

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

* indicates to stand as you are able;
if sitting is better for you, feel free to do so!

Prelude Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus by Mark Hayes

Greeting Pastor Michelle

Announcements Bruce Bishop

There are pads in the seats to help us connect with you—please take some time during the service to fill it out and pass it along. Feel free to check in on Facebook as well.

We Are Called to Worship by Lighting the Advent Candles
Introduction to the Advent Wreath

One: As we light two candles, come to worship the One.

All: God who comes to us.

One: Bring your doubts, your fears, your worries, your obstacles. Open a pathway in your soul for Christ's coming.

All: Light two candles. May our faith burn brighter as they glow. May the way be smooth for his coming.

Scripture reading and candle lighting

A moment of silence

Unison Prayer from "Cloth for the Cradle"

In the face of the Gospel, let us ask God for a good Christmas: That no powerful nation should tax the poor or uproot them; that no unmarried mother should be put away in disgrace; that no door will be shut on those who need to find it open; that shepherds and sheep and all of nature need not be afraid; that barbed wire and angry soldiers may not be found in Bethlehem; that wise men and wise women might appear in Belfast, in Iraq, in Indonesia, in South America, in the United States; that this Christmas, worship may become a manger, and the church a stable, and the rumor become a reality that Christ has come among us. And this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Song # 202 (red) People, Look East**

*We Exchange Signs of Peace and Blessing
Please greet your neighbors, especially those you don't yet know

A Time for the Child in All of Us (11 am)

Special Music (11am) O Come, O Come
Living Water Haschek/Galbraith

Scripture Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 *Connie Lamando*

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God's Purposes
Glory (Let There Be Peace) *Living Water*
Response: All things come from you, O God.

All: And of your own have we given you.

***Song of Dedication #94 Doxology**

*Prayer of Dedication

***Song # 210 (red) All Earth is Waiting**

We Hear Joys and Concerns and Pray for Each Other
Following the pastor's prayer, we will speak the names of others not already named who need special prayers today.

*This ends with the words: "Lord, in Your Love,"
the people respond: "Hear our prayers."*

The Lord's Prayer #895 (red)

Scripture 2 Peter 3:8-15a *Sandra Felton*
The Sermon *Pastor Michelle*

***Song # 2091 (black) The King of Glory Comes**

*Blessing
Postlude The King of Glory Comes
*Music can be a wonderful preparation for the week ahead;
why not spend some time in prayer before departing...*

Altar Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Philip and Jeanine Cristelli by Kevin

Our Mission Statement
*Central UMC is a fully inclusive church that seeks, embraces,
educates, worships, and serves, all in God's love.*

This Week

Sunday, December 10 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

- 8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)
- 8:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team 4
- 9:00 Café Central – dining room
- 9-1 Mini-Bazaar – dining room
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 11:00 WORSHIP
- 1-3 Caroling (Lunch at noon)
- 7:00 Blue Christmas Service



Monday, December 11

- 5-9 Bell Ringing at Walmart
- 5:30 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)
- 6:30 Praise Band
- 7:30 Book Study at Jonathan's



Tuesday, December 12

- 10-12 Clothing Center
- 7:00 Finance - library

Wednesday, December 13

- 8-4 Sanctuary is open for prayer
- 11-1 Clothing Center
- 6:00 Advent Night



Thursday, December 14

- 8:30 Wesley Class Breakfast – Blue Dolphin
- 5:00 Shepherd Supper
- 5:30-7 Clothing Center
- 6:30 Cappella Ringers
- 7:00 Trustees
- 7:30 Chancel Choir

Friday, December 15

- 7:30 A.A.



Saturday, December 16

- 2:30 Clothing Center Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

- 8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)
- 8:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team 1
- 9:00 Café Central – dining room
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 11:00 WORSHIP
- 7:00 Contemporary Worship



Announcements

Monday Book Study with Pastor Michelle at Jonathans Restaurant is reading the book, *God is in the Manger* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. All are welcome to come.

