This Week at Central, May 24–30, 2009

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
		(Nursery: Emily Stumb, Alma Creger, Jo Ann Black, Craig Dorn)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday		Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)

Church Office Hours this Week 9:00—12:00

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council (Connections)
Wednesday	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry Open
	10:30 a.m.	Qigong Exercise
	6:00 p.m.	Women's NA (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Connections)
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
Friday	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
Saturday	7:00–12:00	Yard Sale (Fellowship Hall)
	2:30–4:30	Private Recital, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall in use
	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)

GRADUATES? Please contact the Church Office with info about 2009 graduates in our church family (name, degree, school). We'd like to join the celebration!

IN MINISTRY

General Ministers	368
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

Ascension Sunday

May 24, 2009 *11:00 a.m.*

The Entrance

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Prelude". . . . . W. H. Squire
Vivian Zhang, cello

*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 312.. . . . . "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

*Opening Prayer.. . . . (Based on Ephesians 1:15-19)
Increase our faith in Jesus and our love
for all your people.
Help us come to know God more deeply, that we may have wisdom and understanding of God's ways.
Open the eyes of our hearts, to know
the hope to which you have called us.
Open the eyes of our hearts, to know the riches of your inheritance among the saints.
Open the eyes of our hearts, to know
the greatness of your power for us who believe.
Give us grace and courage to live according to your Word. 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. . . . . Acts 1:1-11 (Pew Bible, Page 884)

Psalter 781. . . . . Psalm 47

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

Musical Offering: "Let the Whole Creation Cry". . . . . Jay Althouse

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

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

Response to the Word

United Methodist Women Mission Recognition

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

By dying, Christ destroyed our death; in rising, he restores our life;
in giving us his Spirit, he grants us peace. The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer

(Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.)

Offering: "Rejoice, the Lord is King". . . . . arr. David Paxton

*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. . . . . Page 885

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Invitation

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

Hymns: *(The Faith We Sing)* 2230, 2171, 2068 (2x)

Sending Forth

*Hymn 2172. . . . . "We Are Called"

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Congregational Response: Hymn 666 . . . . . "Shalom to You"

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

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

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.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP . . . 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 FLOWERS for our service today are in honor of Craig and Heidi Dorn's 11th Wedding Anniversary on May 23.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Bill Bushman at the death of his father.

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Jelly**,** canned tuna, canned chicken, Spam, (any canned meat), fruit cocktail, spinach or greens, toilet tissue, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner.

GREETERS: Esther Mabry, Emily Morgan **READER:** Susan Obaugh
COMMUNION: Deborah Reed, Sybille Jobin, Audrey Bocock, Wanda True
USHERS: Gladora Grant, Helen Landes, Esther Mabry, Bobbie Rosson, Heidi Dorn, Beth Blackmer, Donna Huffer, Janet Nuckoles
OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (May 17) Attendance: 79
Received toward budget/operating expenses: $3,963.67

THE HAND OF GOD is a symbol of the Father, as Blesser. The three extended fingers suggest the Holy Trinity, while the two closed fingers denote the two-fold nature of the Son.

KROGER CARDS will be available for pickup in the Gathering Room on May 31. Please see Eleanor Andrew to pick up your card.

OUR WWII MEMORIAL LIST has been refurbished and is on display in the Gathering Area. It lists 159 members of Central UMC who served our country during World War II. We honor these, as well as all the others who have accepted the call of military service.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, May 30 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Fellowship Hall (rain or shine!)

It's not too late to rent a table ($10) or to bring items you may wish to donate. And, or course, we hope you'll come to shop!

NEXT SUNDAY, May 31

5th Sunday UMM
Fund Raiser Luncheon

(Following Worship)

Pizza & Salad

Please invite a friend or two!

Donations will be accepted to benefit a special UUMM ministry.