

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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

Prelude The First Noel arr. David Pearl

Greeting Pastor Michelle
Announcements Amber Gaylord
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 (From Isaiah 60)

One: Arise, shine, for our light has come,
All: And the glory of the Lord has risen on us.

One: Let us lift up our eyes and look around;

All: That we may see God's salvation.

One: Let us pray together.

Eternal God of all things, all times and all people, we gather this morning knowing you are here, for there is no place where you are not. You have come to us as Emmanuel, God who is with us, and for this we give you our thanks and praise. Prepare a way into our souls, make a way clear in us for your presence, teach us the ways you recreate our world, and grant us the courage to let you change us and make us new, too. God of mangers and babies, shepherds and sages, open us to the miracle of your love that has entered the world in your Son. It is in his name that we ask it. Amen.

***Song # 220 (red) Angels from the Realms of Glory**

*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) Awake, Good People, Christ is Born
Chancel Choir John Carter

Scripture Ephesians 3:1-12 Nancy Jones

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God's Purposes
Once in Royal David's City~John Beck Chancel Choir
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 # 254 (red) We Three Kings**

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 Matthew 2:1-12 Noah Banner-Baine
The Sermon Pastor Michelle

Celebrating Holy Communion #2257 b,c,d

***Song # 245 (red) The First Noel**

*Blessing
Postlude Angels from the Realms of Glory arr. Mark Hayes
Music can be a wonderful preparation for the week ahead; why not spend some time in prayer before departing...

Our Mission Statement

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

Altar Flowers

The 2018 flower chart is now in the Welcome Center. You can sign-up to sponsor the altar flowers for a specific Sunday. We thank Carla Wood and the Altar Guild for preparing the Altar each week.

This Week

Sunday, January 7 - Epiphany

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)
8:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team 3
9:00 Café Central – dining room
9:30 Sunday School
11:00 WORSHIP
12:00 Un-Decorating

Monday, January 8

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

Tuesday, January 9

10-12 Clothing Center
10:00 Parish Visitors
10-7 WIC – dining room
7:00 Finance Committee – library
7:00 Van Committee – pastor's office

Wednesday, January 10

8-4 Sanctuary is open for prayer
11-1 Clothing Center
6:30 Lukens- Jackson - library

Thursday, January 11

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

Friday, January 12

7:30 A.A.

Saturday, January 13

1:00 Maggie & Tyler's Wedding Reception

Sunday, January 14 – Human Relations Sunday

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
3:00 Martin Luther King Celebration Service



Announcements

Monday Book Study with Pastor Michelle at Jonathans Restaurant will start the new book, *Credo*, by William Sloane Coffin on Monday. 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.

Undecorating the sanctuary will be done **today** after the 11am service. We need lots of help. Can you stay for a few minutes to help! Pizza will be provided.

Wesley Class Breakfast is Thursday, January 11 at 8:30am at the Blue Dolphin. Call Bonnie Harvey (785-8996) for reservations by Monday, 1/8.

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.

New Members will be received on Sunday, January 14. If you would like to join Central please call the church office or speak to Pastor Michelle.

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)

Dinner with Friends will kick-off Sunday, Jan 28 at noon. Anyone is welcome to sign-up. This is a chance to meet new people in an informal setting over a meal once a month

Offering Envelopes Please pick-up your envelopes by the stage at the back of the sanctuary. If you don't find your name and would like envelopes, call the office.

Services are available on Central's website. The 10am morning service on Dec 24th is available on the website and will not be shown on Channel 4.

Blood Drive is Sat, January 20 from 8am-1pm. Volunteers are needed to serve breakfast. Please sign-up in front of the office. Please consider helping for a few hours.

In Our Prayers

Prayer Program: *Specific Families receiving prayer this week:*
The prayer program will resume next week. Reminder to let the office know if your address or phone changes.

Church Family and Friends:

Roger McVannan, Bob Dorio, Chuck Harvey, Walt Jones, Marie King, our homebound members

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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Communion Stewards 8:30..... Shirlenn O'Brien & Pauline Witt
11:00.....Linda Holly
Greeters..... Joan VanVestrou / Amber Gaylord
Café Lite Shari & Rich Garris, Sue Driver
Van Bruce Bishop

Previous Services are available on Youtube or Central's website

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January 7, 2018



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.