

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, MARCH 21–27, 2010

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| SUNDAY | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:00–10:45 | Children's Sunday School & Young Adult Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| MONDAY | 9:30 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall) |
| TUESDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Child's Play |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Stained Glass Home School Choir (Choir Room) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Church Council (Connections) |
| WEDNESDAY | 10:00–11:30 | Food Pantry |
| | 12:05 p.m. | Lenten Service and Lunch (Cherryvale UMC serving) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Women's NA (Eagon Hall) |
| THURSDAY | 7:00 p.m. | Central Ringers |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Child's Play |
| | 5:45 p.m. | Children's Choir |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| FRIDAY | 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall) |
| | 8:15 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall) |
| SATURDAY | 6:30 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall) |

OUR STEWARDSHIP (March 14)

Attendance: 89
 Income received toward budget expenses: \$3,785.50
Easter Offering Received to date: \$860.00

IN MINISTRY

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| General Ministers..... | 364 |
| Pastor..... | Stephanie M Sault |
| Pastoral Assistant..... | Daniel K. Purdom |
| 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
 Fifth Sunday in Lent
 March 21, 2010 11:00 a.m.*

The Entrance

Welcome and Announcements
 Prelude. “What Wondrous Love Is This”
 arr. Lani Smith

*Greeting. *U. M. Book of Worship*
 If any want to become my followers,
 let them deny themselves and take up their
 cross and follow me.

**For those who want to save their life
will lose it, and those who lose their life
for my sake and for the sake of the gospel,
will save it.**

*Hymn 298.. “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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

**Almighty and most merciful God,
from you comes every good and perfect gift.
We give you praise and thanks
for all your mercies.**

**Your goodness has created us,
your bounty has sustained us,
your love has redeemed us.**

**Give us a heart to love and serve you,
and enable us to show our thankfulness
for all your goodness and mercy
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and cheerfully submitting in all things
to your blessed will;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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. Isaiah 43:16-21 (Pew Bible, Page 586)

Psalter 847. Psalm 126

Second Reading. Philippians 3:4b-14 (Pew Bible, Page 954)

Musical Offering: "Pieta". Joseph Martin
Virginia True, flute

*Gospel Reading. John 12:1-8 (Pew Bible, Page 874)

Sermon. Rev. Dr. Stephanie Sault

Response to the Word

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: "Praise to Thee, Jesus Christ". Georg Bohm

*Congregational Response. Hymn 95

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. Page 882

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Invitation

Celebration of Holy Communion. Pages 15-16, A Service of Word and Table III

Hymns: *The Faith We Sing* 2164 (2x), 2080, 2065 (2x), 2108

Sending Forth

*Hymn 399. "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Congregational Response: Hymn 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: Verses from the "Te Deum". Anonymous

GREETERS: Gladora Grant, Susan Obaugh

READER: Kay Linnane

COMMUNION: Connie and Tom Davis; Anita Jackson, Barbara Snyder

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

EASTER OFFERING . . . Just a reminder that our Easter Offering will benefit the ministries and outreach of Central UMC. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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 someone to pray with you, please let the pastor know.

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.

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.

THE FLOWERS today are in memory of Ann Lumpkin given by Evelyn Butler and Ruth and Bruce Grover.

WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN SERVICE – A short worship service in the Sanctuary begins at 12:05 p.m., following which a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall (\$2 donation). The service and lunch are planned to fit into the noon "lunch hour." Both are open to the public, and everyone is invited to participate. The Rev. Don Warrick of Cherryvale UMC will preach this Wednesday. Please invite a friend or two to join you for this concluding service.

EASTER LILIES may be placed in the church in honor or in memory of loved ones. Please complete an order form and place in the offering plate or in the Church Office. The cost is \$12; deadline for orders is Monday, March 29.