

**CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Worship Celebration Service – Rev. Paul Carmichael**  
**First Sunday after Christmas December 30, 2018**  
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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

NOISY OFFERING *Today's Noisy Offering will benefit the Lakewood Area Ministerial Association's Benevolence Fund.*

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 "Open Our Eyes" TFWS 2086

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done: The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

**O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done: The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan, making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

**O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!**

\*OPENING HYMN "Another Year is Dawning" On screen  
*Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets*

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

**O God, our Father, creator of the universe, whose Son, Jesus Christ, came to our world, pour your Holy Spirit upon your church, that all the people of our world, being led through the knowledge of your truth to worship you, may offer the gold of intellect, the frankincense of devotion, and the myrrh of discipline to him who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever, one God, world without end. Amen.**

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 dismissed to the Nursery downstairs immediately following the *Children's Moment*.

INVITATION FOR OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY "I Surrender All" vs 1, refrain Hymnal 354

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, as Magi approached the child Jesus, we follow a star of hope, we come with awe and wonder, and we bring gifts— ourselves, our time, our money, and our commitment. Send us home changed by coming here. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

\*SCRIPTURE Psalm 23 Pew Bible OT Pg 474

Leader: The Word of God to the people of God!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Walking with the Shepherd in 2019" Rev. Paul Carmichael

\*CLOSING HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal" Hymnal 580

\*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE: **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus vs.2** Hymnal 196

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom brings  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able*

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“Un-Hanging of the Greens” will be Sunday, January 6, following a coffee hour luncheon. 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 un-decorating, perhaps you could supply a lunch item. Children are welcome, too, if accompanied by their adult.

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The Missions Committee has determined that this year’s **Advent/Christmas Eve offering** will again be designated for the Lakewood Area Ministerial Association (LAMA) Benevolence Fund. You may turn in your Christmas offering at any time; envelopes were mailed with the newsletter but are also available at the ushers’ tables.

**All contributions for 2018 need to be received in the offering plate by today, in order to be included in your 2018 giving. Monies received after this will be attributed to the 2019 year.**

**Offering envelopes** are available in Fellowship Hall. Please begin using the new ones as of January 6<sup>th</sup> and discard any old ones, as the numbers may have changed.

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Dear Central Church Family,

Thank you to our wonderful Central church family for all your generous support of the community Christmas Basket project. Many low-income families in the Lakewood area received generous boxes of food, meat certificates, toys, hats, socks, and mittens for children. Year after year we know we can count on you! Thank you for your prayers, donations, and your gift of time to make this program possible.

On behalf of the Lakewood Community Council, we would especially like to thank our church family and staff for the gift of the use of our facilities for a full week! What a great gift to the community!

Love in Christ,

Alan Goodemoot and Kay Barcroft, Basket Coordinators

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**Change of Address:**

**Ed Reiser** – he would welcome visitors!

Hastings Rehab & Healthcare (formerly Magnum Care)  
240 E. North St., Rm A-1  
Hastings, MI 49058  
#269-953-1109

**Change of Phone Number:**

**Dale Patterson:** #616-606-8935

**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

**GUEST PREACHER:** Rev. Paul Carmichael

**TODAY’S SERVICE:**

**Worship Leader**

Von Goodemoot

**Audio/Visual**

**Today:** Chuck Rayner / Shelly Reiser

**Next Sunday:** Chuck Rayner / Kay Barcroft

**Coffee Fellowship**

**Today:** Open

**Next Sunday:** Virginia Decker

**Greeters**

**Today:** Elaine Garlock / Carolyn Jackson

**Next Sunday:** Mike & Myra McCartney

**Nursery**

**Today:** Char Kendregan / Jane Kostanko

**Next Sunday:**

**Ushers**

**Today:** Dave Faulkner / Tony Barcroft

**Next Sunday:** Ron & Christine Cunningham

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*Altar flowers this morning are presented by*

*Virginia Decker.*

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS**

**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	Betty Erickson

**Our Special Friends**

Leah Abbott	Margot Bailey	Lloyd Corston
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  
 Village Church, Dansville  
 First Congregational Church, Lake Odessa

**CELEBRATIONS**

**Birthdays**

12/30 George Covington  
 Carole Reiser  
 01/01 Virginia Decker  
 Marcia Bytwerk  
 01/02 Mary Shoemaker  
 Jane Kostanko  
 01/04 Brendan Klynstra

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We welcome Rev. Paul Carmichael to the pulpit this morning and would like to thank him for his service to Central UMC.*

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**EVENTS**

Mon 12/31	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 1/1	New Year's Day – Church office closed	
Wed 1/2	No Choir Rehearsal	
Fri 1/4	Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787	
Sun 1/6	Sunday School resumes	9:30 am
	Worship Service – Sanctuary	10:30 am
	<b>Unhanging of the Greens</b>	<i>following coffee fellowship</i>
Mon 1/7	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 1/8	<b>Fresh Food Distribution</b> – Back Parking Lot	<b>2:00 pm</b>
	<b>Fellowship &amp; Care Committee</b> – Front Room	<b>6:30 pm</b>
Wed 1/9	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	7 pm
Fri 1/11	Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787	
Sat 1/12	Visitation for Philip Shetterly	10 am
	Memorial Service for Philip Shetterly	11 am
Sun 1/13	Sunday School - classrooms	9:30 am
	Worship Service – Sanctuary	10:30 am
Mon 1/14	<b>Vision Focus Group</b> – Fellowship Hall	<b>6 pm</b>
	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 1/15	<b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b> – Front Room	<b>7 pm</b>
Wed 1/16	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	7 pm

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