



# THE CENTRAL SENTRY

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## Central United Methodist Church

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### Pastor's Notes

"Hi, how are you?"

"Fine. You?"

"Fine."

You have about 10 of those little interchanges per day, right? Hardly the stuff relationships are made of.

One thing I love about church is that we get to be better about relationships than that--we're supposed to be better about relationships than that! We live in a shallow culture, where an honest answer to "how are you?" is not expected, nor is it particularly wanted.

How can we, as people of faith, people who profess to be connected to God and to each other in intimate and dynamic relationship, change that? What are we teaching each other and our children when we continue the practice of not really caring about how our neighbors are?

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, incorporated what can become a deeply spiritual practice into each and every small group meeting (class) in his church. Every class meeting began with this question, addressed in turn to each person present: "How is it with your soul?" The expectation was for each to offer an honest answer, and for the group both to nurture and to hold accountable its members. Did you have a great week, spiritually? Great! Did you slip in your relationship with God? Too bad—how will you work to repair that this week? How can we pray for you as you do?

"How is it with your soul?" is something I'm working on asking through this coming year. As we worship together, pray together, and work together, this community of faith needs to be asking that question...and helping each other answer it. Our children need a faith foundation to face life in this complicated world. Our youth need models for faith-ful behavior. Our adults need a soul-satisfying alternative to the 'real world' that presses in on us in every moment. Together we fulfill those purposes by asking and answering honestly: "How is it with your soul?"

I invite you to take a step toward that goal, simply by meaning it the next time you ask someone, "how are you?" and expecting an honest answer. I wonder how will that change your week, and your relationships?

Still in One Peace,

*Pastor Michelle*

### October Events

Oct 2– World Communion

Oct 15 – Blood Drive

Oct 14-16 – Sky Lake Retreat

Oct 16 – Haiti Presentation

Oct 16 – Contemporary Worship

Oct 21 – Men's Group

Oct 23 – Radio Show

Oct 29 – Trunk or Treat

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## Contemporary Service Sunday, October 16 7 pm

We welcome you to join us for our next evening contemporary worship service filled with praise, joyful song, and spirited fellowship! We will gather at 7 pm on Sunday, October 16 in Fellowship Hall. Our service will feature music by Living Water, a brief message from Jeff Heald, and a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service.

## Living Water Any Drummers Out There?

The Living Water praise band has resumed its rehearsal schedule, and we welcome new singers and instrumentalists of all ages! We are especially in need of a drummer! If you are interested in joining this rewarding ministry or have any questions, contact Jeff Heald at ([jheald@stny.rr.com](mailto:jheald@stny.rr.com))... or just come to a Monday rehearsal!



## Michelle is having a Birthday!

October 30 is Michelle's 50th birthday and happens to also be a Sunday. The parsonage will be hosting a reception immediately after the second service, around noon, until everyone has had a chance to wish Michelle a Happy Birthday. There will be light refreshments and a birthday cake. The only gift she wants on her special day is your good wishes.

**Come Celebrate!**  
**Sunday, October 30th**



## "Trunk or Treat" at Central! Saturday, Oct 29 4:30-6pm

This event will be from 4:30 to 6 pm on Saturday, October 29th. If you want to bring a "Trunk" - Sign up outside the church office and be in the back Liberty Ave parking lot at 4 pm. Please email Kelly Devine if we need to make arrangements for candy to be provided. We are also taking donations of candy from folks who can't bring their "Trunk" but want to supply some "Treats". Candy may be left in the Education Office. If you are dressing up, please remember not to be too scary as we may have many small children coming to the event. Feel free to decorate your car, van or truck.

We are inviting the neighborhood and church members (anyone and everyone really) to bring their children, up to 6th grade, to this event. We will have candy, refreshments and maybe a few surprises.

## Bibles for Children Sunday, October 2

On October 2, we will be giving Bibles to our 3rd Graders during the 11 am worship service. We hope that all recipients will come to the service as there will be a special Children's Time that is connected to this Central tradition. If you have a 3rd grader and have not received a call or email, please call the church office as soon as possible.

