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## PASTOR MICHELLE'S NOTES

Those of you who were not present in worship on April 14 and are not connected to Central's social media may be quite surprised to read this; I know that I have been surprised at the need to write it to you. But there is news to share:

It was announced that Bishop Hector Burgos-Núñez intends to appoint me to a new ministry setting effective July 1, 2024. The Bishop has made it clear to me his confidence that this appointment is the right one, that this is the right time, and that I am indeed the one for the role. I will be serving as Senior Pastor of Asbury First UMC in Rochester. That appointment process has been a unique and lengthy one, and I am sorry that it leaves us such a short time together.

While I was surprised at this call, after careful prayer and deliberation, I have agreed to accept this appointment. This was not an easily made decision, and with it comes such a deep sadness that I will have to leave you all. You are dear friends and ministry companions, and my journey with you at Central has truly been one of the best experiences of my life. It will be incredibly difficult to make this transition.

I understand that there will be many different reactions to this announcement, however, in the United Methodist Church, each pastor is appointed for one year at a time and when the Bishop and Cabinet understand that their gifts and graces might best be used elsewhere, it is a decision made for the health of the entire Annual Conference. I trust in this process and have made promises to participate in it fully. We will work through these complicated emotions together over the next couple of months. My last Sunday with you will be June 16, and I know that will be a bittersweet day.

I can't end this note without telling you how much you mean to me. I am grateful to you each individually and as a congregation, and will never be able to forget your kindness, your generosity, and your ministry to me and my family. You have welcomed me into your lives and your families, and we have shared much of life together. Though I cannot be your pastor, and cannot engage with you in that role past June, your ministry will continue, and I am sure that you will bless and be blessed by Pastor Teresa. My prayers for you will continue daily, as they have for the past ten years.

Still in One Peace, and with great, great love,

*Michelle*

Pastor Michelle

**Watch your email for special Dispatches from General Conference!**

# PASTOR PAUL'S NOTES

"All you need is one safe anchor to keep you grounded when the rest of your life spins out of control."  
(Katie Kacvinsky, *Awaken*)

My mom died in April 2017; the Christmas before, she gave to each of her four grandchildren a small anchor pendant and wrote on the card, "You are the anchor of my life." That summer our younger daughter Morgan got her first tattoo; a tree with its roots firmly wrapped around an anchor. She commented that it was in tribute to Grandma and that family (symbolized by the tree) was her anchor.

In June 2018, I got my first tattoo: a wooden cross with an anchor as a base, a vine traveling up the cross, two wedding rings at the cross intersection, three flowers to represent our kids (two daughters and son-in-law), and two butterflies on the anchor in memory of my parents. I added a chickadee in March 2023 for Joseph, our grandson; it was the first bird he could identify by sight and sound. The artwork is symbolic of the anchors in my life: my faith and my family.

Life comes at us from all different directions. We are so inundated with negativity and bad and chaos, that I can sometimes feel like I am spinning out of control. I seem to be moving in so many directions that it is easy to get lost at times. It is those times that I am most thankful for the anchors in my life—my God and my family. Both God and my family help keep me focused on the positive and stay in control (as best as I can). Both God and my family are close by all the time and know (especially Sherri) when I need to be reminded to be focused and in control.

I stay connected and continue to be focused on God, especially on my hiking days. Hours and hours and miles and miles primarily on the Finger Lakes Trail, allows me to be totally immersed in nature and in God; I feel God's presence and am reminded of God's grace and peace for me.

Time with family, especially with the grandkids, reminds me of love and happiness and helps me look for the positives in life. Quiet time and being present with Sherri anchors me in comfort, knowing that love wins. I am thankful for the anchors in my life. What are your anchors in life? Who or what helps you stay focused when life seems to be spinning out of control? My hope is that we all have these components in our life that help us manage and stay from drifting too far off course.

## INCOMING LEAD PASTOR NEWS!

I joyfully announced on April 21 that Bishop Hector Burgos-Núñez has appointed the Reverend Teresa Sivers as the new Lead Pastor for Central. Pastor Teresa begins ministry here on July 1st.

