

THE CENTRAL SENTRY



When this issue of *The Sentry* is in your hands or on your computer screen, my first year of service to this congregation will be nearly complete. 52 weeks of births and deaths; celebrations and heartaches; the exuberant energy of children and youth; the carefully employed energy of adults; the innocence of the young who live in the joy of the moment; the wisdom of those older who ensure the church is positioned for the future. 52 cycles of worship and fellowship; learning and food; searching and conversation; laughter and stories. 52 rounds of Christian service to the hungry and the ill-clothed; opportunities to give of ourselves and our graces to God’s people in crisis locally, nationally, and world-wide.

It is to me a sign of God’s grace that I have been your pastor this past year. It is to me a sign of grace upon grace that I will be so for the year ahead.

On the Sunday after the conclusion of the first full session of the new Upper New York Annual Conference in Rochester I talked about how “different” it was from the former Wyoming conference in terms of location, size, persons in attendance, and the like. I talked as well about how much it was the same: administrative issues to be decided, social justice issues to be discussed, budgets to be set, and mission concerns and emphases to be prioritized.

The conference members elected our representatives to the late April 2012 General Conference in Tampa, Florida and wrestled again with the roles gays and lesbians might have in our denomination. At the end of the annual conference session, however, the key question remains: How shall our local churches live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be God’s love with our neighbors in all places, including those in the very communities around us? How shall we at Central do that?

May this question and others like it guide us, direct us, and energize us as together we engage another year of Christian service to the world our God has entrusted to us and with the people who share the space and the journey with us.

-Mark

July 3 – Summer Worship Schedule Begins

July 12-17 – Youth 2011

July 29 – Family Movie Night

July 30 – Blood Drive

August 13 – Picnic and BMETS Game

August 20 – Youth “Ramp It Up”

August 26/27 – Community Luau

Summer Worship Schedule
Worship at 9:30 am
Coffee Hour at 8:30 am



Invitation to Paradise COMMUNITY LUAU

Games, food, arts & crafts, music and entertainment!

FREE to all

August 26 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

August 27 11:00 am-3:00 pm

**Central United Methodist Church
17 Nanticoke Avenue
Endicott, NY**



We need your help to make the Community Luau a success!

Supplies needed for the Luau

Hot dogs, rolls, chips, chocolate bars, marshmallows, graham crackers, powdered lemonade mix, ketchup, mustard, napkins, paper plates, paper cups, baked goods (no nuts, please!). Be on the lookout for a display in front of the office with more information.

Volunteers Needed

We'll also need volunteers to donate a few hours of their time to help run games, crafts, food tables, and face painting.

Friday Night: S'mores and a Drum Circle

Saturday: Puppet Show, Comedian, Face Painting

**Call the Church Office (754-6060) for more information
or contact Erica Heier.**



Drum Circle



S'mores!

CHURCH NEWS



Friday July 29 - 6:30 pm
"Gnomeo & Juliet"

Everyone is welcome to enjoy a movie night- complete with popcorn and lemonade! Whether you have kids or not, this family friendly event is a fun time for all! No cost makes this an affordable night out!



Blood Drive
Saturday, July 30
8am to 1pm

Call Pat Devine (239-4979) to make an appointment or sign-up on the web at <http://www.redcrossblood.org>. If you can volunteer your time to help with the drive, please contact Pat Devine. She needs help serving the breakfast.



*Picnic at
Otsiningo
Park*

Picnic & BMETS Game

Saturday, August 13

3:00pm Picnic

7:00pm – BMETS game

What better way to spend a Saturday afternoon and evening than by sharing it with friends from Central at a picnic at Otsiningo Park, then following it up with a B Mets game. Picnic starts at the park at 3:00 PM, then we make a short trip to NYSEG Stadium for the game at 7:00. The picnic is always fun with plenty of good conversation, games - bocce "Where is the Challenge", Frisbee (We've heard Pastor Mark talk about his skills, come and witness them), and tossing a softball or football around and of course FOOD. Bring your own meat, and drinks and a dish to pass. Grill will be provided to cook meat. Please save the date and reply to the church office. Thanks and hope to see you there.

Upper New York Conference

Rev. Mark attended the conference in early June in Rochester, NY. A summary of the conference can be found at <http://www.unyumc.org/news/detail/753>

Welcome Heather!

On Sunday, June 26 the Staff-Parish Relations Committee announced the selection of Ms. Heather Worden as Central's new Chancel Choir Director. Heather grew up in the Buffalo area. She earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Houghton College in 2008 and in May of this year earned her Master's of Music at Binghamton University. Since January she has been the Music Director for the Summer Savoyards. In addition, Heather has done substitute teaching and gives private lessons.

Heather began on July 1. During the summer she will get acquainted with Central's music program and meet with the Music Planners as they prepare for the fall. Please join in welcoming Heather, her husband Derek, and their daughter Bailey to Central's family!

