

**8.30am – Early Church  
& 11.00am – Onsite and Online**

**Preparing for Worship with Music**  
*The Holy Boy arr. John Ireland*  
*The Three Kings arr. Gordon Young (11am)*

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Introduction to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn UMH#254** *We Three Kings*

**Exchanging the Peace of Christ**

**Special Music (11am)**  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling arr. Sean Stafford*

**Children of God Time** The Give-Away by Ray Buckley  
A Christmas Story in the Native American Tradition

**Scripture** Matthew 2.1-12  
**Reflection of Scripture**

**Hymn UMH#206** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**Introduction to the Offering**  
*Congregation Response UMH#94 "Praise God..."*  
**Prayer of Dedication**

**Introduction to Time of Prayer**

**Special Music (11am)**  
*Star of Wonder, Star of Light arr. Sean Stafford*

**Holy Communion**  
**Invitation**  
**The Great Thanksgiving**  
**The Lord's Prayer**  
**Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup**  
**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Hymn UMH#192** *There's a Spirit in the Air*

**Blessing**  
**Departing with Music**  
*The Salutation Carol arr. Robert Powell (11am)*

*Worship Leaders: Pastors Teressa and Paul*  
*Scripture Reader: Pam Russel*  
*Music: Roger Richards, Sean Stafford*  
*Many thanks to the Ushers and Tech Team for today.*

**Connect and Serve this Week**  
*Opportunities to Grow in Faith and Serve God*

Sunday, January 5

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)  
8:30 WORSHIP (In person only)  
9:30 Adult Faith Formation (Lounge)  
11:00 WORSHIP (Onsite and Online)  
12:00 Shared lunch and Christmas un-decorating

Monday, January 6

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)  
5:45 Girl Scout Troop 30224 (Youth Lounge)

Tuesday, January 7

8:00 Men's Breakfast (Broadway Diner)  
noon Clothing Center  
7:00 Van Committee

Wednesday, January 8

10:00 Soul Care (ZOOM)  
noon Clothing Center  
1:00 UWF Leadership Meeting (Library)  
6:00 Lions Club (Library)  
7:30 AA

Thursday, January 9

4:30 Shepherd's Supper (Take-Out)  
6:30 Cappella Ringers  
7:30 Chancel Choir

Friday, January 10

5:30 Girl Scout Troop 60195 (Dining Room)  
7:30 AA

Saturday, January 11

Sunday, January 12

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)  
8:30 WORSHIP (In person only)  
9:30 Adult Faith Formation (Lounge)  
11:00 WORSHIP (Onsite and Online)

## Looking Ahead –

### Central UMC in Action / Upcoming Weeks

*If you don't receive the weekly "Sentry", please contact the office.*

We will be **un-decorating the Sanctuary and building** today following the 11am worship service. Lunch will be provided. Please plan to stay for a little while and lend a hand—many hands make quick work!

**January mini mission project:** We will be accepting donations of diapers, wet wipes, and feminine hygiene products to help support our Clothing Center and the UE schools. Donations can be dropped off in the Donation Station in the Nanticoke entrance to the building.

**Proverbs Challenge-** Proverbs has 31 chapters; there are 31 days in January. Pastor Paul's challenge: read a chapter of Proverbs each day in January. Let him know if you are doing this challenge- I'm sure there will be awards!

**Van Drivers:** Please contact Jere Hotchkiss at 607.768.2468 or [jerehotchkiss@stny.rr.com](mailto:jerehotchkiss@stny.rr.com) if you are willing to volunteer as a driver in 2025.

**Men's Breakfast:** Tuesday, Jan. 7 - 8:00 AM at **Broadway Diner** 3140 Watson Blvd, Endwell.

**Central's Clothing Center is collecting winter coats of all sizes.**

**Come and Sing! Come and Ring-**Join in and make some music! No experience necessary!

*If you wish to donate to international relief, consider UMCOR. Because of connectional giving, 100% of monies donated in a crisis go to relief and rebuilding efforts. Give online at [umcmmission.org](http://umcmmission.org) or by check to Central with UMCOR in the memo*

## In Our Prayers This Week

### In Hospitals or Recovering at home:

Karen Frega, Norma Livingston, Randy Foote, Kevin Cristelli

### Prayer Program:

*Thank you to Shelley Lobevero, Suzette Marino, Pam Russell, Renee Sersen and Carla Wood for contacting people each week. The program will resume in 2025.*

### Family and Friends with prayer needs this week:

Richard Frederick, Frank Stevan Childs, John Carmine, Moi Zaylaya, Eric Hausamann, Stephen John Schulz, Rhonda Hartley, Sandy Watts, Shelia Holleran, Jovelle Horry-Turmon and baby daughter, Sandy Watts, Shelia Holleran, Diane (Shelley Lobevero's cousin), Norma Poyneer, Cyndi Tedeschi

*To add prayer concerns (with that person's permission), contact Andy Tewksbury (607.785.5861) or the office (607.754.6060)*

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*Previous Services are available on Central's YouTube channel @CentralChurchEndicottNY*



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## Welcome to Worship!

**January 5, 2025**

**Epiphany**

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

We welcome all persons to this time of worship, and we pray that this time will be a blessing to you. If you wish to learn more about Central and its ministries, Welcome folders are available at each entrance/exit to the Sanctuary, and in our Welcome Center.

**Assistive Hearing Devices** which operate through the building, and **large-print bulletins, hymnals and bibles** are available by the Tech Booth in the sanctuary.

Our celebration of **Holy Communion** on the first Sunday of each month is observed with gluten-free bread and grape juice.