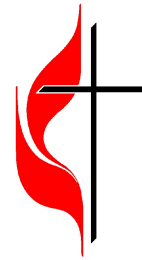


**THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, DECEMBER 19-25, 2010**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00–10:45	Children’s Choir & Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
<b>Monday</b>	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Companions Small Group (Library)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stained Glass Choir (Choir Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Stained Glass Choir Concert (Sanctuary)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:15 a.m.	Praise & Worship Service (Connections)
	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry
	12:05 p.m.	Advent Service and Lunch Preaching: Rev. Stephanie Sault, Central UMC Serving
	6:00 p.m.	Women’s NA (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
<b>SATURDAY</b>		CHRISTMAS DAY
	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)



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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Advent**

*Morning Worship*  
*Fourth Sunday in Advent*  
*December 19, 2010* *11:00 a.m.*

*The Entrance*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Angels and Shepherds”. arr. P. L Harris

\*Greeting. . . . . John 1:14  
And the Word became flesh  
and lived among us,  
**and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a Father’s only Son,  
full of grace and truth.**

\*Hymn 220. . . . . “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

\*Opening Prayer. . . . . *U. M. Book of Worship*  
**Holy God,**

**the mystery of your eternal Word  
took flesh among us in Jesus Christ.**

**At the message of an angel,  
the virgin Mary placed her life  
at the service of your will.**

**Filled with the light of your Spirit,  
she became the temple of your Word.**

**Strengthen us by the example  
of her humility,  
that we may always be ready  
to do your will,  
and welcome into our lives  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*\*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. . . . . 325 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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Lighting the Advent Candles. . . . . Andrew and Jennifer Reed  
Congregation sings: **Rejoice! rejoice!**  
**Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*(From "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel")*

Children's Focus

*Proclamation and Response*

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. . . . . Isaiah 7:10-16 (Pew Bible, Page 554)

Psalter 801. . . . . Psalm 80

Second Reading. . . . . Romans 1:1-7 (Pew Bible, Page 913)

Musical Offering: "Gesu Bambino". . . . . Yon / Wagner

\*Gospel Reading. . . . . Matthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible, Page 783)

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

*Response to the Word*

Call to Prayer: "Creator of the Stars of Night". . . . . arr. C. Moglebust  
Central Ringers

Silence

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 First Noel". . . . . arr. David Paxton

\*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. . . . . Page 880

*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. . . *For sung responses, please see insert in hymnal*

*Sending Forth*

\*Hymn 236..... “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

\*Blessing and Sending Forth

\*Congregational Response: Hymn 204. .... “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

\*Postlude: “Good Christians All, Rejoice”. .... arr. Quentin Thomas

**GREETERS:** Vicki and Jim Printy

**READER:** Judi Jones

**COMMUNION:** Judi and Ron Jones; Carolyn and Ed Smith

**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

***CHRISTMAS OFFERING***

The holiday season celebrating the birth of Christ is such a wonderful time of year. People just seem to be friendlier. You will be greeted with “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Holidays” as opposed to the normal grunt!

Central uses this time to provide our congregation the opportunity to give a little extra for the missions of the church. As happy as we might be, there are still people who hurt or have needs in these difficult economic times. Please prayerfully consider a special gift to the Church this Christmas season to help it fulfill its mission work.

**WELCOME** on this Fourth Sunday in Advent. Let us rejoice in God’s great love revealed to us in Christ. May our joy be seen as we share this glorious news with one another in a spirit of love, peace, and friendship.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY NOON ADVENT SERVICES** conclude this week, with Pastor Stephanie Sault preaching and Central’s UMW serving the soup and sandwich lunch. Please invite a friend or two to join you for a time of inspiration and fellowship.

**MITTEN TREE:** You're invited to help decorate the Mitten Tree with hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks which will be distributed to needy children (and adults, depending on sizes received) in the area, including some of our Food Pantry patrons

**FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS:** Spam, hash, greens/spinach, canned spaghetti, deodorant. Thank you for your support—and special thanks for supplying the plastic grocery bags. Please keep the Food Pantry in mind as we use many bags each week and are most happy to help “recycle” them in this way.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP** (December 12) Attendance: 88  
Income received toward budgeted expenses: \$3,792.00

**THANK YOU . . .**Sincere thanks to my church family for your love and encouragement! –LaVearn Everett

**CONCERT:** The Stained Glass Choir is a group of local home-schooled children and youth who meet each Tuesday in our Choir Room. They are presenting a concert in our Sanctuary Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., and all are invited.

**THE HISTORIC STONEWALL BRIGADE BAND** will present a Christmas Concert at 7:30 pm on Monday, December 20, in the sanctuary of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 2000 Shutterlee Mill Road, Staunton, featuring guest vocalist Ernest Holley. Admission is free, and an offering will be received to benefit the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. Pre-concert music by the Stonewall Flutes of the Shenandoah will begin at 6:45 p.m.

**A CHRISTMAS PRAYER . . .**

O God our loving Father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men.  
Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing that Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.  
May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children  
and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds  
with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven,  
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

—Robert Lewis Stevenson