

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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

Prelude It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
Sean Stafford arr. Marianne Kim

Greeting *Pastor Michelle*
Announcements *Connie Lamando*
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
Bill & Sharon Carmine

One: As we light the candles of Christ's birth, we come to worship the One.

All: God who is with us.

One: God has come into our lives once again, and forever.

All: God has wrapped us in righteousness and named us the beloved.

Scripture reading and candle lighting

A moment of silence

Unison Prayer *The Work of Christmas by Howard Thurman*

When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the kings and the princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,

To heal the broken,

To feed the hungry,

To release the prisoner,

To rebuild the nations,

To bring peace among brothers,

To make music in the heart.

***Song # 237 (red) Sing We Now of Christmas**

**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

Special Music O Little Town of Bethlehem with Reverie
Roger Richards & Sean Stafford by Debussy

Scripture Psalm 148 *Roger Richards*

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God's Purposes

What Child Is This? ~ Guiraldi *Sean Stafford*

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

Carol Sing

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 Luke 2:22-40 *Lisa Richards*

The Sermon *Pastor Michelle*

***Song # 240 (red) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

*Blessing

Postlude Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow
Sean Stafford arr. Marianne Kim

*Music can be a wonderful preparation for the week ahead;
why not spend some time in prayer before departing...*

This Week

Sunday, December 31

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)

9:00 Café Central – dining room

10:00 WORSHIP – Usher Team 3

Monday, January 1 – Happy New Year!

Office Closed

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)

Tuesday, January 2

10-12 Clothing Center

7:00 Program Councils

Wednesday, January 3

8-4 Sanctuary is open for prayer

11-1 Clothing Center

1:30 UMW Leadership

Thursday, January 4

5:00 Shepherd Supper

5:30-7 Clothing Center

6:30 Cappella Ringers

7:30 Chancel Choir

Friday, January 5

7:30 A.A.

Saturday, January 6

Sunday, January 7

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)

8:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team 4

9:00 Café Central – dining room

9:30 Sunday School

11:00 WORSHIP

Sunday, January 14 – Human Relations Sunday

3:00 Martin Luther King Celebration Service

Human Relations Sunday is our day to support those living in the margins of society. All monies collected during the special Human Relations Day offering will be funneled to our United Methodist Community Development Program (57%), the United Methodist Voluntary Services Program (33%) and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program (10%).

Our Mission Statement

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

Announcements

Monday Book Study with Pastor Michelle at Jonathans Restaurant will start the new book, *Credo*, by William Sloane Coffin on January 8th. All are welcome to come.

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.

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.

Church Directories (with a green paper cover) are available in the Welcome Center. If your copy is over a year old, pick up a new directory! Reminder: to please let the church office know when your address, phone# or email change.

Martin Luther King Celebration Service Central will once again hold a service to celebrate his legacy on Sunday, January 14 at 3pm. Living Water will provide the music.

Men's Group - Let's start 2018 with a Bang! Game night! All men are encouraged to join us on Friday Jan 19 at 6pm for food, fun and fellowship. Please sign-up in the Welcome Center, to plan the food we need. Any questions, contact Knud Hansen (khansen3@yahoo.com or 754-0882)

Thanks to all who helped support the Salvation Army Kettle program. It is the Salvation Army's largest fundraising event of the year. We were glad to have some new ringers this year. Special thanks to Bruce Bishop, Maggie Hungerford and Marie and Horace King for ringing multiple times !!

In Our Prayers

Prayer Program: *Specific Families receiving prayer this week:* We thank Barbara Reynolds and her team of callers who contact every family once a year. If you did not receive a call this year, the church office may not have your current phone number or address.

Church Family and Friends:

Roger McVannan, Helen Henderson, Dolores Stiller, Karen, Barbara Reynolds, Bob Dorio, Walt Jones, 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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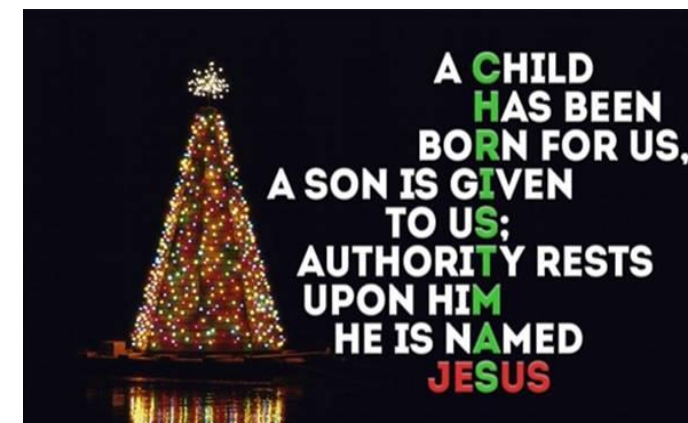
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Café Lite Bev & Ray Cosimano, Art Felton, Marie Riska
VanKeith Wilcox

Previous Services are available on Youtube or Central's website

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December 31, 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.