

# THE CENTRAL SENTRY



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## June Worship

|         | SERMON  | THEME  | SCRIPTURES   |
|---------|---|--|--|
| June 5  | Rev. Horace King preaching<br>“Looking into Heaven” | Communion  | Luke 24:44-53<br>Acts 1:6-14                         |
| June 12 | “What <u>Does</u> it Mean?”                         | Church Picnic<br>8:30 at Central<br>11:00 at Glendale Park | Acts 2:1-7, 12,<br>16-18<br>John 7:37-39             |
| June 19 | “Putting Things in Order”                           | Father’s Day<br>Peace with Justice                         | Genesis 1:1-2, 4a<br>2 Cor 13:11-13<br>Matt 28:16-20 |
| June 26 | “Slaves to Righteousness”                           |  | Genesis 22:2,<br>9-14<br>Romans 6:12-23              |

**WORSHIP TIMES**  
 Sunday – 8:30 & 11:00  
 Summer(July-August) – 9:30

**TV WORSHIP (Ch 4)**  
 Sunday – 8 a.m. and Monday – 5:30 p.m.

*The 8:30 service is less formal and seldom includes special music*

**Note: Beginning Sunday, July 3, there will be only 1 service at 9:30 am for July and August. Coffee Hour will begin at 8:30 am.**

# CHURCH NEWS



## Family Movie Night Friday June 3 - 6:30 pm "Tangled"

Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy this movie night- complete with popcorn and lemonade! Whether you have kids or not, this family friendly event is a fun time for all! Once again, no cost makes this an affordable night out for the whole family! So please plan on joining us to watch "Tangled" in the dining room at 6:30 pm.



## Blood Drive

Saturday, June 4 8am to 1pm  
Call Pat Devine (239-4979) to make an appointment or sign-up on the web at <http://www.redcrossblood.org>.

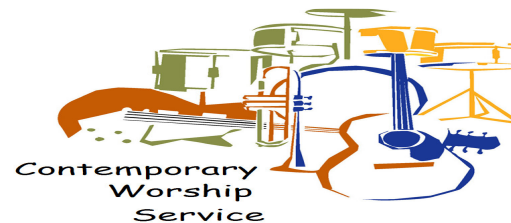


## Church Picnic At Glendale Park Sunday, June 12

The 8:30 service will be a normal service in the sanctuary. The 11:00 service will be held at Glendale Park followed immediately by the picnic. Chicken from Phil's Chicken House can be ordered. You are asked to bring your own table setting and a dish to share. Drinks will be provided by the Fellowship committee. Call the church office to place an order for chicken or fill out the form in the bulletin.

¼ chicken - \$2.50

½ chicken - \$5.00



## Contemporary Worship Service

### New Beginnings June 19 at 7 pm

Join Living Water on June 19 at 7pm in Fellowship Hall for our final New Beginnings service until the fall. We'll reflect on Father's Day, and also share some of our favorite music from this year. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow. See you there!

## Peace with Justice Sunday June 19

Your gifts enable The United Methodist Church to advocate for peace and justice at home and around the world. For example, not long ago 403 Hebrews, Muslims and Christians from 16 states and 4 countries gathered for a Peace Conference in Lake Junaluska, NC. This gathering was partly funded by your gifts on **Peace with Justice Sunday**.

Participants discussed how to implement interfaith peace-building techniques when they return home. Keynote speakers of each of the Abrahamic faiths agreed people must act to make peace a reality. Dialogue groups discussed how to foster interfaith understanding and collaborative efforts for peace in their communities. Resulting ideas included: beginning an "Interfaith Club" that shares the spiritual reasoning of sacred texts, organizing interfaith peace camps for children, and beginning interfaith Habitat for Humanity projects to foster interfaith cooperation.

Peace is not theoretical. Peace is not abstract. Peace is something we have to do every day.



## Fri, June 24 & Sat, June 25 9am to 4pm

Central will be holding a rummage sale on June 24 & 25. We want you to start cleaning closets, basements, attics and garages, box up the treasures and bring to the Youth Center (storage room to the right of the door) after June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you need help transporting large items, call Bill Carmine 239-4454. We will also need lots of donations for the bake sale. Volunteers will be needed for pricing days, set up and selling. If you can help, please contact Bob Oney 785-2733 or Bill Carmine 239-4454. Thank You!  
The fund-raising committee



## United Methodist Night At the BMETS

### Thursday, June 23 6:30pm

Come support the BMETS, see friends from the Binghamton District, and watch the fireworks after the game. Proceeds support Society of St Andrews, Upper Room Ministry and Volunteers for Mission. Reserve your seat (Tickets \$9) by calling the church office (754-6060).



