

**THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, APRIL 3–9, 2011**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00–10:45	Children's Choir & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service Following Worship: Rehearsal for Palm Sunday Reading
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Companions Small Group (Library)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	10:00 a.m.	Super Pantry (Kitchen/Fellowship Hall)
	2:00 p.m.	Stained Glass Choir (Choir Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Witness Ministry Team (Food Pantry)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Praise & Worship Service (Connections)
	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry
	12:05 p.m.	Noon Lenten Worship and Lunch (Central serving)
	6:00 p.m.	Women's NA (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Central Ringers
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00-1:00	Fellowship Hall, private use
	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)

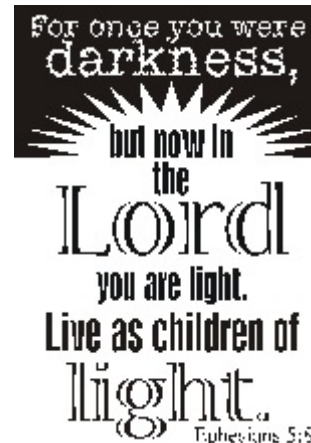


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*Morning Worship*  
*Fourth Sunday in Lent*  
*April 3, 2011* *11:00 a.m.*

*The Entrance*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude . . . “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”  
arr. Lani Smith

\*Greeting . . . . . *from 2 Corinthians 4:6*

For it is the God who said,  
“Let light shine out of darkness”  
who has shone in our hearts.

**To give the light  
of the knowledge of the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

\*Hymn 57. “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

\*Opening Prayer  
*Wesleyan Methodist Conference, England, 20<sup>th</sup> c.*

**O holy and merciful God,  
we confess that we have not always  
taken upon ourselves the yoke  
of obedience,  
nor been willing to seek and to do  
your perfect will.**

*(Continued)*

*\*Please stand as able*

<p><b>CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A vital congregation of diverse people</li> <li>• Centered in faithful worship of God</li> <li>• Growing as disciples of Jesus Christ</li> <li>• Moving out in compassionate service to others, in the power of the Holy Spirit.</li> </ul>	<p><b>IN MINISTRY</b></p> <p>General Ministers . . . . . 322 Pastor . . . . . Stephanie M Sault Minister of Music/Organist . . . . . Sherry von Oeyen Church Secretary . . . . . Agnes Campbell Child's Play Director . . . . . Jo Ann B. Black Custodian . . . . . Janet Nuckoles Retired Missionary Professor . . . . . Hunter P. Mabry Retired Pastor . . . . . David D. Reed Professor MBC . . . . . Kenneth A. Beals District Superintendent . . . . . D. Michael Houff Resident Bishop . . . . . Charlene Payne Kammerer</p>
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**We have not loved you with all our heart and mind  
 and soul and strength,  
 neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 You have called to us in the need of our sisters and brothers,  
 And we have passed unheeding on our way.  
 In the pride of our hearts and our unwillingness to repent,  
 we have turned away from the cross of Christ,  
 and have grieved your Holy Spirit.**

*All offer prayers of confession in silence.*

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you,  
 that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.  
 If we walk in the light, as God is in the light,  
 we have fellowship with one another,  
 and the blood of Jesus the Son cleanses us from all sin. *(1 John 1:5, 7)*

Children’s Focus

*Proclamation*

Prayer for Illumination

*(After the reading of the Scripture Lesson the reader will say:  
 “This is the Word of the Lord.” The congregation responds: Thanks be to God.)*

First Reading. . . . . 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (Pew Bible, Page 226)

Psalter 754. . . . . Psalm 23

Second Reading. . . . . Ephesians 5:8-14 (Pew Bible, Page 951)

Musical Offering: “Ah, Holy Jesus”. . . . . arr. Lloyd Larson  
 Central Ringers

\*Gospel Reading. . . . . John 9:1-41 (Pew Bible, Page 871)

Sermon. . . . . Rev. Dr. Stephanie Sault

*Response to the Word*

\*Hymn 454. . . . . “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
 bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
 against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer *(Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.)*

Offering: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”. . . . . arr. Gerhard Krapf

\*Congregational Response. . . . . Hymn 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here  
 below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Affirmation of Faith. . . . . Hymnal Page 882

*Thanksgiving and Holy Communion*

Invitation

Words of Pardon

Leader to people: Hear the good news; Christ died for us while we were  
 yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us.  
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

Leader and people: **Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebration of Holy Communion..... Hymnal, Pages 15-16

*Sending Forth*

\*Hymn 451..... “Be Thou My Vision”

\*Blessing and Sending Forth

\*Congregational Response: Hymn 2086 (TFWS) “Open Our Eyes”

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

\*Postlude. .... “Siyahamba” (We Are Marching in the Light of God)  
South African song, arr. John A. Behnke

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**GREETER:** Sandra Clemmer **READER:** Kay Linnane  
**COMMUNION:** Carla Robertson, Bobbie Rosson, Benham and Jo Ann Black  
**USHERS:** Bob Markley, Vince Ennis, Sam Richardson, Ken Beals, Richard Hamrick, Jim Clemmer, John Ambrogi, Ben True, Eric Stumb, Bill Bushman, Josh Gutshall, Tommy Rosen

**THE FLOWERS** for our service today are given by Esther and Hunter Mabry in memory of Esther’s mother, Benita Galima, on her birthday April 3.

