

# THE **Central** SENTRY

United Methodist Church

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## PASTOR MICHELLE'S NOTES

*Pre-1927 photo postcard*

Did you know that the congregation at Central is celebrating our 185th Anniversary this year? Chartered on November 6, 1838, Central has stood on this corner of the Union District of Endicott, loving and serving God and our neighbors. The buildings have changed, the people have changed, but this mission has always been the same. There is much to celebrate!



Central has been and continues to be a healthy, vibrant, and vital congregation. With increasing numbers of people served by Shepherd's Supper and the Clothing Center, and with the reception of twelve new members in June, we know that we are helping to make a difference in people's lives and that the word is

out there that Central is a safe place to call one's "spiritual home." This month, we also applied to become a "Safe Haven" congregation in order to welcome members of disaffiliating churches who feel left behind; my prayer is that we warmly welcome all who encounter Central, whether onsite or online.

Your pastors are dreaming big dreams about existing and new ministries, the Capital Campaign Committee is shepherding the fundraising for much-needed repairs, and a small team is developing celebration opportunities for this Fall, culminating in a preaching visit by Bishop Hector Burgos on November 19. It's promising to be a busy and exciting summer!

This summer, Sunday worship continues at 9.30am in person, with the livestream available anytime. Let your family and friends know what Central means to you by sharing with them: Become active in following, liking, sharing, and positively commenting on our YouTube channel, Facebook, TikTok, and Instagram. Make it part of your day to be a part of the celebration!

Still in One Peace,  
*Pastor Michelle*

# PASTOR PAUL'S NOTES

“Be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)

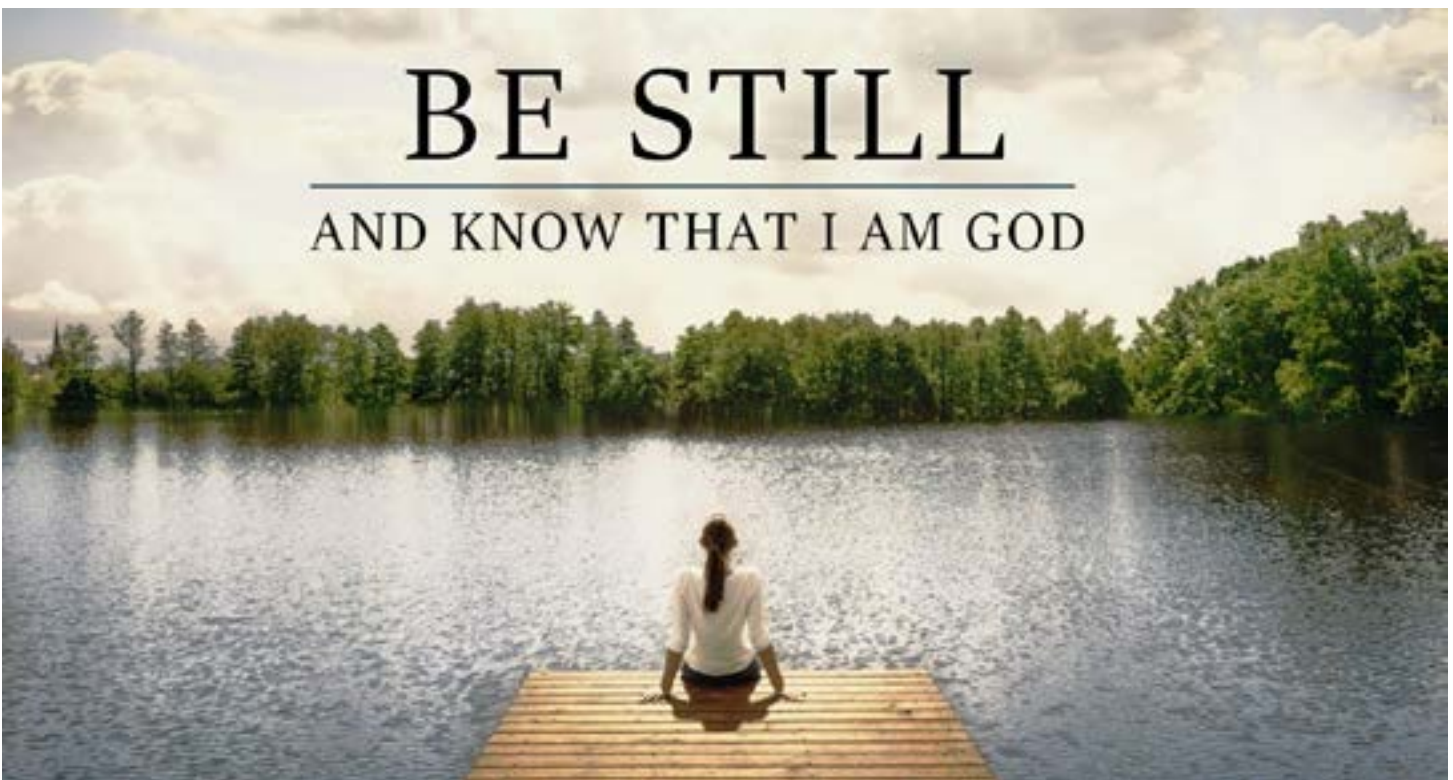
Summer for many people is a time to rest and reset; a time to slow down and notice the world around us. Summer tends to take a different pace than the rest of the year. The church, though, remains active! Poverty does not take a vacation; systemic racism does not slow down; oppression does not take a break; injustices do not rest and reset; food insecurity occurs every day.

