

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

Preparing for Worship with Music

Welcome

Lighting the Christmas Candles

Bev Victoria & Marsha Doupe

Unison Prayer

Holy Living Light of God, you are our Reassuring Presence. Let this assurance grow in our lives each day, so we can be a Present of Assurance to others. Unwrap and open our hearts. May it be so. Amen.

Sung Response from UMH # 221 In the Bleak Midwinter:

**What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise [One], I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him: I will give my heart.**

Carol Sing

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Scripture *Luke 2.22-40*

Reflection on Scripture

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts to God's Purposes

Carol Sing

Announcements

Departing with Music

11.00am – Onsite and Online

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Christmas Time is Here by Vince Guaraldi

Oh Tannenbaum arr Vince Guaraldi

Skating by Vince Guaraldi

The Christmas Song arr Vince Guaraldi

Welcome

Lighting the Christmas Candles (see 8.30)

Pastor Michelle & Pastor Paul

Carol Sing

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Scripture *Luke 2.22-40*

Reflection on Scripture

Special music

Coventry Carol arr. Hayes/Gaspard

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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Carol Sing

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Departing with Music

Linus and Lucy by Vince Guaraldi

Worship Leaders: Pastors Michelle and Paul

Music: Sean Stafford and Roger Richards

Scripture Reader: Ron Platt

Many thanks to the Ushers and Tech Team for today

Connect and Serve this Week

Sunday, December 31

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)

Monday, January 1 OFFICE CLOSED

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)

Book Discussion (ZOOM) resumes January 8

Tuesday, January 2

12:00 Clothing Center

Wednesday, January 3

10:00 Soul Care (ZOOM)

12:00 Clothing Center

7:30 AA

Thursday, January 4

4:30 Shepherd's Supper

6:30 Cappella Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)

7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, January 5

5:30 Girl Scouts Troop 60195 (Dining Room)

7:30 AA

Saturday, January 6

8:00 Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, January 7 Epiphany Sunday

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)

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11:00 WORSHIP (Onsite and Online)

noon Christmas Undecorating

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
FOR ZOOM INFORMATION (607) 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 **RESUMES 1/8 A is for Alabaster** by Anna Carter Florence beginning - p 39
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88466303555>
Meeting ID: 884 6630 3555 Passcode: 051760

January's mini-mission project

We will be collecting boxed valentine sets for elementary school-aged children.

Blood Drive Saturday, January 6 - 8am. Volunteers and blood donors are needed. Please contact Knud Hansen (khansen3@yahoo.com or 607-759-3378) if you'd be able to volunteer for the January drive or future drives.

Christmas Undecorating

We will be undecorating the Sanctuary and building on Sunday, **January 7 following the 11am worship service.** Please plan to stay for a little while and lend a hand - many hands make quick work!

Charge Conference everyone is encouraged to attend Central's Annual Charge conference **following the 11am worship on Sunday, January 14th.** This event is open to all members of Central, and is an important component of our connectional life of the Upper New York Conference. Please plan to attend!

Come and Sing! Come and Ring-Join in and make some music! **Bell Rehearsal** every Thursday at 6:30pm, and **Choir Rehearsal** at 7:30pm. No experience necessary!

2024 Offering Envelopes - please pick-up your offering envelopes in the sanctuary by the stage. If you would like envelopes, please contact the church office.

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:

Karen Frega, LaVon Hausamann, Jean Rodzinka

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!

Pray for a New Year filled with peace, hope, joy, and love.

Family and Friends with prayer needs this week:

Cyndi Tedeschi, Pam Russell, Richard Frederick, Frank Stevan Childs, Tony Luparello, John Carmine, Moi Zaylaya, Pearl Webb

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 @CentralChurchEndicottNY

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United Methodist Church

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



Welcome to Worship!

December 31, 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 through 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.