

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, SEPTEMBER 6–12, 2009

SUNDAY	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Beverly Richardson, Helen Landes, Barbara Snyder, Sheryl Mullenax)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
MONDAY		Church Office Closed for Labor Day
	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Rebekah Circle (Fellowship Hall)
	7:30 p.m.	United Methodist Women Unit Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry
	10:00 a.m.	Qi Jong Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Women's NA (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (Connections)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee (Connections)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
Friday	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
SATURDAY	8:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting (Rowe's)
	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Chili, beef stew, Spam, salmon, canned spaghetti, spinach, ramen noodles, tomatoes, fruit cocktail, laundry detergent. (Special thanks to our volunteers for your loving ministry to those needing a little extra help!)

IN MINISTRY

General Ministers.....	373
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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HAS not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

*Morning Worship
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2009 11:00 a.m.*

The Entrance

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude..... "In God I Put My Trust"
R. J. Powell

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

We believe in you, O God,

**for you have made the
suffering of humanity your suffering.**

You have come to establish a kingdom
of the poor and humble.

**Blessed are the poor,
for theirs is the Kingdom of God.**

*Hymn 57... "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Opening Prayer..... *Alan Paton, South Africa*

O Lord, open my eyes

that I may see the needs of others;

open my ears that I may hear their cries;

open my heart so that they need not be

without succor;

let me not be afraid to defend the weak

because of the anger of the strong,

nor afraid to defend the poor

because of the anger of the rich.

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**Please stand as able*

**Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,
and use me to bring them to those places.
And so open my eyes and my ears
that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee.
Amen.**

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. Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (Pew Bible, Page 527)

Psalter 846. Psalm 124

Second Reading. James 2:1-17 (Pew Bible, Page 981)

Musical Offering: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven". arr. James Kirkby

*Gospel Reading. Mark 7:24-37 (Pew Bible, Page 819)

Sermon. Rev. Dr. Stephanie M. 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: "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here". J. S. Bach

*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 886

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Invitation

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

Hymns: 454, 2171 (*The Faith We Sing*)

Sending Forth

*Hymn 434. "When the Poor Ones"

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Congregational Response: Hymn 2166 *The Faith We Sing*. "Christ Beside Me"

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me—King of my heart;

Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me—never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,

Christ all around me—shield in the strife;

Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising—light of my life.

*Postlude: "Psalm XVIII ("I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, my Strength"). B. Marcello

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.

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.

FLOWERS for our service today are given by Hazel Richardson's family in celebration of her 95th birthday on September 9, and given by Eleanor Andrews in memory and in honor of the birthdays of Robert Lee Andrews and Elizabeth Andrews Roesch.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES . . . Some of the "mini ministries" make a maximum difference in the life of the church. We're looking for additional volunteers in the following areas:

1. Someone to change bulletin boards and update announcements.
2. Someone to monitor movie and CD check outs.
3. Additional Readers.
4. Additional Greeters.
5. Additional volunteers to help with refreshments.

Please contact Pastor Stephanie if you would like more information.

GREETERS: Sandra Clemmer, Wilma Sloan

READER: Caroline Jones

COMMUNION: Sandra Clemmer, Sybille Jobin, Bobbie Rosson, Rev. Sault

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

NOTE: While Stephanie and David are on vacation, several ministers will be on call for pastoral emergencies and visits. Please contact the Church Office at 886-3441.

ADDRESS for Madalyn Marshall: 0310 Thomas, Blacksburg, VA 24060-0016.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UNIT will meet Tuesday, September 8, 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited—women and men. The program will be presented by Ms. Becki Rae, who will share her experiences on a recent "Fact Finding Treatment Tour" of Palestine.

REBEKAH CIRCLE GUEST . . . Members of the congregation are invited to attend the Rebekah UMW Circle meeting on September 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Joan Wasserrott, a nurse who has volunteered several times in a Mozambique hospital, will speak about her work there. The Virginia Annual Conference has a special relationship with the Mozambique Methodist Church, and so members of the UMW of Virginia have been visiting there and supporting many programs there. The first African woman bishop was a guest at the Annual Conference in June; and the presentation by Joan is a special one affirming our connection with our brothers and sisters in the Mozambique Methodist Church.

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP (Aug. 30) Attendance: 99

Income received toward budgeted expenses: \$3,751.25

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 2009

Total Income: \$23,664.77

Total Needed to Pay all Askings: 28,494.00

Total Expenses Paid: 21,447.51

Apportionments Requested: 5,143.08

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