



THE CENTRAL SENTRY

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Central United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Notes

I'm pondering "connection" these days. Connection with God, connection with others. The basic purposes of church, if you think about it.

As many of you know, I am active on Facebook; I love it. It helps me keep up with friends and family and parishioners, too. It's been wonderful to be part of that social media community: People I hadn't heard from, or even thought of, for years, clicking back into my consciousness, with family stories, tales of work and play, thoughts for the day, and photos—lots of photos. Someone asked me just the other day if I thought 'virtual' connection was real connection, and my response was to say that there is no such thing as virtual connection—connection is connection. That is what we are about as human beings. Nothing can replace the smile of a friend, or the touch of a loved one, but when we reach out, however we reach out, the effort is not trivial, and is never wasted.

As we continue to break in this new year, and as your resolutions, along with the energy to keep them, begin to fade away, I would suggest another to take their place: Connect. Take the time to reconnect with God, first. Lent is coming soon, and we'll be talking about that during this season of reflection and returning to God. But take it farther: connect with family, with friends. Take time, make time, to talk, to share, to listen, to love those closest to you. Be brave enough to widen your circle to take more people in. Have the courage to mend the fences and build the bridges.

Because, after all, it isn't jobs, or money, or security or success that make life worth living. Folks in this neck of the woods have learned that the hard way during the last couple of decades. No, it's the people we love and the connections we nurture, and the relationships we grow—that's the real stuff life is made of.

Still in One Peace, *Pastor Michelle*



February Events

- Feb 5 – Holy Communion
– "Souper" Bowl Sunday
- Feb 11 – Blood Drive
– Rummage Sale
- Feb 12 – Youth Cookie Sale
- Feb 17 – Men's Group
- Feb 18 – District Workshop
- Feb 19 – Contemporary Worship
- Feb 24 – "Sully" Movie Night
- Feb 28 – Pancake Supper
- Mar 1 – Ash Wednesday

Rummage Sale

Saturday, February 11 8am-1pm

The Clothing Center is holding a rummage sale on Saturday, February 11th from 8am to 1pm in the Youth Center at Central.

Items for sale include women's clothing sizes medium, large, and extra-large, and women's shoes sizes 5, 6 and 7. There are also hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and handbags.

All items for sale are from one donor who has granted permission to sell these items. All other donations will be given away FREE in the clothing center.



Blood Drive

Saturday, February 11 8am-1pm

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Please call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your life saving appointment for February 11 at Central. Donors will enjoy a breakfast compliments of Central UMC.



Sunday, February 19 7pm

Join us for another great night of praise music, fellowship, and worship! Our next service will be Sunday, February 19 at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Living Water will lead the music, and we'll feature a hymn sing - come sing your favorites! We hope to see you there!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 28 5 to 7 pm

Before the sacrificial journey of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, enjoy an evening of indulgence at the Confirmation Class Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! The supper will be in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday the 28st from 5 to 7pm. It's a delicious meal of pancakes and sausage to celebrate the last day before Lent begins the next morning. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and free for children under age 5.

Tickets will be on sale after Sunday services a week or two ahead, so please stop in the Welcome Center to purchase yours. They will be available at the supper as well! Please come and support our youth as they grow in their wisdom, faith, and stature!



Valentine's Day Cookie Sale

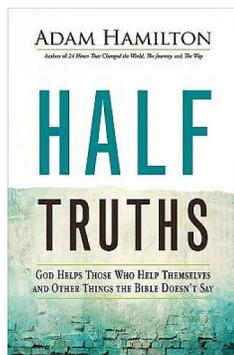
What's the only thing Sweeter than your Sweetheart?
A dozen Heart-shaped Sugar Cookies – that's what! Sunday, February 12 after each service, the Youth will be selling Valentine's Cookies in support of Youth Mission & Events. Sign up in the Welcome Center or outside the church office by Friday, February 10 to purchase so that we know how many to bake. They are still at the great price of \$6 per dozen or at an even better deal of \$10 for 2 dozen.

Thank you for supporting Central's Youth!

Adult Sunday School From the Reconciling Task Force . . .

Jan 29 & Feb 5 – Identity Youth Center

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am Sunday, January 29th and February 5th, for a two-part series on transgender and gender non-conforming identities. Speakers from Identity Youth Center will discuss LGBTQ identities and related terminology, and assist participants in building trans-ally skills. Identity is a youth center for teens age 13-24, located at 206 State Street in Binghamton, NY. Founded in 2008, Identity is a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ+) teens, but also welcomes all youth regardless of their sexual identity, orientation, or gender identity. For more information on Identity Youth Center, please visit idyouth.org.



Feb 12, 19 & 26 – Half Truths

led by Pat Breneman

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways.

Join Adam Hamilton in searching for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. The clichés include:

Feb 12: God won't give you more than you can handle.