Kitchen Manager

We are currently seeking a volunteer to serve as our Kitchen Manager. This person would oversee the management, maintenance, and use of the kitchen. A group of volunteers will assist the Kitchen Manager to help keep our kitchen safe, clean, and orderly. A preliminary position description is posted in the Welcome Center. If interested, please contact Chris Breneman, Shirlenn O'Brien, Rachel Cosimano, or Tom Hall.

Class Acts

(Young Adult Group)

This summer we're going to be participating in Ramp It Up in August. If interested, please see Erica Heier for more info on this great program!

Additionally, we're going to spend the summer months getting prepared for a great fall - If you have any programs you'd like to see through the Class Acts, or would like to participate in the planning, please see Rachel Cosimano at 759-9279 or rachel.cosimano@gmail.com.

Display Cabinet

On display for the summer in the lounge are pictures and memorabilia of the Lukens/Jackson Camps. The display will change during the summer months. There are many pictures of the campers, teen-age aides as well as adult counselors and leaders. A special thanks to Phyllis Beech who has organized camp pictures into albums.

Men's Night Out

September 21

Calling all Central Men, put this date on your calendar! On September 21, all men are invited to **Men's Night Out**. The men will be treated to a special evening with good food and entertainment as a special thank you from the United Methodist Women.



“Happy Birthday!” to:

Evan Derick	7-1
Sydney Derick	7-3
Jordan Donahue	7-11
Grant Gannon	7-13
Carlie Gannon	7-18
Madison Obusek	7-24
Anissa Holmes	7-29
Mackenzie Bell	8-8
Alexis Romanowski	8-8
Mikaela Shelp	8-12
Dylan Whitney	8-23
Harley Burrell	8-24
Chelsea Holmes	8-29

Ramp it up!

Youth and young adults from Central will be participating in the Broome County Council of Churches Youth Initiative “Ramp it up!” on August 20th. We will be building a wheelchair ramp for someone in the community. Last year, we built a ramp for Beth. Her mom is in a wheelchair and had been unable to visit her- our constructing the ramp allowed Beth’s mom to visit her home for the first time in 12 years. If you’re interested in helping to make someone’s life better by making their home more accessible, please contact Erica Heier for more information.

Youth 2011!
Purdue University
July 13-17

15 youth and adults from Central will be traveling with the youth from Sara Jane Johnson UMC to Purdue University in Indiana this summer! We will be going to Youth 2011, which is a big United Methodist Youth gathering- and only happens once every four years. We will be leaving on July 12th and returning on July 17th. We will participate in workshops, mission projects, and worship with thousands of other United Methodist youth. Your support of our fund raisers has helped to make this possible! And for that, we say ‘Thank you!’ We would also like to thank the allocations committee for their generous support of this trip!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Sue Driver, who was recently honored by the Town of Vestal Board for saving the life of a person on the Rail-to-Trail walking path last year. Sue saw a person collapse on the Trail, and used the CPR skills she learned as a part of our Central Church CPR/AED program to maintain the victim’s circulation until a Vestal patrolman arrived with a defibrillator. Sue’s instructor was Kelly Devine, who has trained many other CUMC members in lifesaving skills.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized Last Month:

Betty Boettger
Ed Hogan

In Sympathy:

The family of Natalie Brush
The family of Donald Minturn.

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 6th.

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.

Campbell Labels For Education

The labels will be taken to the Children’s Home on August 9 the date of their ice cream social. Please place your saved bar code labels in the chest in front of the church office.

United Methodist Women

Plant Sale Thank You

Thank you from UMW to everyone that bought plants and gift certificates from the Plant Sale. Also thanks to the women and men who assisted with the sale. The women were able to earn over \$500 from this successful project.

Fall Plant Sale

The UMW will again be selling plants from **M & Z Flowers**. Be ready for fall by ordering mums in a variety of decorative containers. You will be able to order mums from August 14 – September 6. More information will be in summer bulletins and September newsletter.

UMW Autumn Bazaar

Reserve Saturday, November 5th for the Autumn Bazaar and luncheon. Please begin knitting, sewing, making your special autumn and Christmas crafts. Plans include a booth with activities for children. Delicious goodies for purchase will again be sold.

Circle Meetings

Circle meetings will resume in September. Have a nice summer!

Keuka Youth Trip 2011

By Kelly Devine

On Saturday, June 4th at 5:45 am, 5 young men from our Sr High class and the adult chaperones set off for Keuka College on Keuka Lake in the church van. This group of boys included a couple of the new confirmands as well as three of our high schoolers from last semester. The purpose of the trip was to do a “Teamworks” program at the college, to experience a worship service alternative to Central and to find God in nature which the Finger Lakes region has in abundance.