Advent Readers & Lighters are needed for Sundays in Advent and Christmas Eve to light the Advent Wreath. Please sign-up in front of the office.

Undie Sunday new underwear and socks can still be donated this week. Drop off in the office. All sizes needed.

UMW Mini Bazaar is today in Fellowship Hall! Come shop for presents and Christmas goodies.

Carolers Needed today at 1pm. Join us at noon for a chili & corn bread lunch and then go caroling to nursing homes.

Blue Christmas Service will be tonight at 7pm. Come and allow the Holy Spirit to lift you up this season.

Advent Night is this Wednesday, December 13 at 6pm. Come enjoy a soup buffet then wrap presents for the Clothing Center Christmas party and write Christmas cards to our homebound.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers needed! Once again CUMC will be supporting the Kettle fund raising during Advent. Ringers are needed for 1 or 2 hour shifts each Monday from 5-9 PM and Sat Dec 16 from 9 AM to 3PM. Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center.

Wesley Class Breakfast is Thursday, Dec 14 at 8:30 at the Blue Dolphin. Reservations to Bonnie Harvey 785-8996 by Monday the 11th.

Contemporary Worship is next Sunday, Dec 17 at 7pm in the sanctuary with a lessons and carols service.

Use **Amazon Smile** for Christmas shopping - Amazon will give Central a percent of purchases through this program. The link is on Central's website. Just bookmark it!

Offering Envelopes for 2018 are by the stage at the back of the sanctuary. If you don't find your name and want envelopes, please call the church office (754-6060).

In Our Prayers

Prayer Program: *Specific Families receiving prayer this week:* Leslie Briggs, David & Linda Daniels, Brian & Lisa Fish, Helen Henderson, Amy Klock, Barb & James Melby, Eugene Riley, Linda Struble, Kyle Wood, Jim & Sue Davis

Church Family and Friends:
our homebound members

To add prayer concerns (with person's permission), contact Andy Tewksbury (785-5861) or the office (754-6060)

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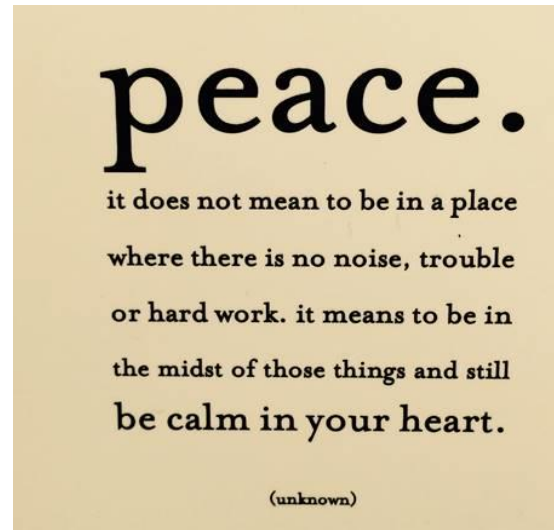
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Greeters..... Shirlenn & Bill O'Brien / Marie & Horace King
Café Lite Maggie Cude, Tyler Wolford, Barb Melby
Van Knud Hansen

Previous Services are available on Youtube or Central's website

Reminder: that Central has another parking lot across from the church on Nanticoke Avenue.

Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation
December 10, 2017



Welcome!

We welcome guests and visitors today, and we pray that the service will be a blessing to you. If you wish to learn more about Central and our ministries, there are Welcome folders available at each entrance/exit to the Sanctuary, and in our Welcome Center.

Café Central is our fellowship time with refreshments between the services—all are welcome downstairs in the Dining Room,

Assisted Hearing Devices, which operate throughout the building, and **large-print bulletins, hymnals & bibles** are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Please speak to an usher.

Child Care during worship is provided in the Nursery (Room 114) for infants and children up to age four. An usher will be happy to accompany you.

Children's Activity Packets are available at the rear of the sanctuary for children's use during the service.

Central Church is sensitive to those with allergies. Snacks in Café Central are nut-free. Central's communion elements are grape juice and gluten free bread.