



# THE CENTRAL SENTRY

March 2017

## Central United Methodist Church

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### Pastor's Notes

The days are lengthening, Spring is coming, and with it, the reminder that whatever winters we experience in our lives, rebirth follows. What a wonderful gift; what a wonderful promise! How many times in our lives do we need that promise, when we are facing hurdles that seem too large to overcome?

Lent begins this month, with its opportunity to look at our lives and the places we need our own rebirths to happen. There's something miraculous in the way God keeps giving us opportunities to grow our relationships with God—no matter who we are, where we are on our life journeys, whether we're sinner or saint, God wants us to be in relationship with God. Lent is one way the Church figured out early on to encourage the faithful to think about that. We're encouraged to reflect, to repent (which is a translation of a Greek word better translated as "change your mind"), and to return to God during this season that culminates in Easter.

I invite you to begin now, if you haven't already. Look at your life with God; where is it, and where do you want it to be? It's a wonderful season to embrace a rebirth--- the good news is, the relationship with God can begin right now, if you're willing. May God gift you with the willingness and the courage to experience a meaningful Lent.

There are many worship experiences and study opportunities during this season—  
Ash Wednesday service on March 1 at 7pm  
Adult Sunday School at 9:30am each week featuring a study on prayer, beginning March 5  
Mid-Lent event on Wednesday, March 29 at 6pm  
Palm/Passion Sunday on April 9  
Maundy Thursday at 7pm on April 13  
Good Friday service at 7pm on April 14  
Easter celebration worship opportunities on April 16

Central is ready to help you; are you ready to grow in God?

Still in One Peace, *Pastor Michelle*

### March Events

Mar 1 – Ash Wed Service  
Mar 3 – World Day of Prayer  
Mar 5 – Holy Communion  
Mar 12 – UMW Sunday  
          - Daylight Savings begins  
Mar 17 – Men's Group  
Mar 19 – Contemporary Worship  
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## Contemporary Worship



Sunday, March 19 7pm

Join us Sunday evening, March 19, at 7pm for our monthly contemporary service. We will feature music by Living Water and a Lenten reflection from Jeff Heald. We invite you to consider making this service a part of your personal Lenten journey.

## Adult Sunday School Lent Study

March 5 – April 9

From March 5 through April 9, the Adult Sunday School will feature a study on prayer that explores the questions many persons often ask—What is prayer, anyway? Does it work? How shall I pray? You are invited to come, to bring your questions, and to learn ways to deepen your prayer life and your relationship with God.

April 16 – No class on Easter

## Parables of Jesus April 23-May 21

Roger Richards will lead a five-week adult Sunday School class beginning April 23 in the lounge on the Parables of Jesus using videos from renowned preachers. Each week will be self-contained so participants are invited to come for any week or all of the weeks.



Ash Wednesday Service  
March 1 7:00pm

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, marking the beginning of a 40-day period of reflection and repentance in preparation for the celebration of Easter. In the Bible, sprinkling oneself with ashes was traditionally a sign of one's sorrow for having committed sins; in the Christian tradition, we use the ashes to remind us of our mortality and our need for the saving grace of God in Christ. Come and prepare your hearts with prayer, song, scripture, and the imposition of ashes on your forehead or hand at this important time of worship.



Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, April 15 9:00am

Save the date for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Join us for a new Easter adventure as we journey through Holy Week and gather mystery eggs on the way! Sign-ups for helpers and hunters outside the church office. More information will be in the April newsletter.

Please save your **cardboard** egg cartons for the Easter Egg Hunt. Egg cartons can be dropped off in front of the office.



# Lenten Supper & Service Wednesday, March 29 at 6pm

You are invited to a Mid-Lent evening of supper and service!

We will start the evening with a soup buffet provided by Central's program councils and a Lenten program, then assemble flood buckets for UMCOR and write Easter cards to the homebound.

*--Supplies for buckets will be collected outside the office during the month of March--*

All ages are welcome to attend!

