## This Week at Central, May 29–June 4, 2011

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| **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 |
| **Monday** | | Church Office Closed for Memorial Day |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Weight Watchers |
| **Wednesday** | 9:30 a.m. | Praise & Worship Service (Connections) |
| | 10:00–11:30 | Food Pantry |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Women's NA (Eagon Hall) |
| **Thursday** | 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall) |
| **Friday** | 8:15 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall) |
| **Saturday** | 8:30 a.m. | United Methodist Men (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall) |

**FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS:** PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS, Spam, hash, spinach, greens, canned white potatoes.

**FOOD PANTRY REPORT:**

| | | Households served | Individuals | (Children under 18) |
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| 2011 | January | 57 | 136 | (40) |
| | February | 77 | 175 | (54) |
| | March | 85 | 188 | (59) |
| | April | 75 | 157 | (45) |

We have an average of 10 volunteers per week, most working about 2 hours per week; with pick up and sort volunteers working 3-4 hours a week. Thank you, volunteers!

### 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. . . . . 320
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*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 29, 2011* *11:00 a.m.*

## *The Entrance*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude. . . . . Prelude on "Love Divine"
arr. Charles Callahan

*Greeting. . . . . *from Matthew 25:31-46; Micah 6-8*

Jesus said:

"I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink."

**Let us act justly.**

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you gave me clothing."

**Let us love tenderly.**

"I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me."

**Let us walk humbly with our God.**

May we see Christ in one another,

**that we may be healers and peacemakers in Christ's name.**

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

**Please stand as able*

*Opening Prayer. . . . . *The Book of Worship, 1965*

**O God, our Guide and Guardian,**
**you have led us apart from the busy world**
**into the quiet of your house.**
**Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth,**
**to the comfort of our souls**
**and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire.**
**Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us,**
**that we may not fear the coming of night,**
**when we shall resign into your hands**
**the tasks which you have committed to us.**
**So may we worship you not with out lips at this hour,**
**but in word and deed all the days of our lives;**
**through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Children's Focus

## *Proclamation*

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 17:22-31 (Pew Bible, Page 902)

Psalter 790. . . . . Psalm 66

Second Reading. . . . . 1 Peter 3:13-22 (Pew Bible, Page 985)

Musical Offering: "Praise, Rejoice and Sing". . . . . Allen Pote
Flutes: Madalyn Marshall and Jennifer Reed



*Gospel Reading. . . . . John 14:15-21 (Pew Bible, Page 877)

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

## *Response to the Word*

*Hymn 418. . . . . "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

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: "The Gift of Love". . . . . arr. Dale Wood

*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!**

*Affirmation of Faith. . . . . Hymnal Page 882

## *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.. . . . . Musical Setting B, Pages 18-20

## *Sending Forth*

*Hymn 467.. . . . . "Trust and Obey"

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Congregational Response: *The Faith We Sing* 2179. . . . . "Live in Charity"

**Live in charity and steadfast love,**
**live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

*Postlude: "Trumpet Voluntary". . . . . John Stanley

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**GREETERS:** Carolyn and Ed Smith **READER:** Susan Obaugh
**COMMUNION:** Benham and Jo Ann Black, Sandra Clemmer, Anita Jackson
**USHERS:** Jim Printy, Jack True, Tom Davis, Judd Bankert, Ed Smith, Joe Hill, Mike Melton, Jim Linnane

**THE FLOWERS** today are given by Benjamin and Denay True in memory of their daughter, Myrtle, and in honor of their sister and father, Rebecca Ritchie and Jack True on their birthdays. "Bloom where you are planted."

**OUR STEWARDSHIP** (May 22) Attendance: 78
Income received toward budgeted expenses: $2,358.00



**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.

**MISSION WORK TRIP . . .** The Mission/Outreach Ministry Team is planning a work trip to the Pulaski area to repair homes damaged by the recent tornadoes. Our help is very much needed, and although it will be hard work, it will be very rewarding. Many homes need roof shingles, siding, guttering, windows, etc. We have not established a date for our trip, and need to hear from potential volunteers as soon as possible in order to find a week when the most people are available. Please contact Jim Printy (292-2029) for further information.

**THANK YOU** . . . The family of Pauline Rankin would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, cards, phone calls, and flowers following her death.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** – Please note a change in the UMMen's June meeting. We will NOT meet at Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant on June 4. Instead we will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts, followed by a brief business meeting and work at the church. If the weather is agreeable, we need to spread mulch, and if not, we have inside work to complete. Remember, all men of the church are always welcome at our meetings and events.