

THE CENTRAL SENTRY



2015

June 5-6 – Garage Sale

June 6 – BBQ / Car Wash

**June 7 – Holy Communion
- Indoor Picnic**

June 21 – One Service at 9:30 begins

**United Methodist Night at
June 25 – BMETS Baseball Game**

June 27 – Garden Tour

**Summer Worship begins June 21:
8:30 Café Lite
9:30 One Service**

Spring finally sprang! What a beautiful time of year this is. The rains and the sunshine have combined to produce lush green grass and a rich variety of flowers. The days are warming and growing longer. God’s creation is so beautiful, and summer is the time to enjoy it for all it’s worth.

June begins a slowdown at the church each year. Programs take a break. Committees meet only when absolutely necessary. Church school wraps up another year. Choirs rest for the summer. It’s a peaceful time of rest and recharging. I’ll be taking vacation for 10 days early this month, and will also have a Sunday off later on, in order to attend the wedding of a good friend—too far away to be back for Sunday!

However even with all of these seasonal changes going on we want to assure you that we will still gather together for worship each and every Sunday of the summer! We continue our two-service schedule through June 14, and we will begin our 9.30am worship schedule on June 21. We hope that you will find summer worship an inspiring part of your weekly routine.

During this summer we will be working very hard in the church office to prepare new programs and develop new ministries to be launched throughout next year. We need your help, your prayers, and your continued support as you enjoy your summer activities. Also, why not spend some time in these relaxed days to be open to the ways God’s Spirit might be touching you and giving you inspiration for your life as a disciple and as a member of Central—amazing things could happen!

In One Peace,

Pastor Michelle



What's Next for the AV Upgrade Team?

The Audio Video Upgrade team has been working behind the scenes for the past few months. We have installed a new set of monitors in the choir loft and have mounted some new microphones above the congregation. We have also been experimenting with different microphones to help improve the sound for our TV worship. The big news is that a new projector will soon be installed in the rear of the sanctuary facing the front of the sanctuary. This will allow Chancel Choir, Living Water, the pastor, and liturgist to view the same images that the congregation sees.



June 5 & 6 9 am to 1 pm

The Youth Center is not quite full yet. You have until Tuesday June 2 to bring in your stuff for the garage sale. Your stuff becomes Treasures for someone else and brings in \$s for the church's general fund. If you can help with the sale on Friday or Saturday, please call Bill Carmine.

Art's Pulled Pork Sandwich

June 6 11am to 1pm

You can still get tickets for Art's Famous Pulled Pork Sandwich, chips, pickle and a cookie for only \$5 in the Welcome Center after church or anytime from Bill Carmine or during office hours or the day of the sale.



Sunday, June 7 Noon

The Church Picnic will be held Sunday, June 7th after the 11am service in the dining room. Please bring a generous dish to pass and your own table setting. Beverages will be provided. Hot food will be kept warm in the kitchen during the service.



Car Wash

Saturday, June 6 10-1

The annual car wash to support Central van's "Operating Fund" (fuel, maintenance) will be held on Saturday June 6th from 10am – 1pm in the Liberty Street parking lot. Members of the Van Ministry Team and some of the church youth will be wet washing cars.



United Methodist Night at NYSEG Stadium

Thursday, June 25 6:30pm

Let's enjoy some sunshine and fellowship with our own Binghamton Mets! Tickets are available at the church office for only \$8. The church van will be available if anyone needs a ride. We will tailgate in the church parking lot at 5:15 and leave for the game at 5:45pm; game starts at 6:30pm. Deadline for tickets is June 18th.

Scripture Readers

Scripture Lay Readers wanted for the July – December 2015 time period. Your commitment will be to read one of the scriptures during 2 or 3 late Sunday worship services in the 6 month period. If interested, contact Bruce Bishop (748-6150, bbishop@stny.rr.com) by June 21st. This is wonderful way to share the Word of God with others!

Summer Greeters

Please consider signing up to greet a week or 2 during our summer season. It's easy...just arrive at your door by 9:00 am with your smile for our 9:30 summer service. That's it! Anyone is welcome and it's the perfect opportunity for teachers and musicians to greet while on the summer break. The sign up chart is in the Welcome Center. Call or email Cherie Heald with questions at 754-2335 or CherLH@stny.rr.com.

UMCOR Kits

Our UMCOR station is filling up with supplies. We just received 18 more health kits from Little Meadows church! We have lots of supplies to create some more buckets but need some additional items to make the buckets complete. Be looking for Central's "Bucket List" outside the church office for things you can contribute.

