

## 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  
Ray Cosimano by Bev and family*

### **Preparing for Worship with Music**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Cloud of Grace, we come to You this morning fresh, coming off a week of challenges and struggles. We worry about the world, we disagree with neighbors, we fret over decisions made by us or others. Create in us a heart of forgiveness; mold us into people of grace. Stand near us and give us strength to offer love and peace to all people. Hug us with Your arms of mercy and help us go into the world as Your beloved children. Amen.

### **#390 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**

#### **Exchanging the Peace of Christ**

*Scripture Matthew 18:21-35*  
**Reflection on Scripture**

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

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

#### **Announcements**

### **#560 Help Us Accept Each Other**

#### **Departing with Music**

## 11.00am – Onsite and Online

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### **Preparing for Worship with Music**

*Prayer at First Light, Steven Scott*  
*Adagio, JS Bach*  
*Close to Thee, Franklin Ritter*

#### **Welcome**

#### **Opening Prayer** (see 8.30 or the screen)

### **#390 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**

#### **Exchanging the Peace of Christ**

#### **Special Music** *Come Now, Spirit of God, English/Martin*

*Scripture Matthew 18:21-35 (The Message)*  
**Reflection on Scripture**

#### **Introduction to Prayer**

#### **Special Music** *No Fear in Love, Steffany Gretzinger* **Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

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

#### **Announcements**

### **#560 Help Us Accept Each Other**

#### **Blessing and Departing with Music**

*Marching to Zion, arr Edward Broughton*

*Worship Leaders: Pastor Paul and Knud Hansen*  
*Music: Sean Stafford, Chancel Choir with Lisa Tagliaferri, flute,*  
*and Maggie Wolford*

*Scripture Reader: Jeff Heald*

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

## Connect and Serve this Week

### Sunday September 17

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 September 18

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)  
5:45 Girl Scouts (Ed Building Basement)  
7:00 Allocations (ZOOM)  
7:30 Book Discussion (ZOOM)

### Tuesday September 19

12:00 Clothing Center (by appointment only)  
12:00 Sarah Circle (Community Room)  
5:00 Girl Scouts (Lounge)  
7:00 Deborah Circle (ZOOM)

### Wednesday September 20

9:00 UWF Sky Lake Retreat - ALL DAY  
10:00 Soul Care (ZOOM)  
12:00 Clothing Center (by appointment only)  
7:00 AA

### Thursday September 21

4:30 Shepherd's Supper  
6:30 Cappella Ringers Rehearsal  
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday September 22

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

### Saturday September 23

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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.

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

**Salvation Not Purchased** by Stephen Finlan. Chapter 2

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

Meeting ID: 884 6630 3555 Passcode: 051760

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.* Join in and see what this book is all about!

**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!

**September Mini-mission Project: "Undie Sundays."** We are collecting underwear (boys and girls) for both our Clothing Center and the UE Elementary Schools. Please place donations on the table in the Nanticoke entrance.

#### Save the Date - October 14th - UWF Fall Luncheon

**Please Note: the menu and pre-order form are in the welcome center. The form in the newsletter was incorrect; we apologize for any inconvenience.**

**Coming up—World Communion Sunday (October 1)** is one of the six special Sundays in the UMC. Your additional offering on that day will help support diverse non-majority students both locally and globally. Your generosity provides scholarships, grants, mentoring, and training for leadership development.

**On September 18, we will welcome Alicia Thoennes to the position of Administrative Secretary—please stop by to meet and greet her!**

## In Our Prayers This Week

### In Hospitals or Recovering at home:

**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!*

Jean Bixby, Carol Cooper, Steven Dori, Tony & Wendy Gounalis, John Irving, Chad Loudon, Barbara Olevano, Steve & Helen Schatz, Brent & Megan Varner-Soden

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

Cyndi Tedeschi, Pam Russell, Richard Frederick, Tom Jones, Frank Stevan Childs, Janet Bouton, Janet Tripp, Tony Luparello, John Carmine, Julie Taylor, Karen Frega

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 international relief, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is one of the US's top rated charities. Because of connectional giving, 100% of monies donated in a crisis go to relief and rebuilding efforts. You may give online at [umcmmission.org](http://umcmmission.org) or make checks to Central UMC with UMCOR in the memo line.*

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Sean Stafford

Jeff Heald

*Previous Services are available on Central's YouTube channel*

# Central

United Methodist Church

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



## Welcome to Worship!

**September 17, 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.