## This Week at Central, November 15–21, 2009

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| **Sunday** | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School<br>(Lynn Hill, Mary Shoemaker, Susan Black, Beth Blackmer) |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Young Family Lunch |
| | 7:00 p.m. | *Pathway to Renewal* Study (Connections) |
| **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. | Worship Committee (Heritage Room) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Augusta Coalition for Peace and Justice (Connections) |
| **Wednesday** | 10:00–11:30 | Food Pantry |
| | 12:00 Noon | Prayer Time (Library) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Women's NA (Eagon Hall) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| **Thursday** | | Newsletter Deadline |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Child's Play |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall) |
| **Friday** | 8:15 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall) |
| **Saturday** | 6:30 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Harpsichord Concert (Sanctuary) |

**IN MINISTRY**

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| General Ministers | 368 |
| 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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Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love & good deeds.
Hebrews 10:24

# *Morning Worship*

*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*
*November 15, 2009* *11:00 a.m.*

## *The Entrance*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude. . . . . "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
arr. Wilbur Held

*Sung Greeting. . . . Hymn 2270 *The Faith We Sing*
"He Has Made Me Glad"

**I will enter his gates with thanksgiving**
**in my heart, I will enter his courts**
**with praise.**
**I will say, "This is the day that the Lord**
**has made." I will rejoice,**
**for he has made me glad.**
**He has made me glad, he has made me glad.**
**I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**
**He has made me glad, he has made me glad.**
**I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

*Hymn 139. . . . "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Opening Prayer

**Lord, the predictions frighten us.**
**The debt is in the trillions;**
**the deaths are in the billions;**
**the violence continues.**
**What is our world coming to?**
**Our compassion seems to make**
**little difference in the face**
**of the world's pain and uncertainty.**

*(Continued)*

**Please stand as able*

**Why bother to try and change things?**
**And yet, Lord...and yet...we hear your voice amidst all the other voices—**
**and you say to us "No matter how it appears, have faith in me,**
**hope in what I alone can do, and continue to love one another—**
**even when it seems to make no difference."**

**Therefore, Lord, we humbly ask you to fill us with your Spirit**
**and give us grace to live not according to the question,**
**"What is our world coming to?" but according to the affirmation,**
**"God has come into our world in Jesus Christ." Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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. . . . . 1 Samuel 1:9-20 (Pew Bible, Page 213)

Psalter 834. . . . . Psalm 113

Second Reading. . . . . Hebrews 10:11-25 (Pew Bible, Page 976)

Musical Offering: "Praise the Lord". . . . . Handel / Hopson

*Gospel Reading. . . . . Mark 13:1-8 (Pew Bible, Page 825)

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: "Jesus, My Life". . . . . J. S. Bach

*Congregational Response: Hymn 94. . . "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, 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. . . . . Page 882

## *Thanksgiving and Holy Communion*

Invitation
Celebration of Holy Communion. . . . . Pages 17-18, Musical Setting A
Hymns: *The Faith We Sing* 2226, 2171, 2172

## *Sending Forth*

*Hymn 730. . . . . "O Day of God, Draw Nigh"

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Congregational Response: Hymn 2235–b. . . . . "We Are Marching"

**We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.**
**We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.**
**We are marching, marching...Ooo... We are marching in the light of God.**

*Postlude: "Toccata". . . . . Jean Pasquet

**GREETERS:** Jim and Vicki Printy **READER:** Judd Bankert
**COMMUNION:** Benham and Jo Ann Black, Stephanie and David Sault
**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.

**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** on the altar today are given by the family of J. Edward Morgan in memory of his birthday on November 14..

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**: Toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, spinach, greens, fruit cocktail, pineapple, pears, chili, tomato juice, plastic grocery bags. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile ministry!

**A FUN MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY—SHARING HOT CHOCOLATE,** a friendly greeting and a warm smile with people of our community who attend the Downtown Christmas Parade (Monday, November 30). Several additional volunteers are needed. Please contact Anita Jackson (885-1126) to volunteer or for more information.

**SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS** are needed for the Advent Candle readings. Please contact Pastor Stephanie.

**COULD YOU RING A BELL TO HELP THE MOST NEEDY?** The United Methodist Men are looking for volunteers to ring the bell and host the Salvation Army's Christmas Kettle at Wal Mart on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.—in two-hour shifts. Please contact Jim Printy (885-6838) for additional information.

**WARM & TOASTY CHRISTMAS TREE** . . . During Advent our Christmas Tree will be available for members to decorate with gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, and socks—colorful or plain—small, medium, or large! These gifts will be shared with needy members of our community. We'll begin placing our lovely "decorations" on the tree, which will be in the Gathering Room, on November 29.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING** . . . The Bi-District Leadership Training Event will be held Saturday, November 21, 9:30 a.m. at Main Street UMC in Waynesboro. Various workshops are offered, and all are invited to participate–new leaders, returning leaders, or members who would like to learn more about various areas of local church ministry. Please pick up a flyer for more information.

**NEW WORSHIP!** Beginning November 22, our Sunday morning schedule will have an additional feature—an informal service beginning at 8:45 in the Shepherd Chapel (also known as the Choir Room). Coffee, juice, and snacks will be available at 8:30. All are invited—come as you are!

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE . . .** Please pick up a flyer on UMCOR Fair Trade Coffee and see how you can help small-scale farmers in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the U.S. simply by buying quality coffee and hot chocolate at a fair price.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP** (Nov. 8) Attendance: 110
Received toward budget/operating expenses: $4,448.50

**POINSETTIAS** may be ordered ($12) and placed in the church for the Advent Season. They may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service. Please complete an order form and place it in the offering plate or contact the Church Office.

**IN MEMORIAM**
**ANTHA W. BRIGHT**