Feb 19: God said it, I believe it, that settles it.

Feb 26: Love the sinner, hate the sin.



SOUPER Bowl Sunday Sunday, February 5

Super Bowl Sunday is almost here. On this day a tremendous amount of food is consumed. We would like to help those less fortunate who need food all the time. Please bring soup (cans or boxes) to church on Sunday, February 5. There will be boxes at the entrances to the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall for you to deposit them in. We will donate all soup that is collected to Shepherd's Supper and CHOW. Last year we collected 150 cans of soup, our target this year is 200 cans. Let's show what a SOUPER congregation Central is!!



Movie Night - "Sully" Friday, February 24 7pm

We will begin the evening with appetizers and mock-tails at 6:30 pm. Please bring an appetizer to share. A variety of mock-tails will be provided.

The movie, Sully, is the story of Chesley Sullenberger, an American pilot who became a hero after landing his damaged plane on the Hudson River in order to save the flight's passengers and crew. This movie is rated PG-13. Come and enjoy an inspiring movie and fellowship with friends.



Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle Tuesday, Feb 21 at 7 pm at Martha Petrush's home (72 Coventry Rd) Nancy Jones will be leading the study. Contact: Martha Petrush, 754-7494

Elizabeth Circle Thursday, Feb 16 at 6 pm in the church lounge. Contact: Kelly Devine, 754-9240

Grace Circle Wed, Feb 15 at 1 pm at Shirlenn O'Brien's home (103 Beckwith Ave) Contact: Pauline Witt, 748-4142

Sarah Circle Tues, Feb 21 at noon in the lounge. Please bring a bag lunch. Contact: Carole James, 757-2629

Installation of UMW Officers
Sunday, February 12 at 11am service



United Methodist Men Friday, February 17 6 pm

Come on guys come out on Friday, February 17 at 6:00 pm for a fun evening of food, fellowship, devotions and a special program. If you haven't been to the CUMC Men's group, this would be a good month to join us. Hope to see you there!!

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

Not many people are aware of all the good works the United Methodist women are involved in. One is the women and children's health Millennium Development Goals. About 19,000 a day die annually from treatable diseases such as diarrhea and TB. We as faith based sisters, mothers and daughters see this issue as a critical area of concern and priority. Every year our UMW holds an observance called "A Call to Prayer and Self-denial". One hundred percent of the offering taken during the service will go directly to fund these projects. Keep alert and make sure you participate in your circle's observance.

District Workshop

Saturday, February 18 9am-1pm

The District Workshop has been postponed to Saturday, February 18 from 9am to 1pm with registration starting at 8am. The district offers this workshop to share information about the various committees that keep our churches functioning. This year the focus will be on the Staff Parish and Finance committees.



Please welcome Kelly Crane as Central's new Christian Education and Programming Director. Her education and experience in Elementary Education as well as her ministry and program experience make her a wonderful fit for the position. Kelly is well-known to Central's congregation as head of the Clothing Center, but she will transition out of that position as she begins her new work continuing our Christian Education and ministry programming as well as developing a vision for future programming here at Central. We look forward to Kelly starting effective Feb 1st, and we send Kelly Devine to her new adventure with blessings and a deep gratitude for her passion and excellent work!

Hospitalized:

Marty Magee
Alberta Pewterbaugh
Joan Thomas



Sympathy extended to:

Family & friends of Bev Dunham , Edwin Sackett
and Mark Tripp

Thank You!

The Martin Luther King Planning Committee sincerely wishes to thank everyone for your marvelous support of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. A special appreciation is extended to the many individuals who baked, made food, worked on the wonderful reception, arranged and cleaned-up after the reception, our audio visual team, and those who gave an offering to support scholarships to individuals extending their education. Thank you everyone.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship

Nominations Forms are available in the Welcome Center and on Central's website for The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship to be awarded to a student who exemplifies the life and spirit of Dr. King. The recipient can be a person of any age, seeking post-high school education or training to better themselves, their family, and their community. For 2017, the scholarship will be a grant of \$500. Deadline for submitting a nominations form is February 28th.



**... where they will not be judged
by the color of their skin
but by the content of their character.**
Martin Luther King, Jr.

2016 Donation Statements

In early January, donation statements were emailed to those who gave to Central in 2016. Please call the church office, 754-6060, if you have any questions about your statement. Thank you for your generous support of Central!

Monday Night Book Study

Pastor Michelle is leading the following book studies at Jonathan's restaurant (534 Hooper Rd) The books are available on Amazon. Come and try it out sometime as your schedule allows. Some come early and eat supper, some eat as we talk, some just talk, and some just listen.

