

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, JANUARY 25—31, 2009

SUNDAY	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Nursery: Emily Stumb, Donna Huffer, Jo Ann Black, Craig Dorn)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
MONDAY	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Martin Luther King Memorial Service; 8:00 p.m. March
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council (Connections)
WEDNESDAY	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry Open
	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Connections)
	6:00 p.m.	Women's NA (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	1:00 p.m.	Child's Play Committee (Connections)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
FRIDAY	1:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
SATURDAY	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)

ACOLYTE: Chandler Marshall **CROSS:** Madalyn Marshall **READER:** Sybille Jobin
PROCLAIMER: Madalyn Marshall **GREETERS:** Sandra Clemmer, Wilma Sloan
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jim and Vicki Printy; Ed and Carolyn Smith
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

IN MINISTRY

General Ministers.....	371
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
Resident Bishop.....	Charlene Payne Kammerer

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



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*Morning Worship
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 25, 2009 11:00 a.m.*

The Entrance

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude..... "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
 arr. William Ringham
 Central Ringers

*Greeting

Grace and peace from God our Father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

We come in Spirit and in truth.

*Hymn 398..... "Jesus Calls Us"

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

**O God of all the nations,
 you manifested your love
 by sending your only Son into the world
 that all might live through him.
 Pour your Spirit on your Church,
 that it may fulfill his command
 to preach the gospel everywhere;
 send forth laborers into your harvest;
 defend them in all dangers and temptations;
 give them grace to bear faithful witness
 to you;
 endue them with zeal and love,
 that they may turn many to righteousness;
 through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.**

**Please stand as able*

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. Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (Pew Bible, Page752)

Psalter 787. Psalm 62

Second Reading. 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (Pew Bible, Page 930)

Musical Offering: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say". arr. Lloyd Larson

*Gospel Reading. Mark 1:14-20 (Pew Bible, Page 812)

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: "David's Lyre". 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* 2218 523, Refrain (3x)

Sending Forth

*Hymn 593. "Here I Am, Lord"

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Congregational Response 2129. "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,

I have decided to follow Jesus—no turning back, no turning back.

*Postlude: "Toccata in G minor". Jean Pasquet

THE FLOWERS on our altar today are given by Sue Fultz in memory of her brother, Thomas C. Vass.

UNITED METHODIST MEN . . . The February UMMen's meeting has traditionally been a time when we invite our spouses, or other guest, to accompany us to our breakfast meeting. Once again we want to invite our regular members, as well as any men of the church, to join us at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, February 7, at Rowe's; and please bring a guest. We will enjoy a breakfast buffet, a brief meeting, and good fellowship. If you have any questions please contact Jim Printy, 885-6838.

Central United Methodist Church
Staunton, Virginia
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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.

OUR STEWARDSHIP (Jan. 18) Attendance: 89
Received toward budget/operating expenses: \$3,020.00

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

The Worship Committee and some of the parents would like the children to be more present in worship. Therefore, beginning Sunday, February 1, we invite children and their parents to begin worship together at 11:00 in the Sanctuary. Following the Children's Focus, children under 6 years of age may return to the play room. Later, during the Doxology, the children will be brought back into the Sanctuary to participate with their parents in the Great Thanksgiving and receiving the Lord's Supper. We welcome this increased participation of the youngest members of the family of faith.

OUR FOOD PANTRY officially opens this Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Special thanks go to both Trinity Episcopal Church for "sharing" this ministry and to our volunteers for preparing for and staffing the pantry!

We invite our church family to join in the ministry of stocking the shelves; special receptacles are available for your contributions of staple food items. Financial contributions will also be helpful (mark for Food Pantry). We hope we can always provide food so that members of our community will not go hungry.

Preferred food items include:

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| • Peanut Butter | • Vegetables (canned) | Also needed: |
| • Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, Spam, etc.) | • Juice Boxes | • Toiletries – travel-size |
| • Beef Stew (can) | • Cereals | • Tooth brushes, paste |
| • Chili & Beans | • Spaghetti Sauce | • Bath soap |
| • Hash | • Pasta | ▶ Quart-sized Zip Loc Bags (To divide bulk items into smaller portions) |
| • Rice (any type) | • Mac & Cheese | ▶ Small, clean, empty water bottles with lids (for laundry detergent) |
| • Dried Beans | • Jams, jellies | |
| • Pork 'n' Beans | • Soups | |
| | • Fruit | |

Along with the regular-sized food items, the individual-sized servings with pull-off tops are also helpful to people in transition.

YOUNG ADULTS – WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM YOUR CHURCH?

All young adults are invited to a potluck dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, to discuss with one another and your pastor how Central Church can better meet your spiritual, fellowship, and ministry needs. Those with children are invited to bring them, and we will have someone in the Nursery/Toddler rooms after dinner, so we can have a time of conversation. The church will provide "chicken tenders" and drinks; and each family is asked to please bring a side-dish (salad, veggies, mac-and-cheese, casserole, etc.) with enough for your family plus two more. We will be meeting in the Gathering Area for our meal. Please let me know if you will be coming; I'm looking forward to our time together!

Pastor Stephanie, 886-3441