THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, FEBRUARY 22-28, 2009

SUNDAY	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
		(Nursery: Alma Creger, Lynn Hill, Jo Ann Black, Craig Dorn)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
MONDAY	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council (Connections)
WEDNESDAY	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry Open
	10:30 a.m.	Qigong Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Women's NA (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
FRIDAY	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
SATURDAY	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)

IN MEMORIAM
ISAAC B. DAVIS

IN MINISTRY

General Ministers. 370
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
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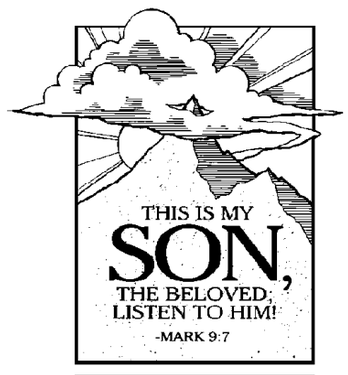

Morning Worship

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 22, 2009 *11:00 a.m.*

The Entrance

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude. . . . . "Seeking God's Light"
Beatrice A. Miller

*Greeting

The Lord is Sovereign;
let the people tremble in awe.
God is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion,
and is high above all peoples.
Proclaim the greatness
of the Lord our God,
and worship Yahweh
upon the holy mountain.

*Hymn 103.. "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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

God of glory and mercy,
before his death in shame
your Son went to the mountain top,
and you revealed his life in glory.
Where prophets witnessed to him,
you proclaimed him your Son,
but he returned to die among us.

(Continued)

*Please Stand as Able

Help us face evil with courage,
knowing that all things, even death,
are subject to your transforming power.
We ask this through 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. . . . . 2 Kings 2:1-12 (Pew Bible, Page 290)

Psalter 783. . . . . Psalm 50

Second Reading. . . . . 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (Pew Bible, Page 939)

Musical Offering: "Shine, Jesus, Shine". . . . . Graham Kendrick
(The Faith We Sing, 2173)

*Gospel Reading. . . . . Mark 9:2-9 (Pew Bible, Page 820)

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

Response to the Word

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People.. . . . . 2201 *The Faith We Sing*
The refrain will be sung at the beginning and end;
the response will be sung after each category of petition.

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.

Prayer

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

Offering: "Consider the Lilies". . . . . James Southbridge

*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.

*Affirmation of Faith, Apostles' Creed. . . . . Page 882

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Invitation

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

Hymns: *The Faith We Sing* 2023, 2022, 2016

Sending Forth

*Hymn 173.. . . . . "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Congregational Response: *The Faith We Sing* 2173, Refrain.. . . . "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire,
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

*Postlude: "Oh, Worship the King".. . . . . arr. Robby A. Hobby

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THE FLOWERS on our altar today are given in memory of Frank S. Black by his family.

THANK YOU . . . A special thank you to my church family for your expressions of love and concern for me, and especially for your prayers. –Hazel Richardson

ACOLYTE: Chandler Marshall **CROSS:** Madalyn Marshall
PROCLAIMER: Madalyn Marshall **READER:** Jim Printy
GREETERS: Jim and Kay Linnane
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Wanda and Jack True; Tom and Connie Davis
USHERS: Steve Huffer, Tom Spotts, Jim Printy, James Creger, Jack True, Tom Davis, Judd Bankert, Ed Smith, Joe Hill, Mike Melton, Jim Linnane, Donna Huffer, Frank Wade

LENTEN STUDY – *"Exploring the Way: An Introduction to the Spiritual Journey"*
"If you have ever wondered what the spiritual journey is about or wished you understood better the language of spirituality..." this study may be for you. As part of a small group we will explore questions and issues of faith and practice six spiritual exercises for the journey. This is a six week experience that will begin Monday evening, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. and will be led by Pastor Stephanie.

FIVE PRACTICES OF FRUITFUL CONGREGATIONS

A Five-Week Study
(Begins Sunday, March 1)

Radical Hospitality.
Passionate Worship.
Intentional Faith Development.
Risk-taking Mission and Service.
Extravagant Generosity.

Please join us as we study Bishop Robert Schnase's book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, and explore why people are searching for churches with these qualities. The five-week Sunday School study will begin on March 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The class will include DVD presentations, selected readings, and lots of discussion; and will be led by Steve Huffer. No reservations needed–hope to see you there!

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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 (Feb. 15) Attendance: 112
Received toward budget/operating expenses: $1,733.50

THE STAUNTON DISTRICT LAITY BANQUET is scheduled for Friday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Horse Center in Lexington. Come, celebrate the accomplishments of your laity, and enjoy a fun evening with fellow United Methodists from across the district. Ticket deadline is Friday, February 27. Please contact the District Office for tickets, (540) 932-1055.