**SPOTLIGHT**  
**ON...**  
**Allocations**

The Allocations Committee serves to extend the reach of Central's good works. It reviews requests for projects and activities not normally covered by the church's annual operating budget and it makes recommendations for support of these activities to Church Council. Church and community requests are considered in the following categories: mission projects, local church projects, local community projects, UMC conference and general church projects, and Pastor's discretionary fund. Allocations' budget is based on a percentage of church investment returns.

It's a gratifying committee to be on. We allocate money for good causes and we have an opportunity to carry out the directive given to us in the Ten Commandments to serve our brothers and sisters. To this end we have recommended a wide range of activities— a children's Christmas party, paint for the senior high classroom, support for Haiti, college scholarships, and much more.

Requests for funding of activities that support the UMC mission start with submission of the request form found in the office or on the web. The committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.

Julia Miller, Chair of Allocations

## Summer Greeters

We are looking for summer greeters for the single 9:30 service during the months of July and August through Labor Day weekend. I encourage everyone to give greeting a try. Summer is the perfect opportunity for choir members, Sunday School teachers and 8:30 attendees to greet. Sign up on the chart in the Welcome Center or contact Cherie Heald @ [CherLH@stny.rr.com](mailto:CherLH@stny.rr.com) or 754-2335. Arrive at your door 1/2 hour before the start of the service. Check your calendars and sign up for a week or two. It's a fun way to welcome all who enter our sanctuary doors!

## WANTED:

Compassionate, caring people to volunteer to work at the Shepherd's Supper. Need prep cooks, table setters, salad makers, bread butterers, drink makers, servers, dishwashers and clean-up people. Come work one to three hours a month on Thursdays. Any Thursday! You choose! No experience necessary, on-the-job training provided! The only requirement is you must have a loving, caring heart. Do this for the under-privileged, do this for yourself, do this for your church, but most of all, do this for your loving Savior! Your reward will be priceless! Come share fellowship and goodwill with your fellow man, you won't be disappointed! Contact: Ron Briggs~Shepherd Supper Coordinator 786-9040 or call the church office at 754-6060.

## Combined/Single Summer Worship Service

at 9:30am will begin on Sunday July 3 and continue through and including September 4. This is an opportunity for "regulars" from the 8:30 and 11 services to get to know each other again in the relative cooler hours of the morning during the summer months. There will be features from both services included in this single service so there will be something "normal" for all. A Café Central "Lite" will precede the combined/single service starting at 8:30am in Fellowship Hall.

## Special Interest Group Survey

If you have not filled out a survey about special interest groups already, you are encouraged to fill out the pink survey and place in the box outside the church office. The survey is also available online on the church website. The Nuture SAG is in the process of determining the needs of our congregation in this area.

Also available are **Volunteer Interest Surveys**. If you did not get a chance to complete one of these forms last month, take one from outside of the office or download a copy from the church website. These surveys alert board and committee chairs to the areas of mission and ministry you would like to lend your gifts and graces.

## Lay Reader Schedule Being Formed.

If you would like to read one of the scriptures during the combined/single service and/or the 11am worship during the July – December 2011 time period, contact Bruce Bishop (748-6150, [bbishop@stny.rr.com](mailto:bbishop@stny.rr.com)) by June 26<sup>th</sup> for information or to include yourself in the schedule. It is always good to read the word of our Lord but it is especially good when you share it with others!

## Class Acts (Young Adult Group)

Our kick-off party was a fantastic success, and we've come up with some good activities to get things started!

### Upcoming Events:

-Outlive Your Life- Devotional Study - Sundays at 9:30am on the following:

1st week- May 22nd

2nd week- June 5th

3rd week- June 19th

4th week- June 26th

If you need a copy of the book "Outlive Your Life", please see Erica Heier.

Bonfire - June 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 pm

Movie Night- June 11th

For further information on any of these events, please contact Rachel at 759-9279 or [rachel.cosimano@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.cosimano@gmail.com)

A NOTE OF



We would like to extend a "Thank You" to all of the Jr High and Elementary kids who participated in this year's Youth Service. In our Christian tradition, we know that many hands make light work. The truth is that we needed you to make the service a success and you stepped up so again, thank you for helping. To the adults who assisted and "coached", thank you for sharing your knowledge with us and we only hope that someday we can pay it forward. To Pastor Mark, thank you for having faith in us.

~ Sr High Sunday School Class

Many thanks to all of our church staff for the extra time and effort put forth in providing us with the materials and facilities needed, and for leading us in our spiritual journey during the Lent and Easter seasons. The Wednesday evening programs gave us much food for thought and also delicious dinners, and the Palm Sunday and Easter worship services were beautiful spiritual experiences. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated staff and volunteers who give of themselves to make worship inspiring at Central Church.