Jesus tells the disciples in Matthew 10:6-8 (The Message): “Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously.”

The last line really made me think...”you have been treated generously, so live generously.” We all know the goodness of God, we all know what we are because of God’s activity in our life; we all understand the grace God has provided each one of us; we know the love God pours out onto all people – so let’s share that! Let’s live generously in our ministry and mission to the community around us! Let’s go into the fields and gather the harvest.

But also, take time to know more about God; take time to reflect on God; take time to examine more fully who God is in your life and what God can do. Experience more completely the presence of God. As the psalmist challenged us, “Be still and know God.”

*Pastor Paul*



# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



United  
Women  
in Faith

## Circle Meetings:

The United Women In Faith circles will not be meeting in July and August. See you in September!

Upper New York United Women in Faith will hold their 2023 Mission University from Thursday, August 17-Saturday, August 19 at the Fayetteville United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, N.Y. For more information contact Shirlenn O'Brien at 607.754.2546.

## SAVE THE DATE UPDATE:

United Women in Faith will have their retreat at Sky Lake on September 20th. The program, "I Am Me, Me I Am" will be led by Kelly Devine. This will be a day of connecting with your Central sisters. Karen Bixby, our church secretary, who is also a professional photographer, will be available to take pictures of anyone who is interested.

The retreat will be from 9:00 to 3:30. There will be a continental breakfast and also lunch. The cost will be \$25 (scholarships available). This will be our first retreat in 3 years!



**United Women in Faith Retreat  
at Sky Lake on September 20th**

# CENTRAL MEN'S GROUP



Men's Fellowship will not meet until September.



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SATURDAY, August 26<sup>th</sup> 8am - 1pm

Volunteers are needed to help support the Red Cross during this Blood Drive. Central provides the donors with a bit more than the basic snacks. We've been providing bagels, pastries, coffee, etc. But to do this we need volunteers to help with Sign-in and Snacks. Two volunteers are needed for each role:

Sign-in: 8:00-10:30 and 10:15-1:00

Snacks: 7:45-10:30 and 10:15-1:00.

Please let the office or Knud Hansen (khansen3@yahoo.com, 607.754.0882) know if you're able to help with these.

## CRITICAL NEED for Blood Donors

Help Save Lives!  
Give a Summer Gift with a  
Blood Donation at Central  
Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

# TECH MINISTRY

TV Ministry continues to welcome new members to the Youth/Young Adult Intern Program. These young people serve us well. We appreciate the Trustees and Shalom Fund for underwriting this portion of the ministry.