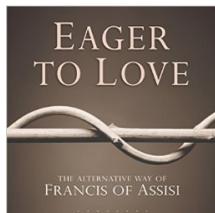
Help Needed for Crafts

Calling all people who like to do craft activities! We need your help with the Shepherd's Supper Kids Korner! Last Fall, the members of the Education Council started an activity center to be available during our Thursday community meal. We provide a fun activity each week so the children are involved while their families eat dinner and visit. We would like to continue this program throughout the summer but we need some extra helping hands. If you can help, sign-up sheets are outside the church office or you can contact Pat Hansen at 754-0882.



Sky Lake Virtual Prayer Vigil

Each Sunday at 7:30pm from June 14 through August 9, please pray for the summer campers and counselors at Sky Lake. Wherever you happen to be in the world at 7:30pm local time, simply light a candle and lift up the campers and staff that week in prayer!



Monday Book Study Begins June 22

The Monday Night Book Study which meets at the Greek Key Restaurant will resume on June 22 with the book, *Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi* by Richard Rohr. Please read the preface and Chapter 1 for the first night. Book marks are available in the Welcome Center with the schedule. The book is available on Amazon.

Like to Read?

In front of the office there are books available to borrow. You can also leave a book you would like to share with others. The United Methodist Communications also has tips to find free or low cost books at --> <http://www.umcom.org/learn/find-great-books-for-little-or-no-cost>

Vacation Bible School

Hey Kids some opportunities for fun this summer at local churches:
Endwell UMC on Watson Ave. is holding a VBS July 13-17 6-9pm.
To register, call 754-5735.
Vestal UMC on Main St. is holding a VBS on July 20-24 9am-noon.

To register, call 785-3367.

Finance Update

Central is thankful for the Spiritual giving of our congregation. This giving supports the wonderful Programs and Ministry of Central. While Central began 2015 with a slight positive balance, we have struggled to remain there. Fortunately we have been able to meet all our financial obligations. With this past winter, we had large utility bills as well as lower attendance, so if you've fallen behind in your financial commitment to Central, we'd ask that you catch up.

Also with summer and vacations coming, we'd remind everyone that Central still needs your financial support to continue our Programs and Ministries through the summer.

Central's giving continues in many ways, the congregation has donated \$1,010 to the Nepal disaster, \$1,060 to the Bridge Run and \$884 to the Box City. We thank the congregation for their generous second mile giving.
Finance Committee

Central's Carnival August 29 3-7pm

Save the date for Central's Carnival in August. Over the summer, the Education Council will be asking for your help with the carnival.

United Methodist Women

Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle Wed, June 17 at 6 pm
having dinner at Our Country Hearts
Contact: Martha Petrush, 754-7494

Elizabeth Circle Mon, June 8 at 6 pm in
the church lounge.
Contact: Kelly Devine, 754-9240

Grace Circle Wed, June 17 at 1 pm at
Suzette Marino's home.
Contact: Pauline Witt, 748-4142

Sarah Circle Tues, June 16 at 12:00
will meet for lunch at The Rose Garden.
Carole James 757-2629 for reservations.



Hospitalized Last Month:

Doris Beff
Bev Dunham

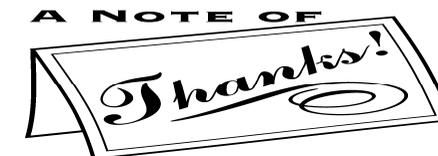


Calling All Musicians!

The choirs are taking a break for the summer. If you would like to offer your musical talents during the summer months, please sign-up for a Sunday in the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, contact Heather Worden.

Garden Tour Sat, June 27 11-3

The 3rd Annual Garden Delights Tour presented by the UMW will be held on Saturday, June 27th from 11-3. Four beautiful gardens in and around Endicott will be open for touring. Tickets are \$12. Call Sharon Carmine (239-4454) or the church office (754-6060) for information and reservations.



I would like to thank all those that sent cards and expressions of concern with my recent knee replacement. A special thanks to those that visited and called expressing their interest. It goes without saying that Central United Methodist has some truly wonderful people. Thanks again to all. Bill O'Brien

Painting Crew - Thank You!

Special thanks to Doug Breneman, Dale Sacharov and Knud Hansen for giving up many Monday evenings to give parts of the Church buildings a much needed fresh coat of paint. Among the areas painted since the Fall were: stairway and ceiling up to the Sr High Room, elevator room at Sanctuary level, ceiling in the Nanticoke Entrance, both stairways and the basement and 2nd Floor hallways in the Education Building, and the Church office. Everything looks great!!

Thanks again !!

