

8.30am – Early Church

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 loving memory of Shirley Daniels by Shirlenn and Bill O'Brien

Preparing for Worship with Music

Welcome

Opening Prayer

God of mercy, your love has never been far from us. Even when we turn our backs on people in need, when we seek our own comfort and neglect opportunities to help others, when we, by our thoughts and actions, betray you, you always are with us. Forgive us for all those acts of cowardice and self-centeredness that have drawn us away from you. Heal our spirits and rebuild our lives. You have placed us in a global community in which illness, oppression, greed, fear and anger abound. You ask us to proclaim your words of hope and love, of healing mercy for all your people. Place us again on the path of peace for all your children. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.
(By Nancy Townley)

#334 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Scripture Philippians 2: 1-13 (*The Message*)
Reflection on Scripture

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts to God's Purposes

Announcements

#399 Take My Life, and Let it Be

Departing with Music

11.00am – Onsite and Online

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Reflections by Bob Hughes
Thou Art the Way by David Paxton
Morning has Broken arr. by Larry Shackley
Celebrate Love by Handt Hanson

Welcome

Opening Prayer (see 8.30)

#2258 Sing Alleluia to the Lord (vs. 1-4,6)

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Special Music *Blessed Be Your Name* by Matt/Beth Redman

Scripture Philippians 2: 1-13 (*The Message*)
Reflection on Scripture

Introduction to Prayer

Special Music *He Will Hold Me Fast*
by Ada Habereshon and Matthew Merker

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
Remember by Daigle/Ingram/Mabury/ Tomlin/Cash

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#2032 My Life is in You, Lord

Blessing and Departing with Music
Faith Everlasting by Edward Broughton

Worship Leaders: Jeff Heald and Pastor Paul
Music: Sean Stafford, Jeff Heald, Living Water, and
Maggie Wolford
Scripture Reader: Tyler Wolford
Many thanks to the Ushers and Tech Team for today

Connect and Serve this Week

Monday October 9 The Church Office is closed

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)
5:45 Girl Scouts Troop 30224 (Youth Center)
7:30 Book Discussion (ZOOM)

Tuesday October 10

10:00 WIC (Community Room)
12:00 Clothing Center (by appointment only)
5:00 Girl Scout Troop 30019 (Lounge)
5:45 Girl Scout Troop 60195 (Library)

Wednesday October 11

10:00 Soul Care (ZOOM)
12:00 Clothing Center (by appointment only)
6:00 Lions Club (Library)
7:30 AA

Thursday October 12

4:30 Shepherd's Supper
6:30 Cappella Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
7:00 Trustees (Zoom)
7:00 Wesley Class (Zoom)
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday October 13

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

Saturday October 14 UWF Fall Luncheon

Sunday October 15

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

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

Looking Ahead –

Central UMC in Action / Upcoming Weeks

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

Monday Book Discussion - 7.30pm each week

Salvation Not Purchased by Stephen Finlan. Chapter 6

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88466303555>

Meeting ID: 884 6630 3555

Passcode: 051760

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.* Join in and see what this book is all about!

COME AND SING / COME AND RING! Join in and make some music! **Bell Rehearsal** is every Thursday at 6:30pm, and **Choir Rehearsal** is at 7:30. No experience necessary. Contact the office for more information!

“Socktober” Mini-mission Project: We are collecting new socks (all sizes) for the UE schools and our clothing center. Please place donations on the table in the Nanticoke entrance.

Pastor Paul Reed will be singing and serving for tips at **Dining for Dollars** on 10/19/2023 at The Riverdale Banquet Hall to benefit Faith In Action Volunteer programs. Contact the office for more information.

Chrystallum Quartet (flute, oboe, bassoon and piano) will give a recital featuring an exciting mix of Baroque, contemporary music and jazz on 10/21/2023 at 3:00 p.m. in Central's sanctuary. A free-will offering will be accepted and refreshments will follow the recital.

Save the Date - **Church directory update** - October 22
We will be taking new directory photos and updating member information. Stay tuned via the church bulletin and weekly emails for more information.

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 or by check to Central with UMCOR in the memo

In Our Prayers This Week

In Hospitals or Recovering at home:

David Weyant, Rich Garris

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!

David & Kelly Blazavich, Robyn Cope, Ian & Lynn Duguid, Vinnie Griggs, Deborah Jeffery, Marsh MacMillan, Bob & Jean Oney, Jill Schramm, Alexa Wales

Family and Friends with prayer needs this week:

Cyndi Tedeschi, Pam Russell, Richard Frederick, Frank Stevan Childs, Janet Bouton, Janet Tripp, Tony Luparello, John Carmine, Julie Taylor, Karen Frega, Linda Watkins, Doris Andrews, Tyler Wolford, Shari Garris

Our Condolences and Prayers:

The family of Nancy Jones, on the death of her brother Tommy.

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

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



Welcome to Worship!

October 8, 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.