We continue to tweak routines in the booth each week so we can provide increased reliability and variety and make the weekly broadcasts more appealing. In this regard, a new switcher to enhance video in the sanctuary will be arriving and installed soon.

In addition to the volunteers in-person worshipers see in the booth from week to week, we rely heavily on unseen persons who provide their expertise in post-editing and servicing of the equipment. We depend on and are grateful for their contributions.

TV Ministry always welcomes new volunteers for both in-sanctuary and at-home contributions so we can wide and deepen the pool of capable volunteers. Financial donations are welcome anytime. Stop by the booth or contact the office if you would like to know more.

*Mark Marino*



# FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Summer has arrived and we are thankful for the warm weather and sunshine! June has been a very busy month preparing for Pride Palooza at Otsiningo Park on June 10th. The event was a total success with a beautiful day and a constant flow of people at our booth. We very much appreciated the team of volunteers we had to set up, tear down, and man the booth. Many encouraging conversations were had to bridge the gap between faith and sexuality. Our message of open doors and open hearts were met with appreciation and gratitude by event goers. Many even gave us their contact information to connect with for future events. Some just wanted free hugs, and many took advantage of our arts and craft area writing inspiring messages for others to see. We were thrilled to be a voice to the voiceless in our community sharing God's message of unconditional love and acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community.

We are now turning our attention to preparing for our free block party on August 26th for the community. The event will be from 12pm-3pm and all hands-on deck are needed. We will have multiple activities set up for this event. Bounce houses, cotton candy, food, crafts, games, and much more will bring people to our church. This is a great way to serve our community as well as welcoming and inviting people to the church. If you are able to volunteer, please text me @ (607) 427-3684, email [Donnamiller2584@gmail.com](mailto:Donnamiller2584@gmail.com) or call the church office @ (607)754-6060 or there is also a sign-up sheet at the church. If you are unable to help out physically but may still want to contribute monetarily checks or cash can be given to Karen in the office or maybe you would like to buy purchasing supplies. If so, I will have a list of things needed closer to the event.

Lastly, our children's program has been up and running with a consistent flow of children attending during services. In order to continue this program, we are in need of volunteers who are willing to help out for a Sunday service. This could be as little as once a month. If you are able and willing to serve in this ministry, please text me @ (607) 427-3684, email [Donnamiller2584@gmail.com](mailto:Donnamiller2584@gmail.com) or call the church office @ (607)754-6060. Thank you all for your Kind hearts.

*Donna Miller-Kross*

# WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Central has lost contact with the people listed below. Do you know them? Do you have contact information for them (ie. address, phone or email)? Would you let the church office know if you have any contact information for them.

Name	Last Known Address
Lynn Atkinson	PO Box 1314, Clifton Park NY
Charlotte Bayles	126 W Wendell St, Endicott NY
David Beech	6029 Persinger House Ct, Manassas VA
Jon Bixby	39 Grand Avenue, Johnson City NY
Judith Carron	418 Adams Avenue, Endicott NY
Beth Cornell	2 Crandall St Apt 7, Binghamton NY
Tom & Diane DePue	Rural Route 01 Box 164K, Brackney PA
Tom Ebert	1768 Jackson Road, Penfield NY
Helen Faling	106 Bernetta St, Endicott NY
Tina Fiori	113 Spirit Mountain Ln, Easley SC
Ryan Fuerstenberg	PO Box 1314, Clifton Park NY
Phil & Staci Gardner	2104 Finsbury Cir, Virginia Beach VA
John & Kami Giglio	DE
Victor & Jennie Giles	1208 Laurelton Dr, Endicott NY
Martin & Diane Hammersley	York PA
Todd Harvey	1027 E Desert Cove Ave, Phoenix AZ
Shirley Hendrick	3651 Day Hollow Road, Owego NY
Dawn Hermanson	2009 E Rice Dr, Tempe AZ
Clifford Hutton	2877 Blue Ridge Path, Stevensville MI
Lori Kellogg	2819 Crescent Dr, Endwell NY
Judith Margeson	1382 Union Center Hwy, Endicott NY
Tom McKee	3305 Pearl St Apt 2, Endicott NY
Shawn Menard	106 Henry St #221, Binghamton NY
Karen Monroe	420 E Main Street, Endicott NY
Thomas Northrup	5782 West Henrietta Road, W Hnrietta NY
Rich Sprague	208 S Liberty Ave, Endicott NY
Carl Thrasher	48 Harry L Dr, Johnson City NY
Vada Tiffany	6182 Day Hollow Road, Endicott NY
Vernon & Marcia Turner	808 Odell Ave, Endicott NY
Kate Wallinga	12 Maplewood Ave. Rochester NH