Teresa is originally from Mansfield, PA and still has family there. She currently lives in Dryden, NY. She entered ministry in 1994 volunteering in several ministries at a large congregation in Baton Rouge, LA. Her first career was in social work, focusing on older adults and mental health disabilities. She attended Duke University and served several churches in the Wyoming Conference. She has a passion for preaching and worship, pastoral care, study, contemplative practices and social justice. She chaired the Taskforce on Dismantling Racism, which was renamed Imagine No Racism. She has experience and training in working with people with disabilities of all ages, all types of disabilities and individuals experiencing homelessness. She developed a collaborative team of faith communities and community service nonprofits to develop a nonprofit program to facilitate accessing resources and emergency assistance called Caring Connections.

Teresa is married with two adult children. Her husband, Doug, is a nurse practitioner. Her daughter is married and lives and works in Maryland. Her son is a recent college graduate, living and working in Charlotte, NC.

--Tim Swindell, *SPRC Chair*

# PASTOR MAGGIE'S NOTES

Greetings, Central Church!

As my time as the Central UMC Intern comes to a close, I am excited to share that a Community Hub is in the works! This will be a place where all of our members - those who join in-person and online - can connect with Central and each other, submit prayer requests and pastoral care requests, and find TONS of resources.

This is something I've been working on for a few months now, and I'm excited to share it with everyone! Over the summer, we'll be doing some pilot testing, with hopes to have a full, public launch when we move to back to our two-service schedule in September.



*And in other news...* **Tyler's Graduation!**

Tyler Wolford is graduating with his PhD from Cornell University, and we're ready to celebrate!



**When:** Sunday, May 26 immediately following the 9:30am service

**Where:** The Welcome Center

**What:** Cake and refreshments

Central has been a constant source of support and encouragement throughout Tyler's degree program, so it seems only fitting that we celebrate this milestone with our Central UMC family. We hope you can join us! If you have any questions, you can contact Maggie W. at (270)556-6081.



# CENTRAL'S SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Central returns to one worship service at 9:30am  
beginning Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and continuing through  
Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## GRAB A FIRST-SUNDAY RIDE IN CENTRAL'S VAN!

Central offers a monthly First-Sunday van route to the Hilltop and Good Shepherd Village to pick up any who would like a ride to church. Invite a friend and come for Communion Sunday! There will be only one stop (the main building) on each campus. Riders will need to be present at the main building on each campus and ready to board at the listed times.

Good Shepherd Village residents can sign up at the front desk in the Village Center, and Hilltop residents should speak with Reverend Lea Harding.

### **SUMMER Schedule:**

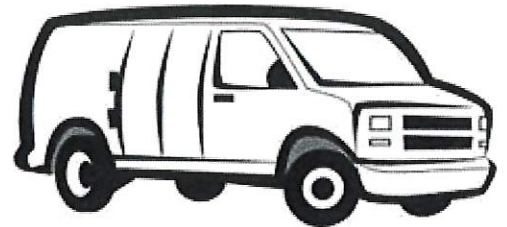
Arrive Hilltop at **8.35**, boarding for 10 minutes

Depart Hilltop at **8.45**

Arrive Good Shepherd Village at **8.56**, boarding for 10 minutes

Depart GSV at **9.06**

Arrive at Central prior to 9.30 service



The Adult Faith Formation group will continue with the "Imagine No Racism" program adopted by our Annual Conference Commission on Religion and Race through the month of May. We will take the summer months off from class sessions, but Pastor Paul will provide some opportunities for faith growth through the summer. If you have thoughts or ideas for next September and beyond (topics to investigate, ideas to study), please let Pastor Paul know.



## May's mini-mission project

Blanket the World in Love" with blankets from Church World Service (CWS). CWS began in 1946 in the aftermath of the Second World War with a mission to feed the hungry and help those in need. "Purchase" a CWS blanket (\$10) and it will be donated to a family recovering from natural disaster or displacement. Order envelopes are in the Welcome Center along with more information. Contact Pastor Paul or visit <https://cwsglobal.org/blanket-mission/>.