## Haiti Mission of Hope Sunday, October 16 9:30am

Haiti Mission of Hope, a power point presentation by Mary Ann Sacharov of her medical mission trip to Haiti, will be given in the dining room on Oct 16 at 9:30am. Come hear what life is like in Haiti and the hope your donations brought to them!



### Circle Meetings

Have you ever considered joining a women's circle? Circle meetings are a place to learn and have fellowship at the same time. Central has two daytime and two evening circles. If interested in attending, please call the contact person for the circle below:

**Deborah Circle** Tues, Oct 18 at 7 pm at Jackie Hotchkiss's home (2620 Yale St, Endwell)  
Nancy Jones will be leading the study.  
Contact: Martha Petrush, 754-7494

**Elizabeth Circle** Thur, Oct 13 at 6 pm in the church lounge. Note date change.  
Contact: Kelly Devine, 754-9240

**Grace Circle** Wed, Oct 19 at 1 pm at TBD  
Contact: Pauline Witt, 748-4142

**Sarah Circle** Tues, Oct 18 at Noon in the church dining room. Please bring a bag lunch.  
Contact: Carole James, 757-2629



### Men's Group

**Friday, October 21 at 6pm**

The Men's Group will meet on Fri Oct 21. We will have a meal, devotions and a program. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Welcome Center.

### Leftover Candy from Halloween?

The Fellowship committee will be sending college care packages in early December. Drop off your Halloween left-overs at the church office. Watch your November newsletter for other items needed for the care packages. If you have a college student, please let the church office know their address!

## From the Reconciling Task Force

At our Church Conference in early May, Central voted overwhelmingly to become "A Reconciling Congregation." We're taking our first steps to make our community aware of this good news. Be on the lookout in the next few weeks for a new outside banner. Watch for an addition to the sign on the corner of Union Street and Liberty Avenue. In our adopted resolution we said:

*Central UMC celebrates the diversity of all God's people, believing all are created in God's image and equally loved by God our creator. We fully include all persons who enter our doors, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, creed, age, economic status, physical or mental abilities.*

We are a warm and loving church family. Let's show all who walk through any of our doors that they have found a home. A place where they are part of the family.

## Church Women United of Greater Endicott Friday, October 7 Noon

A Human Rights Celebration will be held on Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at noon at Endwell United Methodist Church, Watson Blvd. Endwell. A program will be presented by the Fair Winds of the Harmony Club of Binghamton. Please call Millie Jones 754-2869 by Monday, October 3rd for reservations.

**Blood Drive**  
**Saturday, Oct 15**  
**8-1**



The Blood Drive will be held Saturday, October 15 from 8am to 1pm. Call 1-800-RedCross or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment. Enjoy a hot breakfast of sausage biscuits after your appointment too!

**Hospitalized:**

Jim Taylor  
 Pat McVannan  
 Dane Weston  
 Janet Tripp

**Sympathy extended to:**

Sue Thomas on the death of her father-in-law

**Thank You!**

My last Blood Drive will be December 10<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank everyone who helped me with the blood drives. Special thanks to: Marsha Doupe, Marty Magee, Wyatt Roberts, Kelly Devine, Millie Jones, Dale Sacharov and Steve Klock.

Thanks! Pat Devine

Dear Central Friends, Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls & encouragements during the last several months. It has been a long road and your caring made it easier and reminded me that I was never alone. With love & peace, Sandy Watts

**Dear Volunteers of the Shepherd's Supper,**

On behalf of the OASIS Teen Employment Challenge (OTEC), thank you for giving me this opportunity to help work at the supper with you. During the time we were there we served dinner and dessert to the elderly and young, poured drinks and cleaned up after we served.

What I liked about this is that I was doing something that I'd never done before for the community. I also appreciated how the people from the church were nice enough to let us help serve the dinner, considering this was my first time. The dinner also gave me the opportunity to talk to people I don't know; this was difficult for me because I'm a shy person. Finally, I learned how big of a help I can be, and hope I can do this again in the future.

Sincerely, Trisha Fields, OTEC Team Member

**World Communion Sunday**

World Communion Sunday will be on October 2nd. This is a special Sunday of giving. The donations received help countless gifted and qualified people around the globe to become educated and prepare for the vocation God has given them.

