

9:30am – Onsite and Online

Please (legibly) complete the friendship pad forms with all requested information, and leave the sheet on top of the pad in the pew. Please mask to your comfort level.

Altar Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 55th wedding anniversary of Tom and Phyllis Cousins

Preparing for Worship with Music

*You Are My All In All arr. Mark Hayes
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus arr. Marilyn Hamm
I Love You, Lord arr. Mark Hayes*

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Loving and patient God, as seekers, we gather in humility, grappling with the question: “Who is Jesus?” Like the disciples, our understanding unfolds slowly. We confess our moments of doubt and faltering. Strengthen our faith as we navigate this journey of discovery. Embrace our uncertainties and unite us in our pursuit of truth. May our questions lead us to a deeper encounter with your Son. Just as Thomas' doubts were met with compassion, guide us to grasp the transformative grace you offer in Christ. It is in his name we pray, Amen.

Singing #399 *Take My Life, and Let it Be*

Exchanging the Peace of Christ (ASL)

Special Music: *You Say* by Lauren Daigle

Scripture Matthew 15.10-28
Reflection on Scripture

Introduction to Prayer

Special Music: *Birds* by Anna Goldman

Congregational Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Offering our Gifts to God’s Purposes

Announcements

Singing #2242 *Walk With Me*

Blessing

Departing with Music

On Eagle’s Wings arr. Marilyn Hamm

*Worship Leaders: Pastor Michelle and Knud Hansen
Music: Sean Stafford and Maggie Wolford
Scripture Reader: Marie King
Many thanks to the Ushers and Tech Team for today*

Connect and Serve this Week

Opportunities to Grow in Faith and Serve God

Sunday August 27

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)
9:30 WORSHIP (Onsite and Online)

Monday August 28

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)
7:00 Ahwaga Canoe

Tuesday August 29

12:00 Clothing Center (by appointment only)

Wednesday August 30

10:00 ZOOM Soul Care
12:00 Clothing Center (by appointment only)
7:00 AA

Thursday August 31

4:30 Shepherd’s Supper

Friday September 1

7:30 AA

Saturday, September 2

Sunday September 3 (Last 9:30 worship)

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)
9:30 WORSHIP

Monday September 4 **LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

**FOR ZOOM INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
(607-754-6060)**

Looking Ahead –

Central UMC in Action / Upcoming Weeks

If you don’t receive the weekly email, the office has ZOOM info.

AUGUST Mission Project- We are collecting personal hygiene items for the UE schools and our Clothing Center for the months of July and August. Body soap, shampoos, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, and other supplies

would be greatly appreciated. Place donations on the table in our Mission Center (Nanticoke entrance).

Monday Book Discussion - Resumes September 11th with **Salvation Not Purchased** by Stephen Finlan. This is a dive into beliefs about salvation. *From the author: Unexamined beliefs can do damage to people's faith, leaving people confused about what God is like, and making it hard to trust God. As a result of distorted beliefs, sometimes even conflicting beliefs, many believers become discouraged, and some even lose their faith, or at least lose confidence about their faith. Furthermore, our faith-relationship with God has a deep effect on our relationships with people.*

Join UMCOR in support for Maui. UMCOR awarded an emergency grant to the California-Pacific Annual Conference, which includes the Hawaiian UMC, to provide shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings. Checks can be made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo line.

It's Back - United Women in Faith Sky Lake Retreat September 20th 9am-3:30pm. Continental breakfast & lunch. \$25 per person (scholarships available). Registration forms can be found in the welcome center.

October 13-15th Reconciling Ministries Convocation, Charlotte, NC. If you would be interested in traveling to this event celebrating Reconciling Ministries, please contact Pastor Michelle.

Save the Date - October 14th - UWF Fall Luncheon
Menu and Pre-order form will be in the next newsletter

In Our Prayers This Week

In Hospitals or Recovering at home:

LaVon Hausamann, Karen Frega, Deb Fisher, Tim Swindell, Carolyn Stanford, Janet Tripp, Karen Frega, Tony Luparello

Prayer Program: *Specific Central families in our prayers: If you know someone on this list who is absent today, why not get in touch this week and let them know we miss them!*

Mick Birek, Patricia Conklin, Toni DiNunzio, Alan Goess, Sarah Hungerford, Shelley Lobevero, Mary O'Brien, Karen Savage, Herb & Marion Wegener, Alice Trost

Family and Friends with prayer needs this week:

Cyndi Tedeschi, Pam Russell, Richard Frederick, Tom Jones, Frank Stevan Childs, Doris Andrews, Janet Bouton, David Weyant

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

If you wish to donate to the Maui fire relief, please go to the UMCOR website and click on Hawaii Wildfire Response. If you wish to give a check, please write UMCOR in the memo line.

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Previous Services are available on YouTube or Central's website

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**Celebrating 185 years of Serving God,
Serving others, and Loving All**

JESUS IS _____

Welcome to Worship!

August 27, 2023

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 throughout 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.