

**CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

***Worship Celebration with Service of Communion***

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2019

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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 "Mansion Over the Hilltop" Dick Winkler  
*by Ira Stanphill*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Canticle of Christ's Obedience Hymnal 167

\*OPENING HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Hymnal 297  
*Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets*

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

**O God, we joyfully come together to worship, realizing we need not summon you into our midst, for you are here. We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, for you are there. We need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see you; our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear you; our minds to be sensitive, that we may know you; our hearts to be tender, that we may receive you. Grant each one a blessing, O Lord, as each has need, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus is 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 AND TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY "I Asked the Lord" Dick Winkler  
*by Jimmy Duncan*

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow" Hymnal 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord Jesus, you are Provider of our daily bread. You lovingly embrace us and invite us to be Your miracle-working partners in the life of Central Church. Let this offering moment and what we give be an expression our obedience and love to you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal 887

GLORIA PATRI Hymnal 70  
*Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of God's Word*

\*SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 Pew Bible NT pg 168  
**Leader: The Word of God to the people of God!**  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON GRACE AND GIFT OF ENCOURAGEMENT  
"Introduction to the Series" Pastor Dominic Tommy

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION, Giving of the Bread and the Cup  
*(Communion will be served to those unable to come forward, stay in your seat.)*

\*COMMUNION HYMN "Lamb of God" TFWS 2113

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Holy God, you revealed to the disciples the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ. Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe, the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may boldly live the gospel and shine with your transforming glory as people changed and changing through the redeeming presence of our Savior. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Hymnal 664

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Because He Lives" Hymnal 364

***Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth a living just because He lives***

POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able*



Choir Rehearsal begins this week, Wednesday, September 4th, at 7 p.m. Anyone who may be interested in joining can contact Jackie Spagnuolo (trombone2001@hotmail.com.)

**Sunday School Kick-off** will be held next Sunday, September 8th, with classes at 9:30, worship at 10:30, followed by a Potluck/Ice Cream Social. Please bring a dish to pass; hotdogs and ice cream will be served. *See today's insert.*

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**UMW News:**

- ❖ We have scheduled an **Officers Meeting** for Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am. Please meet at Meyers Bakery.
- ❖ The September 16th **Ruth Circle** will be held at Andrea Gentner's home beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- ❖ The church has started taking in items for the October **Rummage Sale**. During church office hours there are wagons in the front entrance that can be used to take items up to the classrooms if you are able. Please contact Andrea Gentner or Dawn Deardorff for scheduling larger items or if you have questions.

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- ❖ **Staff-Parish Committee** will be meeting with the District Superintendent on Monday, September 16, at 7:00 pm at Lakewood United Methodist Church.
- ❖ **Annual Church Conference** will be held on Tuesday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m. at Green Street First UMC in Hastings.
- ❖ **UMW Sunday** - September 22
- ❖ **Lakewood Area Women's Conference** – September 28
- ❖ **Rummage and Bake Sale** – Thursday thru Saturday, October 3, 4 & 5

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

**Worship Leader**  
Lori McNeill

**Audio/Visual**  
*Today:* Dick Nelson / Kay Barcroft  
*Next Sunday:* Tony Barcroft / Kay Barcroft

**Coffee Fellowship**  
*Today:* Open  
*Next Sunday:* Potluck / Ice Cream Social

**Nursery**  
*Today:* Dawn Deardorff / Karen Avery  
*Next Sunday:* Kay Goodemoot / Terri Catt

**Ushers / Greeters**  
*Today:* Julie Nelson / Carolyn Jackson  
*Next Sunday:* Julie Nelson / Kim Deardorff

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*Altar flowers this morning are presented by Kim and Dawn Deardorff in celebration of their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.*

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**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS**

Randy Ames and family

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**CONTINUED IN PRAYER**

PFC Cole Jackson  
Sgt. Branden Curtis  
Sgt. Lloyd C. Corston  
1SG Nicholas Ludema  
PFC Jason Hilley  
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow  
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr  
MSgt Kevin Durkee  
Marti Lind  
Sue Calkins  
Bob Durkee

