

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, NOVEMBER 22–28, 2009

SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.	New Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Emily Stumb, Helen Landes, Jo Ann Black, Craig Dorn)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:30 p.m.	Young Family Lunch
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Pathway to Renewal</i> Study (Connections)
MONDAY	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	2:00 p.m.	Stained Glass Home School Choir (Choir Room)
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Church Council (Connections)
	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry
	12:00 Noon	Prayer Time (Library)
THURSDAY	6:00 p.m.	Women's NA (Eagon Hall)
		Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
FRIDAY	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
		Church Office Closed
SATURDAY	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)

IN MINISTRY

General Ministers.....	368
Pastor.....	Stephanie M Sault
Pastoral Assistant.....	Daniel K. Purdom
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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**Who is,
who was,
and who is
to come,
the
Almighty.**
Revelation 1-3

Morning Worship
Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2009 11:00 a.m.

The Entrance

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "This Joyous Morning. arr. Sandra Eithun
Central Ringers

*Greeting. *U. M. Book of Worship*

In the midst of the congregation

I will praise you,

**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name!**

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.

**Great is the Lord,
and greatly to be praised,
and God's greatness is unsearchable.**

*Hymn 715..... "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

*Opening Prayer

**O God, we realize you do not call us
to be successful in the marketplace;
you call us to be faithful
as disciples of Jesus.**

**You do not call us to achievement in work,
but to responsible living.**

**You do not call us to make a great fortune,
but to labor for your reign.**

**Guide us into greater understanding
of your priorities,
through Christ our Lord and King. Amen.**

*Please stand as able

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. 2 Samuel 23:1-7 (Pew Bible, Page 261)

Psalter 849. Psalm 132

Second Reading. Revelation 1:4b-8 (Pew Bible, Page 994)

Musical Offering: "A Thanksgiving Introit". arr. Paige / Angerman

*Gospel Reading. John 18:33-37 (Pew Bible, Page 881)

Sermon. 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

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer

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

Offering: "We Gather Together". arr. John Ferguson

*Congregational Response: Hymn 94. . . "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, 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 882

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Invitation

Celebration of Holy Communion. Pages 17-18, Musical Setting A

Hymns: 2036 (*The Faith We Sing*), 185, 2087

Sending Forth

*Hymn 155. "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Congregational Response: Hymn 2075. "King of Kings"

**King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!**

*Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God". arr. Michael Burkhardt

GREETERS: Jim and Kay Linnane

READER: Kay Linnane

COMMUNION: Jack and Wanda True; Kim and Constance Mitchell

USHERS: Tom Spotts, Jim Printy, Jack True, Tom Davis, Judd Bankert, Ed Smith, Joe Hill, Mike Melton, Jim Linnane

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 someone to pray with you, please let the pastor know.

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.

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.

THE THANKSGIVING ARRANGEMENT on the altar today is given by the Richard Hamrick family.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Toothpaste, dish detergent, bath soap, corn, spinach, fruit cocktail, pineapple, peaches, chili, rice, jelly, canned spaghetti, and canned sweet potatoes. (Thanks for the generous offering of plastic grocery bags. Please keep saving them—they're very helpful in this ministry!)

A FUN MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY—SHARING HOT CHOCOLATE, a friendly greeting and a warm smile with people of our community who attend the Downtown Christmas Parade (Monday, November 30). Several additional volunteers are needed. Please contact Anita Jackson (885-1126) to volunteer or for more information.

COULD YOU RING A BELL TO HELP THE MOST NEEDY? The United Methodist Men are looking for volunteers to ring the bell and host the Salvation Army's Christmas Kettle at Wal Mart on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.—in two-hour shifts. Please contact Jim Printy (885-6838) for additional information or see the sign up sheet in the Gathering Area.

WARM & TOASTY CHRISTMAS TREE . . . During Advent our Christmas Tree will be available for members to decorate with gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, and socks—colorful or plain—small, medium, or large! These gifts will be shared with needy members of our community. We'll begin placing our lovely "decorations" on the tree, which will be in the Gathering Room, on November 29.

OUR NEW WORSHIP SERVICE began today, making an exciting addition to our Sunday morning schedule. This informal service begins at 8:45 in the Shepherd Chapel (also known as the Choir Room). Coffee, juice, and snacks will be available at 8:30. All are invited—come as you are!

FAIR TRADE COFFEE . . . Please pick up a flyer on UMCOR Fair Trade Coffee and see how you can help small-scale farmers in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the U.S. simply by buying quality coffee and hot chocolate at a fair price. We'll place our initial order this week. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

OUR STEWARDSHIP (Nov. 15) Attendance: 104
Received toward budget/operating expenses: \$4,860.13

POINSETTIAS may be ordered (\$12) and placed in the church for the Advent Season. They may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service. Please complete an order form and place it in the offering plate or contact the Church Office.

GOD'S RENEWED CREATION: CALL TO HOPE AND ACTION, is a letter from the United Methodist Council of Bishops addressing some of the needs of our earth and their responses. Copies of the letter are available in the Gathering Area.