# CLOTHING CENTER NEWS

The 2023 Union Endicott Prom had a little extra help from Central UMC's clothing center this year. Donations of dresses and makeup were taken to U-E High School by Mary and Amy. We are always grateful for your donations that make hosing the clothing center possible for our community.

## Personal Hygiene Items Are Needed for the Clothing Center



# CENTRAL CHURCH EVENTS:

**WESLEY CLASS - Breakfast**  
Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 10am Blue Dolphin  
Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 10am PTBD

**WESLEY CLASS ZOOM - 7pm**  
JULY 13<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup>

**MINI GOLF**  
Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy a fun evening with friends at Chucksters at 1915 Vestal Parkway on Tuesday, July 11. We will play a round of miniature golf followed by ice cream at the Inside Scoop. A round of golf is \$13/person. Come join the fun with your church family! We will meet at Chucksters at 6:30pm.



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Come enjoy an Ice Cream Sundae in the church parking lot. It is a chance to Fellowship together with fun and laughter outside. If it rains, the Ice Cream social will be held in the dining room.



**BLOCK PARTY**  
Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 12-3pm

See flyer for more information

**GARDEN TOUR**  
Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm

The United Women of Faith is hosting a Garden Tour on Saturday, July 15 from 10am to 3pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased at the church office. The ticket will include directions to the gardens. The tour is a lovely way to enjoy the outdoors and get some ideas for your own garden. This year's tour is partnering with 2 community groups – Lyceum, a Life-Learning Institute and PAST (Preservation Association of the Southern Tier). You will be able to tour 9 gardens in the Binghamton and Chenango Bridge area. Thank you for supporting the UWF mission.



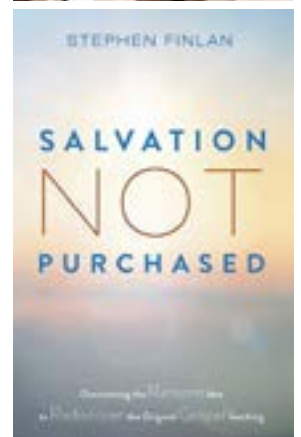
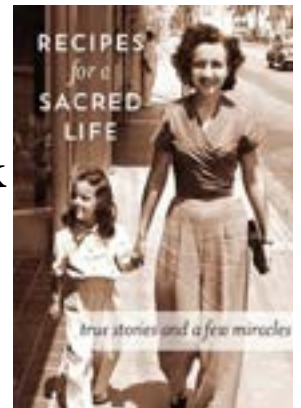
**MONDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY**  
7:30pm each week

*Recipes for a Sacred Life:*  
True Stories and a Few Miracles  
Rivvy Neshama

No book study July 3  
July 10 Part 2  
July 17 Part 3 and 4  
July 24 Part 5  
July 31 Part 6  
August 7 Part 7  
August 14 Part 8  
August 21 Part 9  
August 28 Part 10

Next book:  
*Salvation Not Purchased*  
Stephen Finlan

No book study Sept 4  
Sept 11 Chap 1



# MISSIONS TEAM

Thank you all for the support of our mini-mission projects that we have had the last few months. We have some more planned. This summer we will be collecting personal hygiene items for the clothing center. In September we will be collecting new underwear for students in our local UE elementary schools (specifically CFJ and GFJ). In October we will be collecting new socks to be donated to shelters in our area. Socks are the most requested piece of clothing in shelters and one of the least donated items.