Shirley Arthur for Staff Parish

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Briggs wish to thank everyone for making their wedding day, April 30, 2011, a day they will remember forever! You all mean a great deal to us, the Lord has blessed us tremendously with so much love.



**"Happy Birthday!"** to:

Melissa Cole                  June 25

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Sam Barnum, Amber Donahue, Ashley Donahue, Danielle Hammersley, Alisyn Klock, Kyle Obusek, and Wyatt Roberts on being confirmed as members of Central UMC on **May 22, 2011**. It is a big step in your faith journey and we welcome you!

## Johnny Hart Breakfast

June 23 at 7:30am

Join the Golf Pros for Breakfast on Thursday, June 23 at 7:30am in the Kalurah Building on Dickson St. The cost is \$10 and includes admission to the Thursday Pro-Am and free parking plus shuttle service to the golf course. Tickets can be picked up at the church office or at Arrowhead Bookstore.

## Our Church Family

### Hospitalized Last Month:

Ed Hogan  
Larry McKeon

### In Sympathy:

Family & friends of Ed Davis  
Elaine Gilyard on the death of her sister,  
Gaetana Crosby  
Family & friends of Robert Locker  
Teri Mahonski on the death of her  
mother, Myrtle Hale.

## Ladies Luncheon

We will meet on Tuesday, June 7th at 11:30 at the church parking lot to go to the Apple Dumpling Café, Green Bros., Johnson City for lunch at 12:00 noon. Please call Millie Jones 754-2869 for reservations by Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Tri M's Luncheon

Tri M's will meet for lunch at Noon on Wednesday, June 22nd at the Blue Dolphin, Apalachin. Please call Millie Jones 754-2869 for reservations. If you are a Miss, Mister or Mrs. we urge you to join us for good food and fellowship.

## United Methodist Women

### Circle Meetings

All women are invited to attend any of the circle meetings.

**Elizabeth Circle** – will meet again in September. Contact Kelly Devine.

**Sarah Circle** – June 21, Tuesday, 12 noon in fellowship hall. Bring a bag lunch followed by business meeting and a program. Carole James (757-2629)

**Deborah Circle** – June 1, Wednesday for dinner. Call Deb Fisher (754-0360) for details.

**Grace Circle** – June 22, Wednesday 1 pm at Pauline Witt's house (124 Pineknoll Rd) 748-4142. Please note this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday!

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**  
**Another Watershed Moment?**  
Submitted by MaryBelle Mitten

\*The Methodist Federation for Social Action (MSFA) applauds the leadership, courage, compassion and faithfulness of those 36 Bishops who have added their names to the "Statement of the Counsel to the Church – 2011!"

Out of concern for the welfare of all God's people, and, out of a special concern for the people of The United Methodist Church the Bishops are asking us to change the way we relate to people who are gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered. • Will this be a watershed moment as was May 4, 1956, in Minneapolis when the General Conference of the Methodist Church approved full clergy rights for women? The Bishops are calling us all to consider a more loving and just path than we have been on and remove the language and practices of discrimination that dehumanize some among us as "incompatible." • Will this be a watershed moment as was the 1968 General Conference, when the segregation of the Central Conference was abolished within our newly forming United Methodist Church? The Bishops are declaring their conviction that the current disciplinary position of the United Methodist Church need not and should not be embraced as the faithful position for the future. • Will this be a watershed moment as was the 1996 General Conference in Denver, when we stopped referring to persons with disabilities as being "handicapped?" The Bishops are making known their names to share their personal convictions on the matter of excluding gifted and called clergy from ordination, as a way to encourage others to do the same. • Will this be a watershed moment as was the "Denver 15" proclaimed, "We believe it is time to break the silence and state where we are on this issue that is hurting and silencing countless faithful Christians?"

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Sadly, I know of an outstanding member of our clergy who had to leave our conference and is serving in the United Church of Christ. One shining gem we lost. There may be others I am not aware of.

A 2011 book from Duke University Press, Adam's Gift tells the story of Jimmy Creech, a former United Methodist pastor whose credentials were revoked after he performed same-gender commitment ceremonies. Creech was visited one morning in 1984 by Adam, a longtime parishioner whom he liked and respected. Adam said that he was gay and that he was leaving the the United Methodist Church, which had just pronounced that no "self-avowed practicing homosexual" could be ordained. He would not be part of a community that excluded him. Creech found himself instinctively supporting Adam, telling him that he was sure that God loved and accepted him as he was. Adam's Gift is Creech's inspiring first-person account of how that conversation transformed his life and ministry. Adam's Gift is available through Amazon.com.

**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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