

**THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, MAY 3-9, 2009**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Nursery: Beverly Richardson, Helen Landes, Barbara Snyder, Sheryl Mullenax)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service Following Worship: Trustees (Fellowship Hall)
<b>MONDAY</b>	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	7:00 p.m.	Witness Committee (Heritage Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Augusta Coalition for Peace and Justice (Connections)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:00-11:30	Food Pantry Open
	10:30 a.m.	Qigong Exercise
	6:00 p.m.	Women's NA (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)

**IN MINISTRY**

General Ministers.....	368
Pastor.....	Stephanie M Sault
Lay Assistant to the Pastor.....	Donna R. Huffer
Retired Missionary Professor.....	Hunter P. Mabry
Professor MBC.....	Kenneth A. Beals
Minister of Music/Organist.....	Sherry von Oeyen
Church Secretary.....	Agnes Campbell
Custodian.....	Janet Nuckoles
District Superintendent.....	Kathleen Overby Webster
Resident Bishop.....	Charlene Payne Kammerer

*The Mission  
of Central UMC  
is to make disciples  
of Jesus Christ.*



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The good shepherd  
lays down his life  
for the sheep.



*Morning Worship  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2009 11:00 a.m.*

*The Entrance*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude..... "God, We Praise You"  
arr. Kevin J. Sadowski

\*Greeting

Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful.

**And kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created.

**And you will renew the face of the earth.**

\*Hymn 138..... "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

\*Opening Prayer

Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

*(Continued)*

\*Please Stand as Able

Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word

**we have built up walls of prejudice.**

Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy

**we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.**

Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us to listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

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. . . . . Acts 4:5-12 (Pew Bible, Page 887)

Psalter 754. . . . . Psalm 23

Second Reading. . . . . 1 John 3:16-24 (Pew Bible, Page 990)

Musical Offering: "Shepherd Me, O God". . . . . Marty Haugen

\*Gospel Reading. . . . . John 10:11-18 (Pew Bible, Page 872)

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

### *Response to the Word*

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

By dying, Christ destroyed our death; in rising, he restores our life; in giving us his Spirit, he grants us peace. The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Prayer

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

Offering: "Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above"..... Barry L. Bobb

\*Congregational Response: Hymn 95. . . "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith, Apostles' Creed..... Page 882

### *Thanksgiving and Holy Communion*

Invitation

Celebration of Holy Communion..... Pages 18-20, Setting B  
Hymns: *(The Faith We Sing)* 2171, 2222, 2226

### *Sending Forth*

\*Hymn 408..... "The Gift of Love"

\*Blessing and Sending Forth

\*Congregational Response: Hymn 666 ..... "Shalom to You"  
**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom..**

\*Postlude: "Toccata in G minor"..... Jean Pasquet

**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.

**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 the pastor to pray with you, please let her know.

**DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** Please note it in our Prayer Book (located in the Narthex), and our prayer ministry team will join you in praying for the person/need.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP . . .** 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 FLOWERS** today are given by Jean Smith in memory of loved ones.

**GREETERS:** Ed and Carolyn Smith

**READER:** Ed Pickett

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Becky Rader, Anita and Norm Jackson

**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

**OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP** (April 26) Attendance: 90  
Received toward budget/operating expenses: \$2,394.36

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** (\*indicates special need)

*Canned chicken	*Applesauce	Toothpaste
Beef Stew	Spinach	Dishwashing Liquid
*Pineapple	Fruit Juice	Paper Towels
*Pears	*Jelly	Spaghetti Noodles
*Fruit Cocktail	*Shampoo	



## Lion Shop & Share

Sign up in the Gathering Room

May 3, 10, 17

Lion Shop & Share is a simple and convenient way to raise money for the church. Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total grocery purchase will be donated to the church. Funds are totaled quarterly and sent to the church. You will need to link your MVP card number to the church by recording your MVP card number (12 digit number on the back of the card) on the chart in the Gathering Room. Twenty-five (25) card numbers are needed to start the program, so please bring your card and sign up. You may contact Eric Stumb with any additional questions or concerns.

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## Kroger Cares — Order your card today!

The Kroger Cares program involves the purchase of a special card, which you then use to make your purchases of groceries, gasoline, or pharmacy items. The card may be ordered in the Gathering Room today; the cost is \$5 which you may then spend at Kroger. You may add additional funds to the card for shopping, and continue to do so to replenish it as you shop.

The accumulating amounts of monies (for cards purchased by the Church and all funds "loaded" onto the cards) are placed into our Kroger Cares account. When that account reaches a total of \$5,000, Kroger will make a contribution of 5% to Central (\$250). The account then resets to zero and we begin working toward the next rebate

Funds received from both the Kroger and Food Lion programs will benefit our Fellowship Fund (the Pastor's Discretionary Helping Fund) and Food Pantry.

# KITS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## Our Goal: 25 – 30 Kits

The 2009 Virginia Conference kit collection is being conducted to replenish the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) supply. UMCOR's Sager Brown Depot reports there is a need for all types of kits (except flood buckets).

You're invited to donate a kit—you may assemble the kit or give an offering to have UMCOR purchase items for it. Lists of kit items are included in our current newsletter and available in the Gathering Room.

\*Birthing Kit (New) – \$8

Health Kit – \$12, plus \$1 for toothpaste

School Kit – \$11

Baby/Layette Kit – \$35

Sewing Kit – \$18



Important: All items must be new. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items – nothing more. Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional materials in the kits. These things must be removed and will delay the shipment. If possible, please include an additional \$1 to help with shipping costs.

### \*Birthing Kit contents

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag:

- 1 hotel-size bar of soap (1 ounce and up)
- 1 pair of clean latex gloves
- 1 square yard of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting
- 3 pieces of clean string, each 12" long
- 1 clean single-use razor blade (carefully wrap the blade in paper or plastic to protect it and keep it from causing injury)
- 2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard