

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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

Prelude I Wonder as I Wander arr. John Jacob Niles

Greeting *Pastor Michelle*
Announcements *Knud Hansen*
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
(8:30) *Michelle & Nate Trost*
(11am) *Cyndi Tedeschi & Amber Gaylord*

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

All: God who comes to us.

One: Bring your hope, open your heart to the joy of the Lord's coming.

All: Light three candles. May they kindle our joy, for God brings our freedom. Lord, we are captive; grant release. May our joy in you increase.

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 # 203 (red) Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

*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 (11am)

Special Music (11am) We Wait *Chancel Choir*
by R.E. Schram

Scripture Psalm 126 *Donna Spearman*

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God's Purposes
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Raeleen Bichler*
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 # 182 (red) Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

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 John 1:6-8, 19-28 *Carl Northrup*
The Sermon *Pastor Michelle*

***Song # 567 (red) Heralds of Christ**

*Blessing

Postlude

*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 memory of
Margaret Tillotson by Carl Northrup and Family

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 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

Monday, December 18

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 19

10-12 Clothing Center
7:30 Sierra Club

Wednesday, December 20

8-4 Sanctuary is open for prayer
11-1 Clothing Center
11:30 Staff Lunch (Office Closed)

Thursday, December 21

5:00 Shepherd Supper
5:30-7 Clothing Center
6:30 Cappella Ringers
7:30 Chancel Choir

Friday, December 22

7:30 A.A.

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24 – 4th Sunday in Advent

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)
9:00 Café Central – dining room
10:00 WORSHIP – Usher Team 2
4:30 Informal Christmas Eve Service
10:30 Candlelight & Communion Service

**Monday & Tuesday – Merry Christmas!
Office Closed**

12/27-12/29 – Holiday Week Schedule

9-12 Reduced Office Hours



Announcements

Monday Book Study with Pastor Michelle at Jonathans Restaurant is reading the book, *God is in the Manger* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The book, *Credo*, by William Sloane Coffin will start January 8th. All are welcome to come.

Contemporary Worship is Tonight at 7pm in the sanctuary with a lessons and carols service. If you like to sing carols, this is the service for you!

Youth Bottle Drive the confirmation class will gladly accept your bottles and cans. There is a box in front of the office for any donations from your holiday parties.

Wedding Reception Maggie Cude & Tyler Wolford invite the congregation to a reception on Saturday, January 13 at 1pm in Central's dining room. To help with food preparation, please sign-up in the Welcome Center.

Need a Ride To Early(4:30pm) Christmas Eve Service? the van is available to get you to or from the service! Contact Bruce Bishop (748-6150) by 2pm on 12/24.

Undecorating the sanctuary will be done Sunday, Jan 7th after the 11am service. We need lots of help taking the decorations down. Can you stay for a few minutes to help! Pizza will be provided.

Poinsettia Today is the last day to order a poinsettia in honor or memory. Order forms are at either door.

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!

Holiday Schedule

One service at 10am on Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve
4:30pm Informal Christmas Eve Service
10:30pm Candlelight & Communion Service
Office will be closed Dec 25 & 26 and Jan 1.
Reduced office hours (9-12) from 12/27 to 12/29
Clothing Center Closed 12/26-12/28 and will reopen Jan 2.
Shepherd Supper will be served on Thursday, 12/28.

In Our Prayers

Prayer Program: *Specific Families receiving prayer this week:*
Ron & MaryAnn Briggs, Paul Daniels, Joan Fitch,
Norma Hertzog, Steve Klock,
Edward & Leitha Gail Menhennett, Marie Riska,
Kimberly Sweeney, Heather & Derek Worden

Church Family and Friends:
Baby Fisher, Chuck Harvey, our homebound members

Congratulations! to Maggie Cude & Tyler Wolford on their marriage on December 16th in Kevil, Kentucky

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

Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Café Lite Carla & Gregg Wood, Steve Klock
Van Lee Shelp

Previous Services are available on Youtube or Central's website

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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.