**BIRTHING KITS . . .** We have set a goal of preparing 100 UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Birthing Kits to be delivered to Annual Conference in June. These kits are valuable gifts for our overseas partners. We need to collect 200 flannelette receiving blankets (or flannelette fabric 36"x36") to complete the kits. Your donations will be collected in the Gathering Room during the next two months.

**OUR WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN SERVICES** continue this week, with Pastor Sault leading the service and our UMW providing and serving the soup and sandwich lunch. A short worship service in the Sanctuary begins at 12:05 p.m., followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall (\$2 donation).It’s all planned to fit into the noon “lunch hour.” Please invite a friend to join you!

**THE TRUSTEES** are purchasing a defibrillator for the church and would like to hear from members who might be interested in learning CPR and how to use a defibrillator. The Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad will provide a training session. Please contact Ed Smith for more information (885-4449).

**TODAY** after Worship: Rehearsal for Palm Sunday dramatic reading.

**FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS:** Spam, hash, canned spaghetti, canned potatoes, greens, spinach, canned yams, jelly, pineapple, hand/body lotion, toilet paper.

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**EASTER BASKETS AND CARDS**

Once again we will be providing Easter baskets for local needy children. The names of fifteen children (with pertinent information) are posted in the Gathering Room. Suggested gifts, with a total value of approximately \$30, include clothes, candy and/or small toy. The church intends to provide a book to include with each basket.

If you’d like to shop for a child please take the tag and note your name on the list. Baskets (with name tags) should be brought to church on or before Palm Sunday.

We also have available names and addresses of some of our members who are homebound or may just need a friendly greeting; and we ask that cards be sent the week before Easter.

**TO OUR GUESTS:** We are delighted to have you worship with us. All the opportunities and programs of Central are available to you. To become a member of this fellowship, please talk with the pastor after the service. Following the service will be a time of refreshment and fellowship. Please join us so that we might get better acquainted.

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT** to sign the attendance slip in your pew; and, if you are a member here, please introduce yourself to anyone who might be visiting with us today. Your warmth and hospitality will be a blessing in someone's life today.

**CHILDREN** are invited to worship with their parents in the Sanctuary. Following the Children's Focus, children under 6 years of age may go to the play room. Later, during the Doxology, they will be brought back into the Sanctuary to participate with their parents in the Great Thanksgiving and receiving the Lord's Supper. We welcome the participation of the youngest members of the family of faith.

**THE COMMUNION RAIL** is open for prayer at any time, but particularly during the pastoral prayer, during Communion, during the final hymn, and after the worship service. If you would like someone to pray with you, please let the pastor know.

**DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** Please note it in our Prayer Book (in the Narthex) or in a Prayer Request folder (may be placed in the offering plate or given to the Church Office), and our prayer ministry team will join you in praying for the person/need.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** are available in the Gathering Area. Be sure to pick up a copy. A limited number of large-print copies are also available.

**THIS EASTER SEASON** we continue our mission as servants of Christ by being faithful in spreading the gospel of Jesus' love, reaching out in mission work and caring for the community around us. This year we are again being challenged to go an extra mile in our giving. For the next four Sundays, a special Easter Offering is being received to support our operating and outreach expenses. Please give as you have been blessed by God. *"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful give."* 2 Cor. 9:7

### EASTER OFFERING

Please remember our Easter Offering to "Support Our Mission" during the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Your involvement will directly benefit our church locality, and also reach out to help fund many worthy causes of the United Methodist Church. Each gift makes a substantial difference to God and those we support!

### EASTER LILIES

Easter morn with lilies fair  
fills the church with perfumes rare...  
Stately lilies pure and white  
flooding darkness with their light,  
Bloom and sorrow drifts away,  
On this holy hallow'd day...

—Louise Lewin Matthews



Easter lilies may be ordered in memory of in honor of loved ones, family, or friends, to be used for Easter Sunday Worship Service. Please provide the requested information (use back if needed) and submit to the Church Office no later than noon on Monday, April 18. (Cost \$12)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Number Ordered** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Glory of God**

**Given by** \_\_\_\_\_  
(wording for bulletin listing)