

**THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, FEBRUARY 27–MARCH 5, 2011**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00–10:45	Children's Choir & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service Following Worship: Nurture Committee (F. H.)
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	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.	Mission/Outreach Committee (Connections)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Praise & Worship Service (Connections)
	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry
	6:00 p.m.	Women's NA (Eagon Hall)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	Central Ringers Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men (Rowe's)
	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)



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Consider  
the Lilies...

*Morning Worship*  
*Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*February 27, 2011* *11:00 a.m.*

*The Entrance*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude. . . . . "His Eye on the Sparrow"  
arr. Susan Caudill

\*Greeting. . . . . from Isaiah 49:13

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O Earth;

**Break forth, O mountains, into singing!**

For the Lord has comforted his people,

**And God will have compassion on  
his suffering ones.**

\*Hymn 126

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

\*Opening Prayer. . . . . Paul J. Flucke, U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> c.

**O God,  
source of all that makes life possible,  
Giver of all that makes life good:  
We gather to give you our thanks  
yet we confess that we have often failed  
to live our thankfulness.  
What we have we take for granted,  
and we grumble about what we lack.**

*(Continued)*

*\*Please stand as able*

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS:	IN MINISTRY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A vital congregation of diverse people</li> <li>• Centered in faithful worship of God</li> <li>• Growing as disciples of Jesus Christ</li> <li>• Moving out in compassionate service to others, in the power of the Holy Spirit.</li> </ul>	<p>General Ministers. . . . . 324 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</p>

**We have squandered your bounty,  
 with little thought of those who will come after us.  
 We are more troubled by the few who have more  
 than by the many who have less.  
 Forgive us, O God.  
 In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving;  
 and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life;  
 through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Children’s Focus

*Proclamation*

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 49:8-16a (Pew Bible, Page 592)

Psalter 787. . . . . Psalm 65:5-12

Second Reading. . . . . 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 (Pew Bible, Page 928)

Musical Offering: “Seek First the Kingdom”. . . . . Mary McDonald

\*Gospel Reading. . . . . Matthew 6:24-34 (Pew Bible, Page 787)

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

*Response to the Word*

\*Hymn 140 . . . . . “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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: “Seeking God’s Light”. . . . . Beatrice A. Miller

\*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. . . . . Hymnal Page 882

*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... . . . Hymnal, pages 20-22, Musical Setting C

*Sending Forth*

\*Hymn 133... . . . . . “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

\*Blessing and Sending Forth

\*Congregational Response: Hymn 143 “On Eagle’s Wings”

**And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of His hand.**

\*Postlude: “Toccata in D minor”... . . . . . Johann E. Eberlin

**GREETERS:** Patty Mills and Jim Southers **READER:** Bill Bushman

**COMMUNION:** Becky Rader, Caroline Jones, Susan Obaugh, Luz de Tablan

**USHERS:** Jim Printy, Jack True, Tom Davis, Judd Bankert, Ed Smith, Joe Hill,  
Mike Melton, Jim Linnane

**OUR STEWARDSHIP** (February 20) Attendance: 87

Income received toward budgeted expenses: \$3,819.00

**FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS:** Canned tomatoes, canned white potatoes,  
pineapple, vienna sausage, hot chocolate mix, bath soap, dishwashing liquid, laundry  
detergent, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste.

**THE FLOWERS** today are in memory of Frank S. Black given by his family.

**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.

**THE LAITY CELEBRATION BANQUET** of the Staunton District will be held Friday, March 4, 6:00 p.m. at the Virginia Horse Center, with guest speaker Rev. Jim Bollinger and the students of Crossroads Ministry. Everyone is invited to a great time of celebration and a delicious meal. Tickets are \$12 per person and must be purchased/reserved by February 28. Please contact the District Office at StauntonDistrict@vaumc.org or 540-932-1055.

**THANK YOU . . .** I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, visits, and cards during my kidney surgery at UVA and since returning home.  
–Carolyn Smith