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Pastor's Notes

It's not worth it if you can't laugh, right? Even the most serious situations are improved with a good sense of humor.

Every now and then I need a big shot of it. And, I suspect, as school gets out, and summer comes in, and you are planning and doing and going, so do you. The great thing is, I truly believe God has a bodacious sense of humor—so many things can only be explained if this is true. Grace itself is the ultimate laugh in the face of all that would defeat us, after all.

So I offer you some comic relief, from one of my favorite little books, *You Can't Curl Your Hair with Holy Rollers: An Insider's Guide to Church Life*, by Michael Nolan and Eve Sarrett (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, c1993). I hope you enjoy your summer fun, your cookouts, your water fun, your family gatherings, your vacations—stop in for worship sometimes, too!—and most of all, laugh a little, for life is truly too short not to.

This is a selection entitled: *Daring Alternative Melodies for Amazing Grace*, p. 108. (I dare you not to get hooked on one of them!) Enjoy.

- “I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing”
- “Blowin' in the Wind”
- “Peaceful Easy Feeling”
- “House of the Rising Sun”
- “The Star-Spangled Banner”
- “Ice, Ice Baby”
- “I Wish They All Could Be California Girls”
- “Joy to the World”
- “Theme from Gilligan's Island”
- “On the Road Again”
- “Theme from ‘The Brady Bunch’”
- “Hey Jude”
- “Windy”

Still in One Peace, *Pastor Michelle*

Summer Service Schedule

8:30 Café Central

9:00 Sunday School “Light”

9:30 One Worship Service

Travel Opportunity

Would you like to follow the travels of the Apostle Paul in Greece? Pastor Michelle is wondering who might be interested in making the journey. There are two choices:

8 days in Greece only, following Paul's Journeys

- departs October 8, 2016 -- \$2848 (approximately)

12 days in Turkey and Greece, following Paul's Journeys

- departs October 10, 2016 -\$3588 (approximately)

If you would be interested in either journey (we can only make one), please contact the church office or Pastor Michelle by October 1st. We will decide which based on interest.



Picnic
Otsiningo Park

& BMets

Saturday, July 18 3pm

Time to enjoy the great outdoors at Otsinango Park on Saturday, July 18th at 3PM. A grill and charcoal will be available so you can bring your own meat. Please also bring a dish to pass, your place setting, beverage, and games to play. Call the church office if you plan to attend in case plans change due to rain.

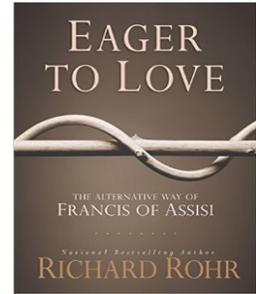
And for those who like baseball, we will head to the BMets stadium for a 7pm game with fireworks afterwards! A generous donor has donated 20 free tickets for this game. Tickets will be available in the church office for the first 20 people who come by July 12th! Come for the picnic or the game or both!

Let's Golf!!!

Wed August 12 6:30pm

Mini-Golf that is. Join in the fun as we take on Chuckster's Mini-Golf course, 1915 Vestal Parkway West. It doesn't matter if you're a seasoned putter or not; this is an opportunity to get out on a nice summer evening for fun with some friends and the little round ball. After golf we'll enjoy ice cream at the Inside Scoop. Cost for Golf: \$9 per person but there are coupons in the newspaper and on the web. Come join in the fun, The Fellowship council is hoping to see there. Please call the church office if you need a ride. The rain date for this event will be the following Wednesday, 8/19.

**Monday
Book
Study
Resumes**



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. Book marks are available in the Welcome Center with the schedule. The book is 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.

New Director of Music

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee is delighted to announce that Heather Worden, our Chancel Choir Director, will assume the responsibilities of our newly-created Director of Music position. In this role, Heather will work with the Pastor and the Worship Council as well as with the leaders of our many wonderful music ministries, in order to coordinate the music program and develop a vision for the future. We have such richness of music ministry here; having a Music Director to coordinate this work will benefit all who worship here, now and in the years to come. Welcome to this role, Heather!

Vacation Bible School

Endwell UMC on Watson Ave
July 13-17 6-9pm.
To register, call 754-5735.

Vestal UMC
July 20-24 9am-noon.
To register, call 785-3367.



Sunday School "Light"?

Starting on June 21 at 9 am in Fellowship Hall, Sunday School for ages pre-school to Grade 6 will continue for the Summer. You never know what will be going on at Sunday School *Light*.... stories, crafts, games, singing and maybe some surprises. Join us for the fun. Get a snack at Café Light at 8:30 am then join us at 9 am.

