

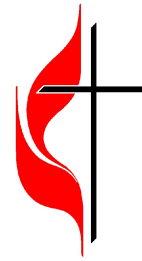
THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, MAY 16–22, 2010

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 Following Worship: Single Mingle (Japanese Steakhouse)
MONDAY	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Team (Connections)
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Child’s Play
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
WEDNESDAY	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry
	6:00 p.m.	Women’s NA (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Central Ringers
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Child’s Play
	5:45 p.m.	Children’s Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Child’s Play Celebration (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Mission / Outreach Committee (Connections)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
		Newsletter Deadline
	5:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
SATURDAY	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
	5:00 p.m.	Bryant-Wilkinson Wedding in Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)

IN MINISTRY

General Ministers.	363
Pastor.	Stephanie M Sault
Pastoral Assistant.	Daniel K. Purdom
Retired Missionary Professor.	Hunter P. Mabry
Retired Minister.	David D. Reed
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
Ascension Sunday
May 16, 2010 *11:00 a.m.*

The Entrance

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude. “Oh, Worship the King”
arr. Robert A. Hobby

*Greeting. *U. M. Book of Worship*

Risen with Christ,
let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

Our life is hidden with Christ in God.

He who descended is also ascended far above
the heavens, that he might fill all things.

**When Christ, our Life, appears,
we shall appear with him in glory!
Alleluia!**

*Hymn 327. “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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

**O God, the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph
to your kingdom in heaven.**

**Do not leave us comfortless,
but send us your Holy Spirit
to strengthen us, and exalt us
to that place where our Savior Christ
has gone before;
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
in glory everlasting. Amen.**

**Please stand as able*

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. Acts 1:1-11 (Pew Bible, Page 884)

Psalter 781. Psalm 47

Second Reading. Ephesians 1:15-23 (Pew Bible, Page 949)

Musical Offering: "Praise! Praise!" Handel / Liebergen

*Gospel Reading. Luke 24:44-53 (Pew Bible, Page 861)

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: "My Father, By Whose Name" arr. Wilbur Held

*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 Sprit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Invitation

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

Hymn: "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord" Michael W. Smith

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you. I want to see you. (Repeat 2x)**

**To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory,
Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.**

Holy, holy, holy! (3x)I want to see you.

Sending Forth

*Hymn 384. "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Congregational Response: Hymn 2088 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

*Postlude: "Arise, My Soul, Arise!" Dale Wood

GREETERS: Vicki and Jim Printy

READER: Eric Stumb

COMMUNION: Anita Jackson, Barbara Snyder, Vicki and Jim Printy

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

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 (located in the Narthex), and our prayer ministry team will join you in praying for the person/need.

GRADUATES? Please contact the Church Office with info about 2010 graduates in our church family (name, degree, school). We'd like to join the celebration!

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Mel Fountaine's family in memory of his birthday, May 19.

NEW "OLD" ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS . . .

The Sunday School Class which has most recently been doing a book study of "The Shack" is moving on to a new format! The class will be using the "Wired Word" curriculum which considers current events from a Christian perspective. Dan Purdom will be leading the class which will meet on the 3rd Floor of the Education Building at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday.



One of the great things about this format is that each lesson is an independent class which means that even if you miss a week or two you won't feel like you are behind the next time you are able to make it. So come as often as you can! All are invited to what promises to be an exciting and interesting study.

OUR STEWARDSHIP (May 9) Attendance: 74
Income received toward budget expenses: \$2,430.50

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned potatoes	Pineapple	Diapers, sizes 3, 4, 5
Peas	Cake Mixes	All-purpose Cleaner
Chili	Flour	Dish Liquid
Fruit Cocktail	Cookies, Snacks	Laundry Detergent

ITEM OF THE WEEK . . . Everyone is invited to bring a new washcloth and a bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. or larger) next Sunday, May 23, as we continue our "Item of the Week" collection in preparation for assembling Health Kits to be taken to Virginia Annual Conference.



We are also still accepting flannelette receiving blankets for Birthing Kits.