**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.

Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber

Sep 12-Oct 17 (6 weeks)

First Christmas by Borg & Crossan

Oct 24-Dec 19 (9 weeks)

Everything Must Change by Brian McLaren

Jan 2 – Feb 20 (8 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)

**Finance Update**

Thanks to the continued generous Christian Stewardship of the Central Congregation, we have come through the summer months with a positive balance. We can be thankful for that. However some of us have fallen behind in our commitment to support Central's ministries. If this is the case, please try to 'catch-up'. If for some reason you are unable to meet your commitment, please contact the Church office. It's through the continued Stewardship of all of us that the strong Christian outreach and ministries can continue to grow.

Finance Committee

**Indian Summer**

by Muriel Wright

The days are warm; no clouds appear;

It happens only once each year.

The leaves turn yellow, brown, and red.

They only foretell days ahead.

They're the glory of the season,

Beauty before winter's treason.



## Radio Show Sunday, October 23 3pm

It's that time year again-for cider, donuts, sweaters and Trick or Treaters AND the CUMC PLAYERS RADIO SHOW! This year's performance will be on Sunday October 23 at 3:00p.m. No tickets are required but there will be sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center so we will have a general idea how much popcorn and drinks we need to prepare. There will be baskets set out for your donation that will go towards helping to cover the cost of mailings to visitors and members.

This year's performance will be in the downstairs Fellowship Hall where you will be regaled by Connie Brooks of Our Miss Brooks fame (aka Mary Ann Sacharov) and the rest of the cast in a Halloween story. They will be followed by the cast of Father Knows Best and then a short story about Goldie Locks (aka Amber Gaylord) and the Three Bears. Intermission follows with popcorn and cold drinks and then our own Rawn Spearman has a seasonal story to present followed by the radio show rendition of The Maltese Falcon. It is a fun afternoon for everyone. Hope to see many of you at Central that afternoon. Marie King, director

## Welcome Home to Central

September 11th marked our return to two morning services and Sunday school for all ages. We were fortunate enough to see some new faces, meet some new friends and reconnect with old friends too. Special thanks to our Education Committee and our custodian, Mr. Wood, for getting our education rooms on the second floor ready for use. Additional thanks to our teachers who have come back for another exciting year. We offer:

- Pre-K to Grade 8 - 2nd floor at 9:30 am
- Sr High Students - 3rd floor at 9:30 am
- Adult Sunday School in the Lounge at 9:30 am  
9/18/16 -10/9/16 Adam Hamilton's "*When Christians Get it Wrong*"
- Our Nursery is open for children up to 4 years old on the 1st floor at 8:15 am- Noon  
(Please fill out a registration form for each child in the Nursery.)

We have so many things coming up this year, so stay tuned, and check your newsletter and email. We also have openings for Adult Sunday school teachers (10/23 to 11/13/16 and 4/23 to 5/21/17). We would like to offer at least one Bible based study each year, so we welcome your thoughts and ideas. If you are interested in teaching or co-teaching with someone, please email Kelly at [cumced@gmail.com](mailto:cumced@gmail.com) or call the church office.



## **Social Justice**

### **Let Us Be Healers: A Celebration of Community**

In celebration of Gandhi's 186<sup>th</sup> birthday--**Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:55** at the River Walk behind River Read Books – a musical procession to Confluence/Peace Park where the two rivers come together in Binghamton, significant readings, affirmation of peace read, children and youth winners of the T-shirt design contest will be announced and a quartet of student string musicians will perform a selection of music signifying the healing powers of harmony and creative peaceful interaction, with dismissal about 7pm with music as we walk back to Peace Plaza where we started.

In case of rain---meet at the American Civic Assoc. 131 Front St.

*“Nonviolence is a weapon of the strong”----“The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace” Mahatma Gandhi*

Two United Methodist pastors, Gary Doupe and Fred Brooks, and others have put a lot effort into this event. Call MaryBelle for a ride---754-2204

**Jesus Christ was the ultimate peacemaker!**



**October 7-9**

Come away and rest awhile as you spend a weekend at Sky Lake free of the distractions of the outside world. Enjoy the company of fellow Christian women as you take advantage of the various activities that will be offered. Dine on healthy and delicious meals prepared by our kitchen staff. Read a book, knit, or even nap by the fireplace in Riley Lodge. Be inspired by your new prayer journal. Go home rejuvenated.

