

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, DECEMBER 13-19, 2009

SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.	New Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		Following Worship: Single Mingle (Mill Street Grill)
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Pathway to Renewal</i> Study (3 rd Floor)
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)
	6:30 p.m.	WE CARE Support Group (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Augusta Coalition for Peace and Justice (Connections)
WEDNESDAY	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry
	12:05 p.m.	Advent Service and Lunch (Central Serving)
	6:00 p.m.	Women's NA (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
THURSDAY		Newsletter Deadline
	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
FRIDAY		Church Office Closed Today
	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
SATURDAY	10:00–2:00	Eagon Hall in use for private function
	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)



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

Morning Worship
Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2009 11:00 a.m.

The Entrance

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Sheep May Safely Graze”
J. S. Bach / Dishinger
Vivian Zhang, cello

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

You know what time it is,

**how it is now the moment
for you to wake from sleep.**

For salvation is nearer to us now
than when we became believers;

for the night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light.

*Hymn 196. “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*Opening Prayer. *U. M. Hymnal*

**O God, whose will is justice for the poor
and peace for the afflicted,
let your herald's urgent voice
pierce our hardened hearts
and announce the dawn of your kingdom.
Before the advent of the One who baptizes
with the fire of the Holy Spirit,
let our complacency give way
to conversion, oppression to justice,
and conflict to acceptance
of one another in Christ.**

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**Please stand as able*

IN MINISTRY

General Ministers.	366
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

**We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, whose day draws near;
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Candle..... Josh, Ann, Henry, Gus, and Betsy Gutshall
Congregational Response

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
(from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel")

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. Zephaniah 3:14-20 (Pew Bible, Page 767)

Second Reading. Isaiah 12:2-6 (Pew Bible, Page 558)

Third Reading. Philippians 4:4-7 (Pew Bible, Page 955)

Musical Offering: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"..... arr. Andrew Carter

*Gospel Reading. Luke 3:7-18 (Pew Bible, Page 834)

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: "From Heaven Above"..... arr. Raymond H. Haan
Vivian Zhang, cello

*Congregational Response: Hymn 95. . . "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
**Praise God, from 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..... Pages 19-20, Musical Setting B

Hymns: 221, 198

Sending Forth

*Hymn 203..... "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Congregational Response: Hymn 204. "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

*Postlude: "The King Shall Come"..... arr. David N. Johnson

GREETERS: Sandra Clemmer and Wilma Sloan **READER:** Sybille Jobin
COMMUNION: Sybille Jobin, Barbara Snyder, Becky Rader, Pastor Sault
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.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Jim Printy at the death of his mother.

OUR STEWARDSHIP (Dec. 6) Attendance 11:00 service: 83
(*The 8:30 Service cancelled due to snow*)
Received toward budget/operating expenses: \$5,879.21
Christmas Offerings Received to date: \$345.00

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICE . . . All are invited to the service Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastor Stephanie Sault will lead the service; and members of Central UMC will provide the soup and sandwich luncheon following. Please invite someone to join you for this, our last Wed. Advent Service for 2009.

CONCERT . . . The Stonewall Brigade Band will present a Christmas Concert on Monday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's UMC, 2000 Shutterlee Mill Rd. The Staunton Ovation Singers will join the band on several selections. Admission is free. An offering will be received to benefit The Valley Mission, our area homeless shelter.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Jelly, spinach, collard greens, pineapple, mandarin oranges, pears, beets, and yams. (Just think of the pretty color combinations you can make with these foods! Wouldn't you like to add an item or two to our "rainbow?")

GIFT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES!

1. **WARM & TOASTY CHRISTMAS TREE** being "decorated" now. Your donations of gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, and socks—colorful or plain—small, medium, or large will help warm some of the needy members of our community.
2. **TOY DRIVE:** The children of Central are having a Christmas toy drive to benefit residents of the New Directions Women's Shelter. Please bring new or gently used toys on Sunday, December 20. The children will collect them during the Children's Focus portion of the Worship Service. The shelter welcomes any toy in new or good condition, excluding used stuffed animals. New stuffed toys are welcomed and encouraged. Toys for children birth through elementary school ages are needed.

Some recommendations are: infant rattlers, toddler noisemakers & crinkle books, push toys, baby dolls, Lincoln logs, diaries & journals, CD players, handheld gaming toys. Gender-neutral toys for children under 3 years and younger are most useful, while gender-specific toys are needed for boys and girls 4-years and older. The children of your congregation greatly appreciate your support in this effort!

3. **CASA DE AMISTAD**, a United Methodist ministry to area Hispanic families, is working to provide gifts for needy children in the local Hispanic community. Approximately 150 children have been signed up, and at this time they only have enough gifts or money to cover half of the children. If you would like to help with a cash donation, please make your check payable to Central UMC and designate for "Casa de Amistad." If you would prefer to donate a specific gift (around \$20), please contact Andrea Riegel (riegel@ntelos.net) for more information.

**IN MEMORIAM
BERNICE C. LANDRAM**

THE VALLEY MISSION is opening a second thrift store (109 Lew Dewitt Blvd., Waynesboro) on Monday, Dec. 14. The store has an immediate need of gently used clothing, appliances and household goods, toys, books, etc. which will be sold to benefit the Mission's ministry. Donations may be dropped off at the Staunton or Waynesboro store. (You may request a *receipt for goods donated*.)