Mobile Clothing Center

On May 9th the Central Clothing Center once again hit the road!! 5 adults and 10 youth traveled to Oneonta to hand out clothing. Sign-up sheets were provided ahead of time and 82 forms were returned listing items that were needed. Over 100 volunteer hours were spent filling orders for this trip. Everything was loaded into a U-Haul trailer and transported to the Unitarian Church where the mobile clothing center was set up. When people arrived they were given a bag with the items they had requested and then invited to shop for additional items they needed. In addition to clothing, we were also able to provide sheets, towels, new underwear, new socks, and personal hygiene kits to everyone that came.



Stay in Touch

Whether you stay at home this summer or travel, remember that you can worship with Central any time of the day or night through the church's website centralumcendicott.org. The TV Ministry Team now posts the full 11a.m. service (9:30a.m. when on the summer schedule) each week. Sometimes there are edits because of length, music reproduction rights, etc., but most times everything is included from the greeting and announcements, hymns, prayers, scriptures, special music, sermon, right through to the Benediction. You can watch the services on a computer, tablet or smartphone.

Once at the website, click the "Video" link from the options on the left. You can then select from the list of available Sunday worship and special services. You can use the Table of Contents to jump to any section of the service to, for example, re-read the scripture before you watch the sermon or listen to an anthem. Thank you for your support of the TV Ministry and the lives it touches. May it touch and enrich yours.

Why Reconciling

News from the Reconciling Task Force:

Each month, we will feature a piece written by a member of the Task Force; we hope to share with you why we are so committed to this work.

The below article, published by the American Psychological Association, I think provides valuable information to Central United Methodist Church members as this congregation works to become a reconciling church. It is my hope that the information will help church members have a better understanding of our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and questioning brothers and sisters in Christ. Dr. Thomas Cousins

What is Sexual Orientation?

Sexual orientation refers to an enduring pattern of emotional, romantic and/or sexual attractions to men, women or both sexes. Sexual orientation also refers to a person's sense of identity based on those attractions, related behaviors and membership in a community of others who share those attractions. Research over several decades has demonstrated that sexual orientation ranges along a continuum, from exclusive attraction to the other sex to exclusive attraction to the same sex. However, sexual orientation is usually discussed in terms of three categories: heterosexual (having emotional, romantic or sexual attractions to members of the other sex), gay/lesbian (having emotional, romantic or sexual attractions to members of one's own sex) and bisexual (having emotional, romantic or sexual attractions to both men and women). This range of behaviors and attractions has been described in various cultures and nations throughout the world. Many cultures use identity labels to describe people who express these attractions. In the United States the most frequent labels are lesbians (women attracted to women), gay men (men attracted to men), and bisexual people (men or women attracted to both sexes). However, some people may use different labels or none at all.

Sexual orientation is distinct from other components of sex and gender, including biological sex (the anatomical, physiological and genetic characteristics associated with being male or female), gender identity (the psychological sense of being male or female)* and social gender role (the cultural norms that define feminine and masculine behavior).

Sexual orientation is commonly discussed as if it were solely a characteristic of an individual, like biological sex, gender identity or age. This perspective is incomplete because sexual orientation is defined in terms of relationships with others. People express their sexual orientation through behaviors with others, including such simple actions as holding hands or kissing. Thus, sexual orientation is closely tied to the intimate personal

relationships that meet deeply felt needs for love, attachment and intimacy. In addition to sexual behaviors, these bonds include nonsexual physical affection between partners, shared goals and values, mutual support, and ongoing commitment. Therefore, sexual orientation is not merely a personal characteristic within an individual. Rather, one's sexual orientation defines the group of people in which one is likely to find the satisfying and fulfilling romantic relationships that are an essential component of personal identity for many people.

This brochure focuses on sexual orientation. Another APA brochure, [Answers to Your Questions About Transgender Individuals and Gender Identity](#), addresses gender identity.

American Psychological Association. (2008). Answers to your questions: For a better understanding of sexual orientation and homosexuality. Washington, DC: Author. [Retrieved from www.apa.org/topics/lgbt/orientation.pdf.]

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A. HUMAN RIGHTS

Because I respect the rights of all people to survive and thrive, I will seek the good of all, including each person's right to clean water, food, clothing, shelter, medical care, human contact, education, and cultural expression.

B. FAIR DEALING

I will seek to be just and compassionate in my dealings with others, and will encourage my political and cultural leaders to do the same.

C. RESPECT

I will not allow ethnic, cultural, religious or ideological differences to prevent cordial, respectful, and just relationships with others.

D. PERSONAL COMMITMENT

I will devote a portion of my time, energy, and goods to attain the wellbeing of others.

No records will be kept of individual affirmations of this covenant. Each subscriber is encouraged to make her/his own copy, keeping it where he/she can be reminded of it from time to time.

The mission of Central Church is to make real the love of God through Jesus Christ and to empower people to share that love with others.

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