

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, APRIL 5–11, 2009

SUNDAY	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Young Adult Potluck Breakfast (Nursery: Beverly Richardson, Helen Landes, Barbara Snyder, Sheryl Mullenax)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service Following Worship: Rehearsal for Holy Thursday
MONDAY	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Study (Connections)
TUESDAY	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)
WEDNESDAY	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry Open
	6:00 p.m.	Women's NA (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m.	Thursday Morning Music Club (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Service
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
FRIDAY	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
SATURDAY	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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*Morning Worship
Palm Sunday
April 5, 2009 11:00 a.m.*

Liturgy of the Palms

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude..... "The Palms"
J. B. Faure / arr. David Paxton

*Greeting..... from Psalm 118
O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His steadfast love endures forever!

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and
give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

*Processional Hymn 278, Verses 1, 3
"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem
Mark 1:1-11 (Pew Bible, Page 812)

Musical Offering. "Hosanna in the Highest!"
Lloyd Larson

*Please stand as able

Children’s Focus

Central Ringers Handbell Choir: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”. . . . arr. Kimberly Morton

Liturgy of the Passion

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.)*

Epistle Lesson. Philipians 2:5-11 (Pew Bible, Page 954)
Martha Bushman

Unison Prayer:

**O merciful Father, in compassion for your sinful children,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world.
Grant us grace to feel and to lament our share of the evil
that made it necessary for him to suffer and to die for our salvation.
Help us by self-denial, prayer and meditation to prepare our hearts
for deeper penitence and a better life.
And give us a true longing to be free from sin,
through the deliverance won by Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Passion Narrative

Mark 14:1-21 (Pew Bible, Page 826).. Judd Bankert
Hymn 292, Verses 1, 2. “What Wondrous Love Is This”
Mark 14:22-52. Barbara Snyder
Hymn 290, Verses 1, 2. “Go to Dark Gethsemane”
Mark 14:53-72. Jerry Jones
Hymn 289, Verses 1, 2, 3. “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Mark 15:1-20. Bill Bushman
Hymn 286. “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”
Mark 15:21-39. Sybille Jobin
Hymn 282. “‘Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies”
Mark 15:40-47. The Rev. Dr. Stephanie Sault
Hymn 287, Verses 1, 2. “O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done”

Response to the Word

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People. 2201 *The Faith We Sing*
Ending Response: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Lord, let your kingdom come. Your will be done.
Lord, let your kingdom come. Alleluia.**

The Lord’s Prayer (sung) Albert Hay Malotte / arr. Fred Bock

Prayer

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

Offering: “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” arr. Garrett Parker

*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.**

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Invitation

Celebration of Holy Communion... Musical Setting B, Pages 18-20

Hymns: 351, 402

Sending Forth

*Hymn 288, Verse 1. “Were You There”

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Congregational Response 488. “Jesus, Remember Me”

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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*Postlude: “At the Name of Jesus”. R. V. Williams / arr. Michael Burkhardt:

PROCLAIMER: Madalyn Marshall **GREETERS:** Jo Ann and Benham Black

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jo Ann and Benham Black; Sandra Clemmer, Sybille Jobin

USHERS: Bob Markley, Vince Ennis, Sam Richardson, Ken Beals, Richard Hamrick, Jim Clemmer, John Ambrogi, Ben True, Eric Stumb, Bill Bushman, Josh Gutshall

THANK YOU. . . We’d like to say a special “Thank You!” to everyone who participated in our Easter Tree ministry. The gifts for needy children are always a special treat—both to those who shop for and prepare them and to the recipient families. Your Easter greetings and notes to our shut-in members bring joy and delight to dear ones who can’t be with us in worship. May you be blessed by the same Easter joy you’ve shared!

EASTER OFFERING. . . We express our confidence and joy in the loving God who offers us the forgiveness of sin, gives us the hope of resurrection, and assures us of abundant life as we walk with Him.

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.

OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Mar. 29) Attendance: 99
Received toward budget/operating expenses: \$1,504.00

LAST CALL FOR EASTER LILY ORDERS: Orders and information may be placed in the offering plate today or submitted to the Church Office no later than tomorrow, Monday, April 5. The cost is \$12.

FINANCE MEETING – Please note that the Finance Committee will not meet this week, but is **now scheduled for Tuesday, April 14**, 7:00 p.m. in the Connections Classroom.

IT’S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW (audit). All classes and groups with bank accounts are asked to please submit their check books and bank statements (January 2008 through January 2009) for review by the Audit Committee. These records may be left in the Church Office April 19–24. For more information please contact Sam Richardson (886-6992).