## Collecting supplies for UMCOR Flood Buckets

It's Time to Check Out Our Bucket Lists! Central will be collecting materials to fill flood buckets for UMCOR. We will be collecting items from now until March 29th. At our Lenten Supper and Service, we will be assembling the buckets. Each bucket contains 15 items and costs about \$65 to complete. As an individual, you can create your own bucket or bring in one or several items to fill a community bucket. All items needed will be posted on the bulletin board in front of the church library. Just take a note and then bring back the item and put it in the bucket in front of the office. Items are quite **specific** so be sure to pay attention to sizes and amounts. There will also be copies available of the UMCOR official document that lists all items, if you would like to complete one on your own.



NOTE: Bigger sizes can't be accepted by UMCOR

## Mid-Week Lenten Services – Wednesdays at Noon

Sponsored by the Broome County Council of Churches, a mid-week Lenten service and lunch will be held at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church at 312-314 East Main Street, Endicott. The service will begin at noon followed by a soup and sandwich lunch for a small cost. Special music provided by The Harmony Club of Binghamton.

Mar 1: (Ash Wednesday) Speaker: Kenneth Wood, pastor, Holy Nativity

Mar 8: Speaker: John Koopman, Hospital Chaplain

Mar 15: Speaker: Cris Mogenson, Jail Chaplain

Mar 22: Speaker: Fr. John Martinichio, St Paul's Episcopal Church

Mar 29: Speaker: Fr. Michael Galuppi, Our Lady of Good Counsel

Apr 5: Speaker: Joe Sellepack, Dir. Broome Co. Council of Churches





## United Methodist Men Friday, March 17 6 pm

Come on guys come out on Friday, March 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!!

### Circle Meetings

**Deborah Circle** Tuesday, Mar 21 at 7 pm at Pat Hansen's home (505 Hazel, Vestal)  
Contact: Martha Petrush, 754-7494

**Elizabeth Circle** Sunday, Mar 12 at 12:30 in the dining room for a painting class. Please note the date and time change.  
Contact: Kelly Devine, 754-9240

**Grace Circle** Wed, Mar 15 at 1 pm at Ideal Living Center on 600 High Ave, Endicott  
Contact: Pauline Witt, 748-4142

**Sarah Circle** Tues, Mar 21 at noon in the dining room. Please bring a bag lunch.  
Contact: Carole James, 757-2629

## UMW Sunday Sunday, March 12

March is National Women's History Month and in that vein the United Methodist Women are having their installation of new officers on March 12 at the 11am service. UMW will also be leading worship on that Sunday.

## World Day of Prayer Breakfast Friday, March 3 9am

Church Women United will meet on Friday, March 3 at 9am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for a World Day of Prayer breakfast. Donation of \$5 for the breakfast. Please call Mary Ann Crimmins at 748-9011 by Feb 27.

## Wesley Class Breakfast Thursday, March 9 8:30am

The Wesley Class will meet for breakfast at the Blue Dolphin restaurant on March 9 at 8:30am. Reservations to Bonnie Harvey (785-8996) by Tuesday, March 7. Members are reminded that pledges of \$12.50 per person are due (checks payable to CUMC Wesley Class).

## UMCOR Sunday Sunday, March 26

COMING ON MARCH 26--an opportunity for each of us to give a monetary donation to help support the efforts by UMCOR and its worldwide ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. As you know, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), is always the first to arrive and last to leave when disaster strikes.

Please consider giving to UMCOR Sunday collection. Special envelopes will be in your bulletins, making checks out to CUMC and noting for UMCOR.

