

Sending Forth

- *Hymn 730 "O Day of God, Draw Near"
 *Blessing and Sending Forth
 *Congregational Response: Hymn 204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.



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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

In Ministry

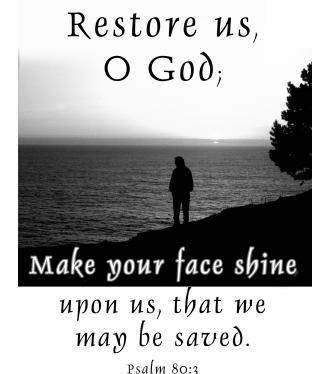
General Ministers.....	301
Pastor.....	Stephanie M. Sault
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Church Secretary.....	Dana F. Wade
Child's Play Director.....	Jo Ann Black
Custodian.....	Janet Nuckoles
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District Superintendent.....	D. Michael Houff
Resident Bishop.....	Charlene Payne Kammerer

Welcome to Central United Methodist Church Morning Worship



First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2011 10:45 a.m.

The Entrance



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
 -arr. Lani Smith

*Greeting Romans 13:11-12

You know what time it is,
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.
 For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;
the night is far gone, the day is near.
 Let us then lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light.

*Hymn 132 "All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded"

*Opening Prayer UM Book of Worship

O Lord God,
the watchers of Zion have called peace, peace, when there was no peace.
Wherefore have you so long withheld from us the influence of your Holy Spirit?
Why have you hardened our hearts?
It is because we have honored you with our lips, when our hearts are far from you.
Return again to us, O Lord God, and pardon this iniquity of your servants.
Cause your face to shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
O visit us with your salvation. Raise up sons and daughters from Abraham and Sarah, and grant that there might come a mighty shaking of dry bones among us, and a great ingathering of souls.

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Be pleased to grant that the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ may be built up;
 that all nations and kindreds and tongues and peoples might be brought
 to the knowledge of the truth, and we at last meet around your throne,
 and join in celebrating your praises. Amen.

Lighting of Advent Candle.....The Jerry Jones Family

Congregation Sings: **Rejoice! Rejoice!**
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
 (From "O Come, O Come Emmanuel")

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.....Isaiah 64: 1-9 (Pew Bible, Page 606)

Psalter 801.....Psalm 80

Second Reading.....1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (Pew Bible, Page 926)

Musical Offering....."People Look East"
 - arr. Craig Phillips

*Gospel Reading.....Mark 13:24-37 (Pew Bible, Page 826)

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

Response to the Word

*Hymn 2210"Joy Comes With the Dawn"

Pastoral Prayers and Prayer 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.)

Offertory....."Savior of the Nations, Come"
 -arr. Helmut Walcha

*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.....882

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Invitation

Words of Pardon

Leader to the 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!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
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 A, Pages 17-18

Opportunities this Week at

Sunday (11/27)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Children's Christmas Program Practice
10:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:45 a.m. Worship

Monday (11/28)

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:00 p.m. Weight Watchers

Tuesday (11/29)

9:00 a.m. Child's Play
1:00 p.m. Decorating for Advent

Food Pantry Requests: cereal, spam, pineapple, canned chicken, hot chocolate, jelly, laundry detergent, plastic bags

****DECEMBER 11****

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Children's Christmas Program and covered dish Christmas Luncheon following worship.

Don't forget the many ways you can give this Christmas Season.....

✓ **Salvation Army Bell Ringing-** Saturday, December 3

✓ **Christmas Mitten Tree-** Gathering Room
Please consider how you can help those in need.
Contact Jim Printy for details.



Carolyn Smith would like to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, visits, flowers and food following the death of her mother.

Wednesday (11/30)

10:00 a.m. Food Pantry
6:00 p.m. Women's NA

Thursday (12/01)

9:00 a.m. Child's Play
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. NA
8:00 p.m. Mom's Club (F.H.)

Friday (12/2)

10:00 a.m. Lego League
6:30 p.m. NA

Saturday (12/3)

Salvation Army Bell Ringing
6:30 p.m. Narcotic's Anonymous
No UMM Meeting

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

A five week Advent Bible Study, entitled "Call Him God's Son"
(Lead by Pastor Stephanie)
will begin Wednesday, November 30 at Noon- bring a bag lunch

CHARGE CONFERENCE DECEMBER 6, 7:00 PM

This Charge Conference is for considering a recommendation from the SPRC to approve Dan Purdom as a candidate for ordained ministry.

Welcome

Announcements

-To Our Guests-

We are delighted to have you worship with us, and we invite you to participate in Communion and the life of the church. To become a member of this fellowship, please talk with the pastor. Following the service will be a time of light refreshments and fellowship. Please join us so that we might get better acquainted.

-Attendance Slip/Friendship Register-

Please take a moment and 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-

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 of the Lord's Supper. We welcome the participation of the youngest members of the family of faith.

-Prayer-

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.

-Altar Flowers-

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mark and Eldridge Finch from Bud, Lee and Kelly Campbell.

-Serving Today-

Greeters: Constance & Kim Mitchell **Reader:** Luz de Tablan

Communion: Joe & Lynn Hill; Ed & Carolyn Smith

-Ushers-

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

Our Stewardship-

(November 20) Attendance: 82

Income received toward budgeted expenses: \$1,721.84

Memorials: \$1020.00 Food Pantry: \$55.00 Organ Fund: \$ 20.00