Karl Klynstra  
Phylis Armstrong  
Dale Patterson  
Travis Tucker and family  
Pam Coleman  
Armrose LaBine  
Brian Harper  
Judi Brandon  
Dale Brock  
Judy Burruel

Mary Shoemaker  
Susan Steele  
Hank Minenna  
Kim Seese  
George Speas  
Brian Rayner  
Arlene Lee  
Barbara Wareing  
Randy Ames  
Jackie

**Our Special Friends**

Margot Bailey  
Peg Faulkner  
Ed Reiser  
Lloyd Corston

Virginia Decker  
Bette Makley  
Fran Morris  
Alan Goodemoot

Ada Dennie  
Joanne McDaniels  
Dale Mossburg

**Our Partners In Ministry**

Missionary Delbert Groves - Kitwe, Zambia  
Mulliken UMC, Mulliken  
Sunfield United Brethren in Christ Church - Sunfield

**CELEBRATIONS**

**Anniversaries**

9/3 Ray & Mary Dykhouse – 59 years  
9/4 Kim & Dawn Deardorff – 43 years  
9/6 Tim & Kay Goodemoot – 22 years

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Address

**Bill and Jewel Eckstrom**  
7900 Arlington Cir, **Apt 507**  
Naples, FL 34113

**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.*

**EVENTS**

- Mon 9/2 **Labor Day – Church office is closed.**  
AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
- Wed 9/4 **Choir Rehearsal resumes – Sanctuary 7 pm**
- Fri 9/6 **Office closed** – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787
- Sun 9/8 Sunday School resumes – Classrooms 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service – Sanctuary 10:30 am  
**Potluck & Ice Cream Social – Fellowship Hall** following worship
- Mon 9/9 **UMW Officers Meeting – Meyers Bakery 9:30 am**  
AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
- Tues 9/10 **Fresh Food Truck – back parking lot 2 pm**  
**Fellowship & Care Committee – Lounge 6:30 pm**
- Weds 9/11 **Nominations/Lay Leadership Committee – Front Room 10 am**  
Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary 7 pm
- Thur 9/12 **7-Week Bible Study** begins (Feasts & Festivals of the Bible) 10–11:30am  
**Respite Group – Fellowship Hall 1-4 pm**
- Fri 9/13 **Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall 12-3 pm**  
**Office closed** – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787
- Sun 9/15 Sunday School – Classrooms 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service – Sanctuary 10:30 am
- Mon 9/16 **UMW Ruth Circle - Gentner's home 1 pm**  
**Finance Committee – Front Room 6 pm**  
**Staff-Parish with D.S. – Lakewood UMC 7 pm**  
AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
- Tues 9/17 **Worship Committee – Front Room 7 pm**

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Beginning on **Sunday, September 8**, worship service returns to its 10:30 a.m. schedule. Sunday School will resume at 9:30.

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## Upcoming Sermons

DATE & SPECIAL EVENTS	MESSAGES & TEXT
September 1 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost <i>*Holy Communion Served</i>	<i>Introduction: "Grace and Gift of Encouragements"</i> Text: (2 Corinthians 1:3-5)
September 8 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Sunday School Begins</i>	<i>"Portraits of Encouragement in First Converts"</i> Text: (Acts 2:37-47)
September 15 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<i>"Principles of Encouragements—Barnabas" (Part 1)</i> Text: (Acts: 4:34-37)
September 22 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>United Methodist Women Day</i>	<i>"Mary—Passion from the Heart"</i> Text: (Mark 14:1-9)
September 29 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<i>"Principles of Encouragements—Barnabas" (Part 2)</i> Text: (Acts: 4:34-37)

# Welcome to



# Central Church

*Central UM Church and  
The United Methodist Women*

## Fall Rummage & Bake Sale



THURSDAY, October 3 - 9am to 4pm  
FRIDAY, October 4 - 9am to 4pm  
SATURDAY, October 5 - 9am to 12pm  
Saturday is \$3/bag day!



Selling Fresh  
Homemade Donuts

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### 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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