God bless you!  
Maggie Hungerford, Missions Council

### Hospitalized:

Ann Dorio  
LaVon Hausamann  
Joan Thomas



### Sympathy extended to:

Family & friends of Bob Armitage & Sam Price  
Jean Oney on the death of her sister, Betty

### Thank You - "Souper Success"

The generosity of the Central Congregation continues to overwhelm. Last year we collected over 150 cans for CHOW on our "Souper Sunday" canned soup drive. This year we set a target of 200 cans. Thanks to you, we surpassed the target and received 208 cans, which were delivered to CHOW. Thanks to all for your generosity. Knud

### Thank You – Rummage Sale Success!

The Clothing Center rummage sale was a huge success!! The sale took place Saturday, February 11 and 18 and we were able to raise over \$900. All the items that were sold were from one donor who gave us permission to sell these items as a fund raiser. All other donations continue to go to the clothing center and are given away free of charge. We will hold another sale in Early May with the summer clothing. Thank you to everyone that helped make this sale a success. All the money we raised will go towards supplies used in the clothing center, and help fund our Mission in Motion when we go on the road.

## Communion Stewards Needed

I am asking for volunteers to serve as communion stewards. Communion stewards are members of our congregation who serve, along with the pastor and liturgist. No special qualifications are required to be a steward other than a willingness to serve and an openness to participate in this special ministry. Training and guidelines will be provided.

Stewards prepare the elements (the bread and grape juice) before each Communion service. There is a need for both the 8:30 and 11 am services. Stewards can assist with set up and/or clean up as they choose. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact me at 785-6635 or [felton128@stny.rr.com](mailto:felton128@stny.rr.com). Sandra Felton

## 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.

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)



## Scholarships Available

Central Church is awarding the Doreen Youngs / Myra Carman / Lolita Waterman Scholarships to any CUMC member who will have graduated from high school in 2017 or earlier. The lifetime limit per student is \$2,000. This is not a merit or need-based scholarship but is available to all who have invested in themselves through participation in Central's many ministries.

Applications are available in the church office or on the website. Completed applications can be brought to the church office, or mailed to the church, c/o CUMC Scholarship Committee. They may also be e-mailed to [centralumc@stny.rr.com](mailto:centralumc@stny.rr.com). The deadline for applications is **April 21st**. Applicants must be accepted by, or attending, an accredited institution of higher learning (e.g. trade school, community college, four-year college, or postgraduate program).

Applicants will be contacted individually to schedule an interview with the scholarship committee. Scholarship recipients for 2017 will be notified by May 19<sup>th</sup>. Past recipients of this scholarship who have not used their lifetime limit, do not have to re-apply. They will be contacted by the scholarship committee



## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice on March 3rd.** The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women of United States and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission at home and in other parts of the world.

### Am I Being Unfair to You?

Program written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Philippines  
**Matthew 20:1-16** So the last will be first, and the first will be last.



*Mabuhay! Come to the circle and tell your story!*

In the story Jesus told about the kingdom of heaven, he saw no wrongdoing in giving equally. However, the workers who felt entitled to receive more greatly complained. This dialogue is turned into a question for the 2017 WDP theme - "Am I Being Unfair to You?"

As we prepare for worship, women and girls from the Philippines enter carrying symbols with a story. Merlyn, Celia, and Editha represent the lives of many Filipino women and girls who are victims of domestic violence or sex trafficking, migrant domestic workers in the country or abroad, and survivors harmed emotionally and economically by disasters in the environment or unsustainable development policies.

How can we hear these stories and not realize the sinfulness of structures that consolidate economic inequality? We are called to confess and take on our ethical responsibility to answer God's call for justice.

A traditional cultural practice, known as *dagyaw*, is introduced in the program. *Dagyaw* is a communal way of laboring each other's farms and equally benefiting from the harvest. It is used more frequently among organic farmers for sustainable agriculture.








"It is a good practice for building and sustaining a community, an actualization of compassion and care for each other." Maybe this is the key to a collective answer to "Am I Being Unfair to you?"



