

**THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, MAY 8-14, 2011**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	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
<b>Monday</b>	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Women (Fellowship Hall)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:30 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 Ministry Team (Connections)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	Central Ringers
	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
<b>Saturday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)

**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.

<p><b>CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A vital congregation of diverse people</li> <li>• Centered in faithful worship of God</li> <li>• Growing as disciples of Jesus Christ</li> <li>• Moving out in compassionate service to others, in the power of the Holy Spirit.</li> </ul>	<p><b>IN MINISTRY</b></p> <p>General Ministers..... 319                  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</p>
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**National Family Week**

*Morning Worship*  
*Third Sunday of Easter*  
 May 8, 2011 11:00 a.m.

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*The Entrance*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "We Walk by Faith"... arr. Lynn Trapp

\*Greeting..... from U. M. Book of Worship  
 Come, Holy Spirit,  
 fill the hearts of your faithful.

**And kindle in them  
 the fire of your love.**

Send forth your Spirit  
 and they shall be created.

**And you will renew the face of the earth.**

\*Hymn 92..... "For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*Opening Prayer..... Ruth Duck, U.S.A.

**In you, O God,  
 every family on earth receives its name.  
 Illumine the homes of this earth  
 with the light of your love,  
 granting courage to those who  
 are hurt or lonely,  
 endurance to those who care for sick  
 family members,  
 and wisdom to those in fearful times  
 of change.**

*(Continued)*

*\*Please stand as able*

**We thank you for gifts of love we have received  
 from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion.  
 As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love.  
 Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. 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 2:14a, 36-41 (Pew Bible, Page 885)

Psalter 837. . . . . Psalm 116

Second Reading. . . . . 1 Peter 1:17-23 (Pew Bible, Page 983)

Musical Offering: “Sing a New Song”. . . . . Praetorius / Schweizer

\*Gospel Reading. . . . . Luke 24:13-35 (Pew Bible, Page 860)

Sermon. . . . . Rev. Dr. Kenneth Beals

*Response to the Word*

\*Hymn 408. . . . . “The Gift of Love”

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: “Lord Jesus, Be Present Now”. . . . . Georg Böehm

\*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 885

*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 384 . . . . . “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

\*Blessing and Sending Forth

\*Congregational Response: Hymn 162, verse 1 “Alleluia, Alleluia”

Refrain: **Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

Verse 1: **Spread the good news o’er all the earth:**

**Jesus has died and has risen. (Repeat refrain)**

\*Postlude: “Sound the Trumpet, Praise the Lord”.. . . . . Mark L. Williams

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**GREETERS:** Jo Ann and Benham Black **READER:** Hunter Mabry

**COMMUNION:** Judi and Ron Jones, Barbara Snyder, Becky Rader

**USHERS:** Jim Printy, Jack True, Tom Davis, Judd Bankert, Ed Smith, Joe Hill, Mike Melton, Jim Linnane

**THE FLOWERS** today are given by the United Methodist Men in honor and in memory of all mothers.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** TO Bob Hanson at the death of his brother, Ben. Ben attended Central as a young person. He lived in Alexandria.

**FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS:** Chili, tuna, vienna sausages, canned yams, canned beets, pineapple, jelly, bath soap. Also needed: small empty, clean plastic water bottles with lids; plastic grocery bags; men’s shirts and slacks/jeans.

**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** Unit Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Esther Mabry will present a program entitled, “That They May Have Life and Have It Abundantly.” All women are invited for fellowship and refreshments.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP** (May 1) Attendance: 72  
Income received toward budgeted expenses: \$6,130.96

**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.

**WE WELCOME** today our guest musician, Aubrey Sparks. She is a sophomore (PEG student–finished high school early) at Mary Baldwin College and comes from Maryland.

**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.

**HELP SUPPORT NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES!** Today Central UMC joins with other United Methodist churches throughout the United States in celebrating Native American Ministries Sunday. This is one of the six Sundays authorized by General Conference for a special church-wide offering.

Your gift will help develop and strengthen Native American ministries–by providing scholarships for Native American seminarians, planting Native American churches, and cultivating Native American outreach. Give generously so that Native Americans who aspire to serve Christ’s church by making disciples of Jesus Christ can be trained, congregations strengthened, and communities transformed.