mon 11/19 **Finance Committee – Front Room** 6 pm
AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm

Wed 11/21 *Church Office is Closed*
No Choir Rehearsal
Thanksgiving Worship Service – Zion Lutheran Church 7 pm

Thur 11/22 *Thanksgiving – Church Office is Closed*

Fri 11/23 **Christmas Round the Town – Fellowship Hall** 9 am
Sat 11/24 **Christmas Round the Town – Fellowship Hall** 9 am

Sun 11/25 Sunday School – Classrooms 9:30 am
Worship Service – *Stewardship* 10:30 am
Hanging of the Greens following coffee hour

Mon 11/26 AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm

Tues 11/27 **Education Committee – Front Room** 7 pm

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THANK YOU to all who filled a Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Box. We are shipping 26 boxes this week. The children that receive these boxes will be so excited when it gets handed to them. The items will be so appreciated by children and will bring a smile on their faces and joy to their hearts. Thank you. ~~Dodie

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