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.

> **Preparing for Worship with Music** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty arr. Tracey Craig McKibbon

Welcome

Opening Prayer Holy One, as we gather to worship, we know that we

are a mix of imperfect persons. Some of us feel strong in faith, some have wasted their faith on things that do not last, and others don't even remember what faith feels like. We ask you to grow and nurture our faith to bear abundant fruits of love and compassion. May our faith hold us to your purpose. May our faith become a shelter for those in need and a beacon of light for the world. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Singing #529 (red hymnal) How Firm a Foundation

Exchanging the Peace of Christ (ASL)

Special Music Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone arr. Chris Tomlin

> Scripture Mark 4:30-34 **Reflection on Scripture**

Introduction to Prayer Special Music Hymn of Heaven by Phil Wickham Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts to God's Purposes

Announcements

Singing #2196 (red hymnal) We Walk by Faith

Blessing

Departing with Music

Holy Bible, Book Divine arr. Larry Shackley

Worship Leaders: Pastor Michelle, Pastor Paul and Pastor Maggie Music: Sean Stafford and Hope Raile Scripture Reader: Jeff Heald Many thanks to the Ushers and Tech Team for today

Connect and Serve this Week

Opportunities to Grow in Faith and Serve God

Sunday July 30

Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)

WORSHIP (Onsite and Online)

Monday July 31

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)

Tuesday August 1

12:00 Clothing Center (by appointment

only)

Wednesday August 2

10:00 ZOOM Soul Care

12:00 Clothing Center (by appointment only)

6:00 Endicott Toast Masters

7:00 AA

Thursday August 3

Shepherd's Supper

Friday August 4 7:30 AA

Saturday, August 5

Sunday August 6

Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)

WORSHIP 9:30

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 - 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.

Worship Needs You! Liturgists, Chat Hosts and Ushers are needed. Contact the church office to sign up at 607.754.6060.

Field Trip to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg PA on August 8. Open to all. We will leave Central about 8AM and return about 7PM. Deadline to sign up is August 1.

"Central Kids" is in need of people to help teach a brief Sunday school lesson, maybe do a simple craft, and care for the children during worship. Supplies and lessons can be provided. See Donna Miller-Kross or Pastor Paul if you'd like to help.

JULY and AUGUST Mission Project- We are collecting personal hygiene items for the UE schools and our Clothing Closet 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).

Ice Cream Social - August 9th - 6:30pm

Meet us in the church parking lot for some delicious ice cream sundaes. If it rains, we will meet in the dining room.

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

In Our Prayers This Week

In Hospitals or Recovering at home:

LaVon Hausamann, Karen Frega, Deb Fisher, Tim Swindell, Carolyn Stanford

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!

Debbie & Stephen Benardes, Terry & Bonny Cole, Kelly Devine, Diana Gildea, Keith & Susan Hughes, Paul Lewis, Carl Northrup, Mike Rusnak, Diana Tillotson

Family and Friends with prayer needs this week:

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

Glory to God for Bob and Bernie Wilcox celebrating 71 years of marriage.

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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Welcome to Worship! July 30, 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.