United Methodist Women

Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle will resume in September
Contact: Martha Petrush, 754-7494

Elizabeth Circle will resume in September
Contact: Kelly Devine, 754-9240

Grace Circle Tues, July 28 at 9:30 am
will be heading to Buttermilk Falls for a picnic
Contact: Pauline Witt, 748-4142

Sarah Circles will resume in September.
Contact: Carole James, 757-2629

Gance's Fundraiser Wednesday, September 16

Save the date...Wednesday, September 16 for Gance's catering here at Central, sponsored by the United Methodist Women. More information will be in the September newsletter.



2015 Central MLK Scholarship Awarded

Central's 2015 scholarship in memory of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has been awarded to Alisyn Klock, a 2014 graduate of Seton Catholic Central, and an active participant here at Central UMC. Her record of activities and achievements in the life of our church is commendable. Her declaration of candidacy for the ministry is indeed reminiscent of the spirit of the Rev. Dr. King in whose name this scholarship is given.

Do you shop on Amazon?

If so, Central is registered on AmazonSmile. On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you select Central United Methodist Church (Endicott, NY) to receive donations before you begin shopping. They will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to Central.



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!



Hospitalized:

Jeannine Cristelli,
Marty Magee,
Joan Thomas

Sympathy Extended To:

Family & friends of Joanne Banker,
Betsey Howland, and Andy Roman
Doris Beff on the loss of her husband, John Beff
Sandy Watts on the death of her brother,
Kevin O'Hara
Mike Holmes & Sharon Phipps on the death of
their brother, Jesse Holmes

Congratulations to Drs. Mike & Amy Merrill on
their marriage May 24th. Mike is the son of Dale
& Mary Ann Sacharov.

**We celebrate Central's
2015 High School Graduates**

Magey Bost	UE	SUNY Broome majoring in Liberal Arts
Morgan Dewey	UE	SUNY Delhi majoring in Culinary Arts
Matthew Dewey	UE	SUNY Broome
Kyle Obusek	UE	SUNY Buffalo majoring in History
Wyatt Roberts	UE	SUNY Delhi majoring in Culinary Arts
Jason Yardman	UE	SUNY Broome
Amber Donahue	Bing	SUNY Broome majoring in Biology
Ashley Donahue	Bing	SUNY Stony Brook majoring in Biology
Sam Barnum	Vestal	Cornell University majoring in Industrial & Labor Relations

A NOTE OF



I want to thank everyone for all the lovely cards
and best wishes given to me for my "special
birthday". Seeing so many of my friends at the
party was the greatest gift you all could give me.
Even tho' I requested no gifts, several of you
ignored that and gave me great mementos of the
occasion. I love them all and thank you for them,
many gifts did not have names with them by the
time I got them home. I especially thank the ladies
for the hats. Hope to see you all at my 80th!
In His love, Marie

Thank you for all the kindness you have shown to
me, the cards, prayers and the delicious meals.
It's nice to be remembered. Joan Thomas



**Fiesta Central is Coming
Saturday, August 29 3-7pm**

Our 5th Annual Summer carnival is in the works
for August 29 from 3-7 pm. We will be gearing up
for a whole lot of fun and plan to include our
surrounding neighbors. To make this outreach
event happen, we need your help. Watch for sign-
up sheets outside the church office now and
opportunities to donate supplies coming in July.
It's so much easier with your help, so please donate
any time that you can (even if you only have an
hour or two).

Ramp-It-Up for the Summer!



2014 Ramp built
near Dorchester Park

For the past 5 years, Central has put together a team and worked with the staff at Broome County Council of Churches to build a much-needed wheelchair for an otherwise homebound person. *Ramp it Up* is a youth initiative that combines youth with adult mentors for a common goal. This summer's project is scheduled for July 31 and August 1. We are currently taking applications for adults (over 18) and minors (13-17). Necessary forms are available in the church office. Forms must be turned in to Kelly Devine or the church office by July 1. Please consider joining us and *Ramping it Up* this Summer! It will be an experience that you will never forget.



New *Companions in Christ* Group to Form

Beginning in October, a new group will begin the 28-week *Companions in Christ* study, and you are invited!

In *Companions*, you will: Explore the depths of scripture, learn to listen to God through it, and allow your life to be shaped by the Word; Experience new dimensions of prayer, try fresh ways of opening to God, and learn what it means to practice the presence of God; Reflect on Christ's call in your life and discover anew the gifts that God is giving you for living your life; Grow, with members of your group, as a Christian community.

This 28-week spiritual journey will draw you into daily time with God through individual reading and reflection and will gather you weekly with others for deeper exploration. If you already know you will be away for some of the weeks, but are still interested, please come to the introductory meeting. We will break for holidays.

We will gather on **Sunday, September 27 at 9:30am**, during which time you will find out more about the program and we will set the meeting date and time (*which has not yet been set*—this will be determined by the group!) You'll have reminders before then, but why not mark your calendar now? If you might be interested in participating, please contact Pat in the office. She'll put your name on the list!