The Teamworks Program allowed the group to gain perspective when seemingly impossible tasks were presented to them. Using the mantra of the day, “Stretch Yourself”, they all worked together to solve whatever challenges the course presented. They communicated to each other, sometimes without words, leaned on each other when necessary and trusted each other more as the morning progressed. Comments by the staff indicated that our group was unique as they were so communicative, respectful of each other’s ideas and original with their approach to many of the challenges.

After Teamworks, we took time to enjoy the campus with our marshmallow driving range followed by a bonfire on the point and of course pizza. After a good night’s sleep, we were off to a praise service early Sunday morning at the Penn Yan United Methodist Church followed by a drive back to Watkins Glen. At the Glen, we hiked all 800 steps up the glen and back. So 1600 steps later, we all were looking forward to dinner and a rest. At dinner, there was much discussion with the group on what the kids got out of the overnight and what they could take from the experience going forward to Sunday School in the Fall.

As one of the adults who participated, I would like to thank Katy Northrup for all of her planning and assistance as a Keuka Alumni. Central can be very proud of our youth as they demonstrated all of the values and actions modeled by you no matter where they are or what they are doing.

Rummage Sale Thank You!

Thank you to the fund raising committee and all the volunteers for their hard work running the Rummage and Bake Sale. \$1272 were raised for the missions of the church! Thank You!



Finance Committee

Chairman: Doug Beach

The structure and responsibilities of the finance committee are defined in the United Methodist ‘Book of Discipline’. The committee is to consist of: pastor, lay member, church council chair, staff parish relations representative, trustees representative, financial secretary, treasurer and others as desired. Any group or individual who has a line item in the general budget is represented on the Finance Committee.

The finance committee meets on the second Tuesday and manages the ‘business’ of the church. Among its responsibilities are to: submit an annual budget to the Church Council for approval, work with Treasurer and Financial secretary to track income and expenses against the budget, keep detailed records, make recommendations for proper depositories of church’s funds, report on designated funds that are separate from the budget & make the financial books available for audit.

Preparing the budget: In some ways the finance committee’s goals fall into the realm of ‘an almost impossible dream’. As it prepares to generate an annual budget for the year the following steps are used:

Budget - Current known expenses (i.e. salaries, utilities, insurance, apportionments, etc.) are combined with estimated expenses (i.e. proposed maintenance, increased costs of utilities and salaries, etc.) and budgets from the Program Councils. These amounts become the new budgeted expenses. The budget must be approved by the Church Council.

Estimated Income - An important part of this process is the annual fall stewardship campaign where the importance of pledging and increased giving is stressed. Adding new pledges to the non-pledged income from the current year (i.e. gifts given but not pledged in advance) are combined to estimate the new income amount. An assumption is made that a similar amount will carry forward if a member does not indicate a new amount.

Ideally if projected income were equal to or greater than projected expense, the dream would be realized. At Central, this hasn’t happened in a long time. Over the past few years, Central has improved its financial position by reducing the budget significantly from its high point in 2009. With income being relatively constant, the gap has been narrowed between income and expense. When we do have a shortfall, as a last resort, we use money from the Endowment fund or fund raising events to ‘make ends meet.’ In 2011 a Fund Raising committee was created to assist in raising additional funds.

The key to Central maintaining financial strength is Spiritual Giving. This is stressed in the annual Stewardship campaign each fall, and throughout the year. The prayerful stewardship of each of us is crucial to Central maintaining its strong ministries, service and mission in the Endicott community and beyond.

Safety Net – Outreach Program

First United Methodist Church
53 McKinley Avenue
Monday to Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm

One of our sister churches has started a wonderful outreach program to our community. People from the community staff the program. Their vision is to share God's love through their actions in the community. The following services are offered:

Meals:

Monday-Friday – Light lunch from 11:00 to 1:00
Saturday Lunch – from 12:00 to 1:00
Saturday Light Dinner – Every 3rd Sat at 5:30pm
Sunday Breakfast – from 8:30 to 9:15

General Services:

Diaper Ministry
Bus Passes
Telephone Service – free local calls
Internet Service

Referrals:

Advocacy Services – an advocate can provide referrals for community resources:
Beds for Kids
Childcare Services
Employment Agencies
Mental Health

ENDICOTT UMC RESOURCE CENTER

The Endicott Resource Center has moved to First UMC and is in two classrooms on the lower level. Diane Alexander is the Director and is available to answer any questions about the education material at the center. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4:30 pm. The Center is truly a wonderful library, and it is right at our fingertips!

Field Trip to First UMC on Wednesday, July 13 at 10:30 –Tour will be led by Rev. Sue Davis to see their exciting ministries. Lunch will follow at the Pantheon Restaurant (as an opportunity to talk about what we saw). Rev. Guy and Wilma Burt will be tending the CHOW Pantry that day. Some parking and a lift are available on the McKinley (front) of the church which has fewer steps. Ample parking in the back parking lot, as well. Call MaryBelle Mitten if you need a ride..754-2204

**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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