This Week at Central, January 9–15, 2011

Sunday	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: Single Mingle (Country Cookin')
	3:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall in use for private event
Monday	9:00–12:00	Church Office Hours Today
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	10:00 a.m.	Rebekah Circle (Fellowship Hall)
	2:00 p.m.	Stained Glass Choir (Choir Room)
	6:30 p.m.	NAMI Support Group (Connections)
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees (Food Pantry)
Wednesday	9:15 a.m.	Praise & Worship Service (Connections)
	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry
	6:00 p.m.	Women's NA (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (Connections)
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	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)

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

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Morning Worship

Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2011 *11:00 a.m.*

The Entrance

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude. . . . . "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"
arr. Charles Callahan

*Greeting. . . . . Psalm 29
Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord
the glory of God's name,
worship the Lord in holy array.
The voice of the Lord is upon the water.
The God of glory thunders,
the Lord upon many waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful.
The voice of God is full of majesty.
Let us praise the name of the Lord!

*Hymn 610. . . . . "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

*Opening Prayer. . . . . *U. M. Hymnal.*
Father in heaven,
at the baptism of Jesus
in the River Jordan
you proclaimed him your beloved Son
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Grant that all
who are baptized into his name

(Continued)

**Please stand as able*

may keep the covenant they have made,
and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
One God, in glory everlasting. 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. . . . . Isaiah 42:1-9 (Pew Bible, Page 584)

Psalter 761. . . . . Psalm 29

Second Reading. . . . . Acts 10:34-43 (Pew Bible, Page 895)

Musical Offering: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing". . . . arr. Walter L. Pelz
Text, Jaroslav J. Vajda

*Gospel Reading. . . . . Matthew 3:13-17 (Pew Bible, Page 784)

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

Response to the Word

*Hymn 2248, Verses 1, 2. . . . . "Baptized in Water"

Congregational Reaffirmation of The Baptismal Covenant. . . . Hymnal, Page 50

Hymn 2248, Verse 3

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: "Children of the Heavenly Father". . . . . arr. David Cherwien

*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!

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 2051.. . . . . “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Congregational Response: Hymn 2248, verse 3. . . . . “Baptized in Water”

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
born of one Father, we are his children,
joyfully now God’s praises we sing.

*Postlude: “Rejoice, Angelic Choirs”. . . . . arr. Barry L. Bobb

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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.

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.

FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS: Tuna, hash, vienna sausages, spinach, jelly, canned pasta, canned yams, bath soap, laundry detergent, dish detergent.

GREETERS: Carolyn and Ed Smith **READER:** Sybille Jobin
COMMUNION: Wanda and Jack True; Ed and Carolyn Smith
USHERS: Jim Printy, Jack True, Tom Davis, Judd Bankert, Ed Smith, Joe Hill, Mike Melton, Jim Linnane

THE FLOWERS on our altar today are given in loving memory of Mary and Rogers Eakle by Margaret, David, and Katherine Elliott; and Matt and Crystal Eakle.

FLOWER CALENDAR: Placing flowers on the altar for our worship service can be done in honor or in memory of a loved one, in appreciation of a person or persons, or just because you desire to honor God. If you would like to add to the beauty and significance of our worship service, you will find a flower calendar in the South Narthex. Please write your name and phone number on the line for any available Sunday and you will be contacted by Sandra Clemmer. Or you may call Sandra (885-5453) or the Church Office.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: Stephen Puffenbarger at the death of his mother; and to the Rev. Dr. Michael Houff at the death of his mother.

OUR STEWARDSHIP (Jan. 2) Attendance: 78
Income received toward budgeted expenses: $4,156.25

FAIR TRADE COFFEE PROJECT

Please help us get caught up on our Fair Trade Coffee Fund. If you have not already paid for your purchases, please remember that each bag of coffee now costs $7 (instead of $6). (And what a deal–we’re selling this at cost!)

If you haven’t yet checked out the coffee selection in the Gathering Area, please do so today; or contact Joel and Ann Palmer for more information.

Fair Trade enables farmers to stay on their land, receive a fair price, send their children to school, and care for the environment. Equal Exchange (which handles the purchasing and shipping) is a worker-owned 100% Fair Trade organization that collaborates with democratically run small farmer co-operatives all over the world to create a more just model of trade.

Thank you for putting your faith into action and using Fair Trade Coffee!

Let's Celebrate God's Love Together!

In faithfulness to Jesus' words in Luke 14:13-14*a*—

"...when you give a banquet, invite the poor,
the crippled, the lame and the blind.
And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you."

—Central UMC will host a free meal Sunday, February 20, at 4:00 p.m. for the families who visit our Food Pantry.

In order to provide adequate food and hospitality, we need your involvement:

Provide desserts

Serve as host/hostess for a table group
(2 per table) to eat with our guests

Help set up before the meal

Help prepare food

Help clean up after the meal

Provide supplies and/or food items

Help direct people to the Fellowship Hall

Please pray about your involvement and contact Pastor Stephanie (886-3441) or Caroline Jones (943-8927) with your response.