

**THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, DECEMBER 5–11, 2010**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00–10:45	Children's Choir & Sunday School; The Wired Word Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service Following Worship: Single Mingle (Mill St. Grill)
<b>Monday</b>	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	2:00 p.m.	Stained Glass Choir (Choir Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Witness Committee (Connections)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:15 a.m.	Praise & Worship Service (Connections)
	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry
	12:05 p.m.	Advent Service and Lunch Preaching: Rev. Jeff Allen, St. Paul's UMC
	6:00 p.m.	Women's NA (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	Registration: Staunton District UMW Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) (Breakfast served at 9:00)
	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)

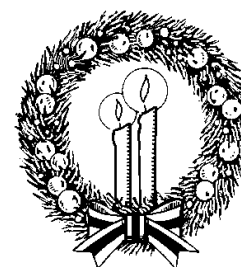


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**2nd Sunday  
in Advent**

*Morning Worship*  
*Second Sunday in Advent*  
*December 5, 2010* *11:00 a.m.*

*The Entrance*

Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude. . . . . "Of the Father's Love Begotten"  
arr. Lani Smith

\*Greeting. . . . . *from Isaiah 40:3*  
A voice cries out: "In the wilderness  
prepare the way of the Lord,

**Make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God."**

\*Hymn 209. . . . . "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

\*Opening Prayer. . . . . *U. M. Book of Worship*

**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.  
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.**

*\*Please stand as able*

**CENTRAL**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS:**

- A vital congregation of diverse people
- Centered in faithful worship of God
- Growing as disciples of Jesus Christ
- Moving out in compassionate service to others, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**IN MINISTRY**

General Ministers. . . . . 325  
Pastor. . . . . Stephanie M Sault  
Minister of Music/Organist. . . . . Sherry von Oeyen  
Church Secretary. . . . . Agnes Campbell  
Child's Play Director. . . . . Jo Ann B. Black  
Custodian. . . . . Janet Nuckoles  
Retired Missionary Professor. . . . . Hunter P. Mabry  
Retired Pastor. . . . . David D. Reed  
Professor MBC. . . . . Kenneth A. Beals  
District Superintendent. . . . . D. Michael Houff  
Resident Bishop. . . . . Charlene Payne Kammerer

Lighting the Advent Candles. . . . . Eric, Emily, Harper, and Brayden Stumb  
Congregation sings: **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. . . . . Isaiah 11:1-10 (Pew Bible, Page 558)

Psalter 795. . . . . Psalm 72

Second Reading. . . . . Romans 15:4-13 (Pew Bible, Page 924)

Musical Offering: “Hush! Hear the Word of the Lord”  
(with “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”). . . . . Lloyd Larson

\*Gospel Reading. . . . . Matthew 3:1-12 (Pew Bible, Page 784)

Sermon. . . . . Rev. Dr. Stephanie Sault

### *Response to the Word*

\*Hymn 216. . . . . “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

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: “Lo, How a Rose e’er Blooming”. . . . . arr. John Leavitt

\*Congregational Response. . . . . Hymn 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise him, 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 888

### *Thanksgiving and Holy Communion*

Invitation

Words of Pardon

Leader to people: Hear the good news; Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

Leader and people: **Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebration of Holy Communion. . . . *For responses, please see insert in hymnal*

## Sending Forth

\*Hymn 567..... “Heralds of Christ”

\*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: “Come, Redeemer of Mankind”..... Johann Pachelbel

**GREETERS:** Emily Morgan and Suzanne Peeler

**READER:** Jim Printy

**COMMUNION:** Becky Rader, Caroline Jones

**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

**CHRISTMAS!** A time for giving. As we enter the season in which we celebrate the Birth of Christ, we stop to remember all that Christ has selflessly given us. As Central prepares for this season, we invite you to participate in the special Christmas Offering. These funds will support various ministries here at Central and also support Church World Service which reaches out into this world of hunger and pain. Please give generously

**MITTEN TREE:** You're invited to help decorate the Mitten Tree with hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves, which will be distributed to needy children (and adults, depending on sizes received) in the area, including some of our Food Pantry patrons



**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.

**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.

**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.

**DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** Please note it in our Prayer Book (in the Narthex) or in a Prayer Request folder (may be placed in the offering plate or given to the Church Office), and our prayer ministry team will join you in praying for the person/need.

**WEDNESDAY NOON ADVENT SERVICES** continue this week, with Rev. Jeff Allen preaching and St. Paul's UMCUMW serving the soup and sandwich lunch. Please invite a friend or two to join you for a time of inspiration and fellowship.

**SINGLE MINGLE** will meet following Worship today for lunch at the Mill Street Grill ("dutch-treat"). All single adults are invited, the more the merrier—bring a friend!