You can register for this event at  
<http://skylakecenter.org/join-us/all-events>





**Dining for Dollars**  
**Thursday, October 27**  
**5:30 Social Hour 6:30 Dinner**  
**Polish Community Center,**  
**Binghamton**

Local Clergy will serve you dinner and entertain you for TIPS at this annual fundraiser for *Faith in Action*, a program of Broome County Council of Churches. It's a great time of food, fellowship and support for a worthy cause. Tickets are \$30.

Reservations must be made by Oct 13<sup>th</sup> to  
Broome County Council of Churches  
at 724-9130.



**FAITH  
IN ACTION**  
A program of Broome  
County Council of Churches

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2 Holy Communion</b> 8 am Worship Ch 4 8:30 <b>WORSHIP - Usher #2</b> 8:30 Festivo Ringers 9:00 Café Central 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 <b>WORSHIP</b> 12:30 Safe Sanctuary Training	<b>3</b> 5:30 pm Worship Ch 4 6:30 pm Praise Band 7:30 pm Book Study	<b>4</b> 8am Men's Breakfast 10-12 Clothing Center 7:00 pm Program Councils	<b>5</b> 8am-4pm Sanctuary Open 11am-1pm Clothing Center 3:30 pm UMW Leadership 6:30 pm Companions 7:00 pm A.A.	<b>6</b> 12:30 Bing Dist Mentor Training 5:00 pm Shepherd's Supper 5:30-7pm Clothing Center 6:30 pm Cappella Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> Noon Church Women United 7:00 pm A.A.  Ladies of the Lake	<b>1</b>   ----- <b>8</b>  Ladies of the Lake
<b>9</b> 8 am Worship Ch 4 8:30 <b>WORSHIP - Usher #3</b> 8:30 Festivo Ringers 9:00 Café Central 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 <b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>10</b> 5:30 pm Worship Ch 4 6:30 pm Praise Band 7:30 pm Book Study	<b>11</b> 10-12 Clothing Center 10 am Parish Visitors 10am-7pm WIC 1-2 Tai Chi Class 7:00 pm Finance Committee	<b>12</b> 8am-4pm Sanctuary Open 9:00 am Staff Meeting 11am-1pm Clothing Center 6:30 pm Companions 7:00 pm A.A.	<b>13</b> 8:30 am Wesley Class Bkfst 1-2 Tai Chi Class 5:00 pm Shepherd's Supper 5:30-7pm Clothing Center 6:00 pm Elizabeth Circle 6:30 pm Cappella Ringers 7:00 pm Trustees 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm A.A.  Sky Lake Retreat	<b>15</b> 8-1 Blood Drive 9-3 UMW District meeting   Sky Lake Retreat
<b>16 Laity Sunday</b> 8 am Worship Ch 4 8:30 <b>WORSHIP - Usher #4</b> 8:30 Festivo Ringers 9:00 Café Central 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Haiti Presentation 11:00 <b>WORSHIP</b> 7:00 Contemporary Worship	<b>17 Newsletter Deadline</b> 8am-4pm WIC 5:30 pm Worship Ch 4 6:15 pm Reconciling 7:00 pm Allocations 7:30 pm Book Study	<b>18</b> 10-12 Clothing Center 12:00 Sarah Circle 1-2 Tai Chi Class 7:00 pm Deborah Circle 7:00 pm Staff Parish 7:30 pm Sierra Club	<b>19</b> 8am-4pm Sanctuary Open 11am-1pm Clothing Center 1:00 pm Grace Circle 6:30 pm Companions 7:00 pm A.A.	<b>20</b> 1-2 Tai Chi Class 5:00 pm Shepherd's Supper 5:30-7pm Clothing Center 6:30 pm Cappella Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>21</b> 6:00 pm Men's Group 7:00 pm A.A.  	<b>22</b>
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Living Water Director..... Jeff Heald  
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