**Mabuhay!** is a Filipino greeting meaning *Live!* or *May you live!*

### Altar Guild Easter Flowers

The altar guild is offering tulip, daffodil or lily plants again for Easter at a cost \$15/each. Order forms will be available later in March. Names in honor of or memory of will be listed in the Easter Bulletin. The order form deadline is **April 10**. The order form along with remittance may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Please make checks payable to Central UMC. Any questions, please call Carla Wood - 748-3189 or email [carlamae@stny.rr.com](mailto:carlamae@stny.rr.com).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1 Ash Wednesday</b> 8am-4pm Sanctuary Open 11am-1pm Clothing Center 3:30 pm UMW Leadership 7:00 pm Ash Wed Service 7:00 pm A.A. 	<b>2</b> 5:00 pm Shepherd's Supper 5:30-7pm Clothing Center 6:30 pm Cappella Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir 	<b>3 World Day of Prayer</b> 9:00 am Church Women United Breakfast 7:00 pm A.A. 	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Communion</b> 8 am Worship Ch 4 8:30 <b>WORSHIP - Usher #4</b> 9:00 Café Central 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 <b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>6</b> 5:30 pm Worship Ch 4 6:30 pm Praise Band 7:30 pm Book Study	<b>7</b> 8am Men's Breakfast 10-12 Clothing Center 7:00 pm Program Councils	<b>8</b> 8am-4pm Sanctuary Open 11am-1pm Clothing Center 11:45 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Companions 7:00 pm A.A.	<b>9</b> 8:30 am Wesley Class Bkfast 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	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm A.A.	<b>11</b>
<b>12 UMW Sunday</b> 8 am Worship Ch 4 8:30 <b>WORSHIP - Usher #1</b> 9:00 Café Central 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 <b>WORSHIP</b> 12:00 Elizabeth Circle 	<b>13</b> 5:30 pm Worship Ch 4 6:30 pm Praise Band 7:30 pm Book Study	<b>14</b> 10-12 Clothing Center 10 am Parish Visitors 10am-7pm WIC 7:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm Van Committee	<b>15</b> 8am-4pm Sanctuary Open 11am-1pm Clothing Center 1:00 pm Grace Circle 6:30 pm Companions 7:00 pm A.A.	<b>16</b> 5:00 pm Shepherd's Supper 5:30-7pm Clothing Center 6:30 pm Cappella Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>17</b> 6:00 pm United Methodist Men 7:00 pm A.A. 	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8 am Worship Ch 4 8:30 <b>WORSHIP - Usher #2</b> 9:00 Café Central 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 <b>WORSHIP</b> 7:00 <b>Contemporary Worship</b>	<b>20</b> 8am-4pm WIC 5:30 pm Worship Ch 4 6:15 pm Reconciling 7:00 pm Allocations 7:30 pm Book Study	<b>21</b> 10-12 Clothing Center Noon Sarah Circle 7:00 pm Deborah Circle 7:00 pm Staff Parish 7:30 pm Sierra Club	<b>22</b> 8am-4pm Sanctuary Open 11am-1pm Clothing Center 6:30 pm Companions 7:00 pm A.A.	<b>23</b> 5:00 pm Shepherd's Supper 5:30-7pm Clothing Center 6:30 pm Cappella Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm A.A.	<b>25</b>
<b>26 UMCOR Sunday</b> 8 am Worship Ch 4 8:30 <b>WORSHIP - Usher #3</b> 9:00 Café Central 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 <b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm Worship Ch 4 6:30 pm Praise Band 7:00 pm Ahwaga Canoe 7:30 pm Book Study	<b>28</b> 10-12 Clothing Center 7:00 pm Church Council	<b>29</b> 8am-4pm Sanctuary Open 11am-1pm Clothing Center 6:00 pm Lenten Supper & Service 7:00 pm A.A. 	<b>30</b> 10 am Newsletter Mailing 5:00 pm Shepherd's Supper 5:30-7pm Clothing Center 6:30 pm Cappella Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>31</b> 7:00 pm A.A.	

**CENTRAL STAFF**

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



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