Introductory Meeting on *Companions in Christ*
Sunday, September 27 at 9:30

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.*

In 2013, I came upon some dramatic numbers from Rev. Steve Heiss' Blog. At that time, Steve gave permission for it to be used for Central's newsletter. The Reconciling Task Force has been educating us and wanted to share these interesting numbers. Rev. Steve Heiss's Blog can be seen at <http://rainbowsandsunspots.blogspot.com/search?updated-max=2013-12-20T00:47:00-05:00&max-results=7>. (numbers updated June 2015)

9 million - number of gay people in the USA.

8 million - number of United Methodists in the USA.

56% - percent of people in our country who support gay marriage.

78% - percent of people between the age of 18 and 30 who support gay marriage.

63% - percent of the Upper New York United Methodist Conference who voted to support gay marriage *at the last conference*

4 - the statistical number of gay teenagers who commit suicide, for every "non-gay" teen who commits suicide.

0 - number of the top 6 medical and mental health associations who believe it is possible to change a person's sexual orientation.

6 - number of those top 6 which believe that trying to become straight instead of gay will be *emotionally or medically harmful*.

6 - number of Bible references teaching homosexuality is wrong.

6 - number of Bible references teaching that Galileo's astronomy is wrong.

20 - minimum number of Bible references supporting polygamy.

60 - minimum number of Bible references supporting slavery.

140 - minimum number of Bible references supporting the subordination of women.

2000 - *fewest possible* Bible references teaching that God desires mercy, not judgment; forgiveness, not self-righteousness; and grace, wastefully and freely given, especially to the most vulnerable among us.

358 - number of years after Galileo's death before the Roman Catholic Church apologized for its role against him.

389 - number of years after slavery began in this country until the year when the UMC apologized for our role in supporting racism.

2,700 - approximate number of years from when the first misogynous words in Scripture were recorded by scribes, until the current era.

44- *the least number of years* for which the United Methodist Church will eventually need to apologize for adding the words "homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching" to our Discipline.

613 - number of commandments in the Old Testament.

10 - number of commandments in Moses' summary.

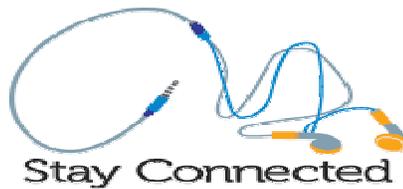
3 - number of teachings in John Wesley's summary - (do no harm, do good, love God)

2 - number of teachings in Jesus' summary - (love God, love your neighbor)

1 - number of people it takes to love enough to make a difference.

The 6 Professional Associations referenced above: American Academy of Pediatrics, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, American Medical Association, American Psychiatric Association, American Psychoanalytic Association, National Association of Social Workers

Submitted by MaryBelle Mitten



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 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.

---SOCIAL JUSTICE---

Do you know what our **United Methodist Social Principles** say about the death penalty?
What is your opinion on this issue?

We winter in Florida, and every year at least one death row inmate is put to death. Texas and Florida have the distinction for the most inmates put to death in recent years. Along with Missouri, Oklahoma, Georgia and Arizona, these 6 states have put 49 individuals to death since 2014. (Time magazine June 8, 2015) Going back to colonial times, New York had the second most executions of any state from 1608 to 1972, after Virginia. Before the invention of the electric chair most executions were carried out by hanging, although other methods included burning at the stake and death by firing squad. In New York, no execution has taken place since 1963. From 1978 until 1994, measures repeatedly passed both houses of New York's state legislature that would have expanded or reinstated the death penalty, only to be vetoed by governors Hugh Carey and Mario Cuomo. Then in 1995 newly-elected Governor George Pataki fulfilled a campaign promise and signed legislation reinstating the death penalty. In 2004, that statute was declared unconstitutional by the New York Court of Appeals, and in 2007 the last remaining death sentence was reduced to life, leaving New York with a vacant death row and no viable death penalty laws. In 2008, Governor David Paterson issued an executive order requiring the removal of all execution equipment from state facilities.

Here, in part, is what our Social Principles say:

We believe the death penalty denies the power of Christ to redeem, restore and transform all human beings. The United Methodist Church is deeply concerned about crime throughout the world and the value of any life taken by a murder or homicide. We believe all human life is sacred and created by God and therefore, we must see all human life as significant and valuable. We oppose the death penalty (capital punishment) and urge its elimination from all criminal codes.

The Social Principles are not law but issues we are encouraged to pray and learn about.

Additional considerations:

1. **Life without parole** is a cheaper option since the **death penalty** costs hundreds of millions of dollars for states to carry out the required appeals process.
2. Risk of executing innocent individuals—the Innocence Project has exonerated **329** people who were wrongly convicted, after spending many years in prison on death row.

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*The Central Sentry is published monthly
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for its members and friends.
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the 15th of each month.*

Summer Events

July 5 – Communion

July 18 – Picnic & BMets Game

July 25 – Blood Drive

August 1 – Ramp It Up!

August 2 - Communion

August 12 – Mini-Golf at Chucksters

August 29 – Fiesta Central (3-7pm)

**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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