We will have an opportunity to visit Mission Central (Mechanicsburg, PA) on August 8. We will leave the church parking lot about 7:30 AM, do some volunteer work and have a tour of the facility, and have lunch. We will leave probably around 3 PM or so and be back around 6 PM. This is open to anyone and is a great opportunity to see what the United Methodist Church does in our connectional system!

*Pastor Paul*



# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

I thank you all for the great participation and interest in our Adult Sunday School class these last few months! I love teaching and I love the interaction we had. We learned some, we laughed much, we struggled some, and we even cried some. I am so looking forward to gathering together again in September.

The first week will be a gathering and discussion of future plans. We will then launch into a discussion (maybe 5 weeks?) on Progressive Christianity, using the videos that Maggie, Michelle, and I have created. Following that, we will move into a study called "Questions Jesus Asked" (about 6 weeks). Then it is onto an Advent study!!



# SHEPHERD'S SUPPER

Shepherd's Supper continues to be a very important outreach program by Central to the community. 2023 continues to be a record year. Through the middle of June we have served 3,900 meals; last year we served 3,350 through the same date. This is possible due to the many faithful volunteers each week to make this all happen as well as the financial contributors. Volunteers are always needed, especially during the summer. If you'd be able to volunteer one week during the summer please contact the Church office.

*Knud Hansen*

# DID YOU KNOW?

Early gatherings of our church were in homes, a schoolhouse and other local buildings. The first church building was built around 1848 and stood on the corner of Union Street and Liberty Ave. The cost was \$1,100. Between 1871-1872 a new church building was built on the corner of Naticoke and Union Street at a cost of \$12,090. It faced Union Street not Naticoke Ave. It had a tall spire but because of lightning strikes, had to be lowered. A bell tower was then added in 1885. The original bell continues to call us to worship. When our present sanctuary was built in 1927, the old church was turned and attached to the rear of the church.



*Carole James*

# PRAYERS AND THANKS

Jenn Rodzinka has a very exciting opportunity to travel on a mission trip to Taiwan next month. She will be traveling with a global organization called EMI Global whose mission is to bridge the gap between faith and the LGBTQ+ community. For more information or how you can donate, please contact Jenn at 607.716.984.7872 or [Jennrodzinka@](mailto:Jennrodzinka@)

*Jenn Rodzinka*

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A great big thank you to my Central Church family for all your cards, phone calls, meals, and especially prayers as I went through knee replacement surgery and recovery. Your love and care touched me deeply. Thank you Central Church!

*Nancy Jones*

**MISSION TO TAIWAN**

**Needs/Requests**

- Prayer
  - Protection
  - Open Doors
  - Open Hearts
- Donations
  - Cash
  - Checks
  - Venmo
  - Zelle

**Contact**

Jenn Rodzinka  
716-984-7872  
[Jennrodzinka@gmail.com](mailto:Jennrodzinka@gmail.com)

