

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.

Altar Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charlie Witt by Pauline and Family

Preparing for Worship with Music

*Joy Has Dawned (K. Getty) arr. Douglas Wagner
Behold the Lamb (S. Townsend) arr. Larry Shackley
Speak, O Lord (K. Getty) arr. Mary McDonald*

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Loving and inclusive God, as we gather in worship, we strive to be like Jesus, who shattered boundaries and embraced all with his compassionate love. We admit our moments of judgment and exclusion, acknowledging the times we have fallen short in recognizing the inherent worth of each person. May our faith be steadfast, our hearts compassionate, and our commitment to unity unwavering. Grant us the wisdom to dismantle division and uphold justice, reflecting your limitless grace. We ask it in the name of Jesus, who teaches us love without limits. Amen.

Singing #512 v 1-4 Stand by Me

Exchanging the Peace of Christ (ASL)

Special Music: *Menuetto by Leopold Hoffman*

Scripture Matthew 15.10-28
Reflection on Scripture

Introduction to Prayer

Special Music: *Moderato, Andantino, Gaiement*
By Claude Arrieu

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts to God's Purposes

Announcements

Singing #3149 A Place at the Table

Blessing

Departing with Music

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound" arr. Mary McDonald

*Worship Leaders: Pastor Michelle and Pastor Maggie
Music: Sean Stafford, Martha Weber & Marsha Doupe
Scripture Reader: Carole James
Many thanks to the Ushers and Tech Team for today*

Connect and Serve this Week

Opportunities to Grow in Faith and Serve God

Sunday August 20

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)
9:30 WORSHIP (Onsite and Online)

Monday August 21

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)

Tuesday August 22

12:00 Clothing Center (by appointment only)

Wednesday August 23

10:00 ZOOM Soul Care
12:00 Clothing Center (by appointment only)
5:45 Lion's Club - Library
7:00 AA

Thursday August 24

4:30 Shepherd's Supper

Friday August 25

7:30 AA

Saturday August 26

8:00 Blood Drive
2:00 Block Party (2-4pm)

Sunday August 27

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)
9:30 WORSHIP

**FOR ZOOM INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
(607-754-6060)**

Looking Ahead –

Central UMC in Action / Upcoming Weeks

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

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

Block Party - a free fun event - August 26th 2pm-4pm

Blood Drive - August 26th - 8am

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.*

“**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.

It's Back - United Women in Faith Sky Lake Retreat September 20th 9am-3:30pm. Continental breakfast & lunch. \$25 per person (scholarships available). Registration forms can be found in the welcome center.

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

Save the Date - October 14th - UWF Fall Luncheon
Menu and Pre-order form will be in the next newsletter

In Our Prayers This Week

In Hospitals or Recovering at home:

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

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!

Julie Bill, Grace Conklin, Sarah DiNunzio, Richard Glover, Maggie & Dan Hungerford, Norma Livingston,

Tim Northrup, Mary Ann & Dale Sacharov, Janet Tripp

Family and Friends with prayer needs this week:

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

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

*If you wish to donate to the Maui fire relief, please go to the UMCOR website and click on Hawaii Wildfire Response.
If you wish to give a check, please write UMCOR in the memo line.*

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<i>Previous Services are available on YouTube or Central's website</i>		

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 United Methodist Church

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



Welcome to Worship!

August 20, 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.