

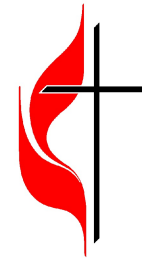
THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, SEPTEMBER 27–OCTOBER 3, 2009

| | | |
|------------------|-------------|---|
| SUNDAY | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School (Emily Stumb, Lynn Hill, Jo Ann Black, Craig Dorn) |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| MONDAY | 5:00 p.m. | Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 6:00-8:00 | Love & Logic Parenting Class (3 rd Floor) |
| TUESDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Child's Play |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Home School Choir (Choir Room) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Church Council (Connections) |
| WEDNESDAY | 10:00–11:30 | Food Pantry |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Qi Jong Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Women's NA (Eagon Hall) |
| Thursday | 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 | 8:30 a.m. | United Methodist Men (Rowe's) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall) |

IN MINISTRY

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| General Ministers..... | 372 |
| 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.*

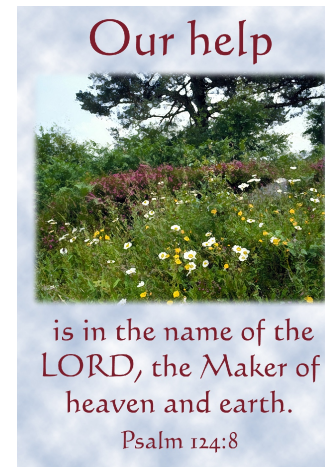


**Central
United Methodist
Church**

(Founded 1797)
Lewis Street at Beverley
Post Office Box 953
Staunton, VA 24402
(540) 886-3441
FAX 886-5771

centralumc@centralumcstaunton.org
www.centralumcstaunton.org

Rev. Dr. Stephanie M. Sault, Pastor
pastor@centralumcstaunton.org
Home: 885-1662



Morning Worship
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2009 *11:00 a.m.*

The Entrance

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude. “We Praise You, O God”
arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Greeting

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**And all that is with me,
bless God’s holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God’s benefits.

**The Lord forgives all our iniquity,
and heals all our diseases.**

The Lord redeems our lives from the pit,
and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

**God satisfies us with good
as long as we live so that
our youth is renewed like the eagle’s.**

*Hymn 126. “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

*Opening Prayer. *The U. M. Book of Worship*

**Almighty and everlasting God,
who can banish all affliction
both of soul and of body,
show forth your power upon those in need,**

(Continued on next page)

*Please Stand as Able

**that by your mercy they may be restored
to serve you afresh in holiness of living,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 (Pew Bible, Page 390)

Psalter 846. Psalm 124

Second Reading. James 5:13-20 (Pew Bible, Page 983)

Musical Offering: "Come, Peace of God". Eugene Butler

*Gospel Reading. Mark 9:38-50 (Pew Bible, Page 821)

Sermon. Rev. Dr. Stephanie Sault

Response to the Word

Response 266, verse 1. "Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer"

**Heal us, Emmanuel, hear our prayer; we wait to feel thy touch;
deep-wounded souls to thee repair, and Savior, we are such.**

Confession and Pardon

James 5:14-16a

Invitation to Confession

The Scriptures tell us to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.
As your sister in Christ, I ask you now, are you at peace with God,
or is there anything in your life that causes you to feel separated from God
and less than the full person God calls you to be?

(Silent Confession)

Leader: 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!

Congregation: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Oil

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

with Anointing and Laying On of Hands

(People may come forward individually or as a group for prayer.)

Prayer After Anointing

Almighty God, we pray that our brothers and sisters
may be comforted in their suffering and made whole.
When they are afraid, give them courage;
when they feel weak, grant them your strength;
when they are afflicted, afford them patience;
when they are lost, offer them hope;
when they are alone, move us to their side;
when death comes, open your arms to receive them.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Offering: "There Is a Balm in Gilead". arr. M. J. Hoffman
Chancel Choir

*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!**

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Invitation

Celebration of Holy Communion. Pages 17-18, Musical Setting A

Great Thanksgiving

Hymns: 618, 347, 328 (2x)

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.

Breaking of Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Sending Forth

*Hymn 536..... “Precious Name”

*Dismissal with Blessing

The Lord who heals all your iniquity bless and keep you;
the face of the Lord who heals all your afflictions
shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the light of the countenance of the Lord who redeems your life
be lifted upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Congregational Response: Hymn 614, v. 4. . . For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

**In your service, Lord defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward,
in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

*Postlude: “Concluding Voluntary in C Major”. Charles Vincent

GREETERS: Evelyn Butler, Cheryl Kent

READER: Judi Jones

COMMUNION: Vicki and Jim Printy; Pastor Stephanie and David Sault

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

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.

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.

FLOWERS for our service today are given in honor of the marriage of Jeannette Jackson and Julian Lancien on Saturday, September 26.

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Hash, chili, corn, saltine crackers, greens, spinach, tomatoes, fruit cocktail, pineapple, grape jelly, plastic bags. Thanks!

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP (Sept. 20) Attendance: 84
Income received toward budgeted expenses: \$1,827.15