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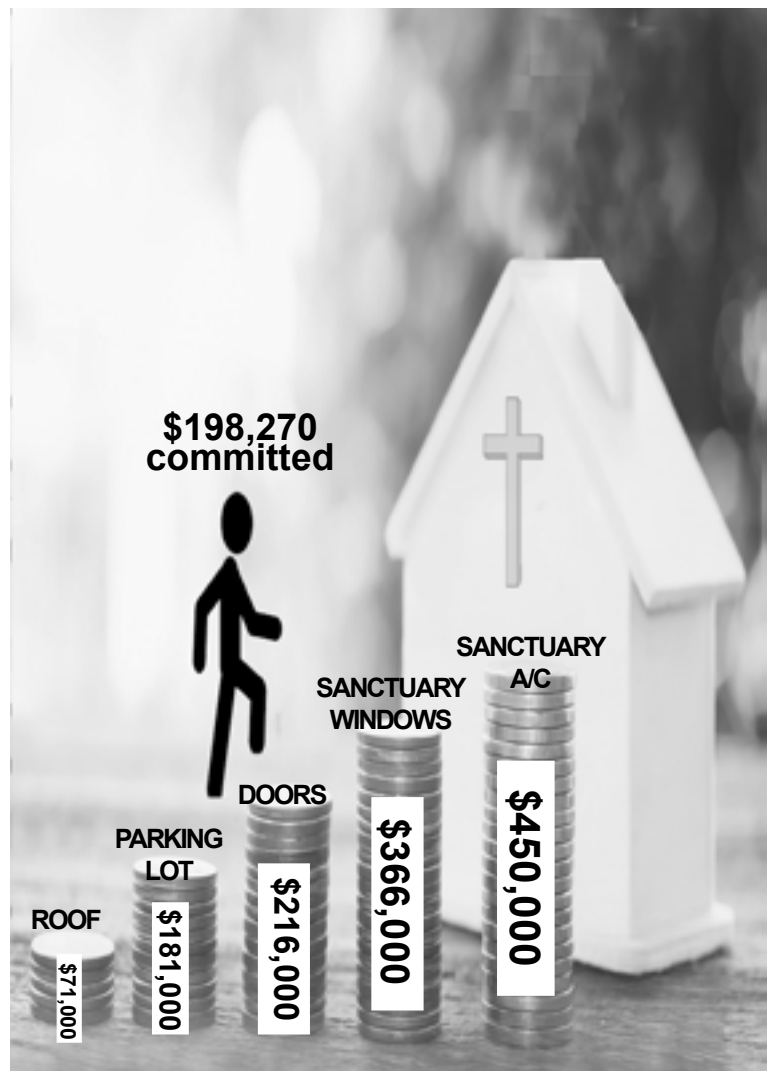
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# INVEST IN CENTRAL UPDATE

By now you've all heard of Central's plan to raise capital funds to do some much needed repairs and upkeep to the church property and building. Financial commitments to this campaign have taken a few steps - first by the campaign committee, then by the Church Leadership, then through a few in person presentations where the details of what's being done and why. The last step has been a mailing to all members asking for a 5 year commitment to financially support these much needed improvements.

The good news is that through this effort and the generosity of many of you - \$198,270 has been committed over 5 years, this from only 38 givers. and we have also received donations of nearly \$85,000. With the recent mailing, we are expecting more commitments bringing us closer to our goal of \$450,000. We will continue reporting our progress to reaching this goal Central has been serving God, serving our neighbors and loving all for 185 years, with this continued support we will be serving well into the future.



# FINANCE UPDATE

We have good news and hopefully that will continue! The good news is that Central's finances are in very good shape going into the summer season. In year's past we've had to use Endowment funds to pay our expenses as we enter summer. But this year through good stewardship and generous giving of the Central Congregation, we enter the summer with a positive balance.

Hopefully we all continue to support Central through the summer. Typically giving drops off during July and August as we have vacations and travel. We are hopeful that the strong financial commitment continues through the summer.

Thanks to everyone for this strong commitment of financial giving in support of Central's ministries, programs and missions. It is through all of our continued support that Central continues as the hands and feet of Christ in our 185th year and beyond.

*The Finance Committee*

# FREE

# BLOCK PARTY

**AUG. 26 | 12-3PM**  
CENTRAL UMC  
17 NANTICOKE AVE, ENDICOTT

Join us for a  
**FUN FREE Event**

- Face Painting
- Food
- Bounce Houses
- Arts & Crafts
- Games
- And More...

VIDEO GAMES  
BOARD GAMES  
SPORTS TOYS  
TOY CAR  
STRATEGY  
PUZZLE  
**GAMES**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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