

## 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 Sally Lewis by her husband Paul Lewis and daughter Shelley Lobevero

### Preparing for Worship with Music

#### Welcome

#### Opening Prayer

Did Caesar create the stars and hurl them to the reaches of the universe? Can Caesar issue rules that keep the planets in place? Does Caesar make blood course through our veins? Did Caesar create owls or roses or worms or grasshoppers? Then keep your silver and your gold; they are useless to us. It is our Creator God that did it all- and more! We owe every single thing to our God. Claim it all. Claim us all. Take us as your own. Let us be the coins of value in this community and this world. Amen.

#### #3109 Living Spirit, Holy Spirit

#### Exchanging the Peace of Christ

**Scripture Matthew 22:15-22***(The Message)*

#### Reflection on Scripture

#### Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

#### Offering our Gifts to God's Purposes

#### Announcements

#### #2241 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

#### Departing with Music

## 11.00am – Onsite and Online

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### Preparing for Worship with Music

*Prayer for Peace by Colin Curtis*

*Be the Center by Michael Frye*

*Prelude on Thaxted arr. John Behnke*

#### Welcome

#### Opening Prayer *(see 8.30)*

#### #3109 Living Spirit, Holy Spirit

#### Exchanging the Peace of Christ

#### Special Music *Portuguese Hymn*

**Scripture Matthew 22:15-22***(The Message)*

#### Reflection on Scripture

#### Introduction to Prayer

**Special Music** *How Deep the Fathers Love for Us*

*arr. Marianne Kim*

#### Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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#### #2241 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

#### Blessing and Departing with Music

*The Solid Rock* arr. Laura Bernquist

*Worship Leaders: Pastor Paul, Student Pastor Maggie*

*Music: Sean Stafford, Roger Richards and Chancel Choir*

*Scripture Reader: Lisa Richards*

*Many thanks to the Ushers and Tech Team for today*

## Connect and Serve this Week

### Monday October 23

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)  
5:45 Girl Scouts Troop 30224 (Youth Lounge)  
7:00 Ahwaga Canoe (Dining Room)  
7:30 Book Discussion (ZOOM)

### Tuesday October 24

12:00 Clothing Center (by appointment only)  
5:00 Girl Scout Troop 30019 (Lounge)  
5:30 Ministry Night (Lounge)

### Wednesday October 25

10:00 Soul Care (ZOOM)  
12:00 Clothing Center (by appointment only)  
5:00 Halloween Party (Downstairs)  
6:00 Lion's Club (Library)  
7:30 AA

### Thursday October 26

4:30 Shepherd's Supper  
6:30 Cappella Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)  
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Friday October 27

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

### Saturday October 28

8:00 Blood Drive (Dining Room)

### Sunday October 29

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.

**“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.

**Bike Ministry Room** is accepting good used bikes. Contact Pastor Paul if you'd like to help with this ministry.

**Monday Book Discussion - 7.30pm each week**

***Cranky, Beautiful Faith*** by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Chapter 1

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

Meeting ID: 884 6630 3555 Passcode: 051760

Bolz-Weber blends sardonic irreverence and brilliant theology to offer a portrait of faith that is edgy, outrageous and, above all, real. This is the same book as “Pastrix” and be forewarned: it contains adult language.

Central's first **Ministry Night** takes place this Tuesday, 10/24/2023 at 5.30pm. Please see the Council and Ministry Areas Restructure is Here! article in the October newsletter for more details.

**Volunteers and candy donations** are needed for the 10/25/2023 **Halloween Party** at Central. Please contact Donna Miller-Kross (607) 427-3684 or the church office if you can help with this event.

**Charge Conference** has moved to Sunday, January 14, 2024 following 11am worship. This event is open to all members of Central, and is an important component of our connectional life in the Upper New York Conference. Please plan to attend!

**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!

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:

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!

Jennifer & Shawn Bond, Bev Cosimano, Nelson Eshleman, Jeanne Guley, Lori & Randy Jerauld, Steve & Teri Mahonski, Karen Ostankek, Jim & Gail Scott, Bob & Sandy Watts

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

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

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

## Central United Methodist Church

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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 22, 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.