- Everything Must Change by Brian McLaren
Jan 9 – Feb 20 (7 weeks)
- The Last Week by Borg & Crossan
Feb 27 – Apr 17 (8 weeks)
- Interior Castle by Theresa of Avila
Apr 24 – May 15 (4 weeks)
- Zealot: The Life & Times of Jesus of Nazareth
By Reza Aslan
May 22 – July 10 (8 weeks)

Wesley Class

It's 2017 pledge time for Wesley Class members. Checks should be made out to "Wesley Class – CUMC" and forwarded to Bob Oney, treasurer. Pledge is \$12.50 for an individual and \$25 for couples.

Susquehanna Sierra Club

Tuesday, February 21 7:30pm

This group, which meets in our church dining room the third Tuesday of each month, will be featuring, "Hell and High Water: New York responds to climate change on February 21 at 7:30 pm. Jack Davis, a member of Central, will be receiving an esteemed environmental award from the Sierra Club in the spring.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

by MaryBelle Mitten

You likely know that the 2015 Upper New York Annual Conference, members participated in an Act of Repentance & Healing of Relationships with Indigenous Persons? As fruit of that repentance, a resolution was passed to move away from honoring Christopher Columbus who treated Native Peoples cruelly and inhumanely and move to a place of honoring Native Peoples. We Methodists also played a part in that cruelty in following years by removing native children from their families, cutting their hair, encouraging them to speak our language and learn our ways. We turned away from and frequently refused to listen to history from the perspective of Native Peoples. Repentance is a choice to grow in the way we see ourselves and others. May we live in a spirit of repentance as we explore a change in how we tell and celebrate the story of the Americas.

Devotional by Betty Jacob:

For the unending baskets of food, coaxed from Mother Earth by the hands of her Native children; for potatoes, corn, beans, squash, peanuts and sweet potatoes;

For the skills in planting, care and harvesting taught freely to the Europeans, for all these things which brought health and growth to the populations of Europe and new settlers to American shores,

We offer a song of honor and thanks.

For the creativity and skill of Native hands; for designing canoes, snowshoes, toboggans; and inventing Lacrosse and hacky sack;

For rubber which spawned thousands of new inventions, for technology and industry which rose from those gifts,

We offer a song of honor and thanks.

For the making of medicines: for quinine, ipecac, curare, petroleum jelly, witch hazel and a host of medications;

For the medicine women and men who shared them freely,

We offer a song of honor and thanks.

For rivers and streams, passes and paths; for the path making and path taking of America's first peoples, for their leading the newcomers across these paths;

For personal liberty; for freedom first experienced by European immigrants in the lodges and circles of Native nations, for the tribal democracy that gave birth to American democracy, Creator God, may we be thankful for what we have been freely given. Make our hearts humble for what we continue to take. Make our hearts thoughtful for genuine repentance. Give our hearts power and peace to do as you bid us, in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Are there things we at Central could be doing with Native Americans in our state?



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8am-4pm Sanctuary Open 11am-1pm Clothing Center 3:30 pm UMW Leadership 6:30 pm Companions 7:00 pm A.A.	2 5:00 pm Shepherd's Supper 5:30-7pm Clothing Center 6:30 pm Cappella Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	3 7:00 pm A.A.	4
5 "Souper" Bowl Sunday 8 am Worship Ch 4 8:30 WORSHIP - Usher #4 9:00 Café Central 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 WORSHIP	6 5:30 pm Worship Ch 4 6:30 pm Praise Band 7:30 pm Book Study	7 8am Men's Breakfast 10-12 Clothing Center 7:00 pm Program Councils	8 8am-4pm Sanctuary Open 11am-1pm Clothing Center 6:30 pm Companions 7:00 pm A.A.	9 8:30 am Wesley Class Bkfst 5:00 pm Shepherd's Supper 5:30-7pm Clothing Center 6:30 pm Cappella Ringers 7:00 pm Trustees 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	10 4:00 pm Cookie Bake 7:00 pm A.A.	11 8-1 Blood Drive 8-1 Rummage Sale 
12 Youth Cookie Sale 8 am Worship Ch 4 8:30 WORSHIP - Usher #1 9:00 Café Central 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 WORSHIP 	13 1:00 pm Care Committee 5:30 pm Worship Ch 4 6:30 pm Praise Band 7:30 pm Book Study	14 10-12 Clothing Center 10 am Parish Visitors 10am-7pm WIC 7:00 pm Finance Committee	15 8am-4pm Sanctuary Open 11am-1pm Clothing Center 1:00 pm Grace Circle 6:30 pm Companions 7:00 pm A.A.	16 5:00 pm Shepherd's Supper 5:30-7pm Clothing Center 6:00 pm Elizabeth Circle 6:30 pm Cappella Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	17 6:00 pm United Methodist Men 7:00 pm A.A. 	18 9-1 District Workshop
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Our Mission Statement

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