This Week at Central, August 23–29, 2009

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
		(Emily Stumb, Helen Landes, Jo Ann Black, Craig Dorn)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Committee)
Wednesday	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry
	12:00–1:30	Music Festival Concert in Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Women's NA (Eagon Hall)
Thursday	12:00–1:30	Music Festival Concert in Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
Friday		Morning Music Festival Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	5:30 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Foy-Hill Wedding (Sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Spam, hash, grape jelly, pineapple, pears, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, spinach, greens, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes, dish detergent, laundry detergent. Also needed: clean, empty 16 oz. water/drink bottles with lids. (This is an ongoing ministry–and we appreciate your loving support!)

IN MINISTRY

General Ministers	370
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

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Morning Worship

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2009 *11:00 a.m.*

The Entrance

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude. . . . . "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Greeting. . . . . *from Psalm 84, the Psalm for the day*

Happy are those whose strength is in the living
God, in whose hearts are the highways to Zion.
They go from strength to strength.
For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
He bestows favor and honor.
O Lord of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in You.

*Hymn 110. . . . . "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Opening Prayer. . . . *St. Thomas Aquinas, 13th Century*

Give us, O Lord,
steadfast hearts, which no unworthy
thought can drag downward,
unconquered hearts,
which no tribulation can wear out,
upright hearts, which no unworthy
purpose may tempt aside.
Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God,
understanding to know you,

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**Please Stand as Able*

diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you,
and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. . . . . 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 (Pew Bible, Page 272)

Psalter 804. . . . . Psalm 84

Second Reading. . . . . Ephesians 6:10-20 (Pew Bible, Page 952)

Musical Offering: "The Prayer" . . . . . Sager/Foster
Jennifer and Andrew Reed

*Gospel Reading. . . . . John 6:56-69 (Pew Bible, Page 868)

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: "Prayer Song". . . . . Schumann/Keeney

*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

"This Is the Air I Breathe". . . . . Dan Purdom, Soloist

Hymn: *The Faith We Sing* 2080

Sending Forth

*Hymn 514. . . . . "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

*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: "Sing to the Lord a Song of Rejoicing!". . . . . Lani Smith

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.

CHILI FUND RAISER LUNCH

Next Sunday, August 30, Following Worship

Featuring Chili, Baked Potatoes, & Salad

PLEASE BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

All are invited to this fund raiser sponsored by our United Methodist Men. Donations will benefit the fund for new tables.

THE FLOWERS today are given in honor of friends and family by Eleanor Petty.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THURSDAY, SEPT. 3, 9:00 a.m. The Trustees are excited to announce that work is almost completed on the third floor of the Education Building. Now we need to clean and dust all the furniture and move it back into the rooms, and we'll need all the help we can get (men and women!). If you have any questions contact Ed Smith.

CHURCH TABLES . . . The United Methodist Men, with the blessing of the Trustees, are spearheading an effort to replace our folding tables. The ones we have are heavy and difficult to manage when they need to be taken down and put up for many different church events. In addition, a number are in need of repair. The replacement tables will be made of a much lighter, but durable, material and will have a total cost of approximately $2300.

The UMMen will be sponsoring a luncheon on Sunday August 30 as a fund raiser, and we hope everyone will be able to attend and contribute generously. We have already received a donation from the United Methodist Women and a pledge from the Wesley Fellowship Sunday School Class, as well as from a member of the class. Anyone wishing to contribute should see Ed Smith. The cost of each individual table will be approximately $75. Also, if you are interested in purchasing any of the old tables, please see Ed Smith.

GREETERS: Emily Morgan, Suzanne Peeler **READER:** Eric Stumb
COMMUNION: Jo Ann and Benham Black, Lynn and Joe Hill
USHERS: Tom Spotts, Jim Printy, Jack True, Tom Davis, Judd Bankert, Ed Smith, Joe Hill, Mike Melton, Jim Linnane

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP (Aug. 16) Attendance: 97
Income received toward budgeted expenses: $5,236.50

TWO CONCERTS HERE! The Staunton Music Festival continues through Saturday, Aug. 29. Brochures are available with complete details: schedule, musicians, works, and ticket information. Please note that the Lunchtime Concerts are free of charge, although a goodwill offering will be accepted at the door. Two of the Lunchtime Concerts will be held here Wednesday and Thursday, Noon–12:50 p.m. (Several rehearsals and workshops are also scheduled here during the week.. Please contact the Church Office if you have questions about using a specific room/area this week.)