## Donation Station

Our donation station is an active and vital ministry area. Located in the Nanticoke Avenue entrance to the building, this area is set aside for current mission and ministry projects such as:

- Bottle and Can Redemption- with money going to support our mission programs and youth ministry.
- Battery Recycling- all batteries can be placed in the battery recycle box and they will be taken to a local recycle center
- Medicine Bottle Recycling- remove the label and place empty medicine bottles in the medicine bottle recycle container and they will be taken to our local CVS for recycling
- Eye Glasses- the Lion's Club has a box for you to place your old prescription glasses
- Mini- Mission Project- our monthly mini-mission project donations can be placed on the black cube shelf in the center





### **Men's Fellowship Group – Friday, May 17 - 6:00 PM**

We continue to invite all men, either in person for a meal, or remotely via zoom. While we have a consistent group that meets in person for a meal at 6:00, we'd really like to have more join the monthly fellowship. The Zoom aspect is great too, because we have steady attendees from Florida and Michigan and would love to add to that list.

Basically the schedule is- 6:00 meet at Central for a meal, at 7:00 we move to the Lounge for devotions and fellowship for those who can't make it in person. We would love to have some new attendees.

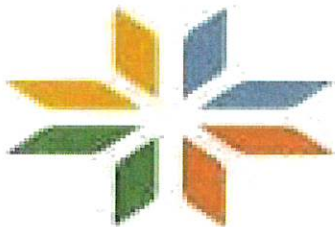
Men's Group ZOOM info:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81530597732>

Meeting ID: 815 3059 7732

Passcode: 491318



United  
Women  
in Faith

### **Circle Meetings**

All women are invited to attend one of the United Women in Faith Circles. Please contact the circle leader for more information.

**Deborah Circle** Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 pm in person and also on zoom in the church library.  
Contact: Pat Breneman, 748-3430

**Grace Circle** Wednesday, May 15 at noon in the library at church. Please bring your lunch with you.  
Contact: Pauline Witt, 748-4142

**Sarah Circle** Tuesday, May 21 at 12:00 will meet at the Olive Garden.  
Contact: Carole James, 757-2629



# GARDEN TOUR 2024

Saturday, June 22 10-3



What could be better than being surrounded by a garden filled with gorgeous plants and flowers?

Four more gardens in the Endicott/Endwell area! Come, indulge your passion for seeing lovely gardens, with singing birds and fluttering butterflies. Tickets for the tour are \$20 and will be available at the church office starting in June. The money raised will go to missions for women and children.



## A HUGE THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that ordered food and pitched in with helping hands to make our UWF Spring Take-Out Luncheon a success once again. Thank you and blessings, Shelley Lobevero





# RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

## May 11

### Donors needed

Central is hosting the 3rd blood drive of 2024 on May 11.

### Blood Donors Needed - Emergency Need

Why is there an emergency need for blood? The American Red Cross is experiencing a national blood shortage. Fewer donors than needed gave in 2023 and donations are typically low in the winter months. You can give by signing up at the Red Cross website and searching for the drive at Central on May 11- [www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)



Installation of the two new hanging microphones above the bell tables is complete and they are in service. They are easier for the choir to use, simplify Tech Team set up, and the lack of microphones on tall stands improves visibility and aesthetics.

On the sanctuary wall above the tech booth is a projector which displays liturgy and visuals for the worship leaders. The projector is old, energy inefficient, and expensive to repair. The Trustees and TV Ministry Upgrade Task Force approved replacing the projector with an LCD TV- similar to those in the front of the sanctuary. It will be less expensive to operate and more reliable in the long run.

Also approved was the purchase and placement of a monitor at the hallway intersection by the church office and library that will display announcements and other information- similar to the one in the Welcome Center. These projects await a late-spring opening on the installer's calendar.

The Tech Team Youth/Young Adult Intern Program continues to go well. We are fortunate to be able to avail ourselves of the young people's interests and skills.

As always, we thank the Shalom Fund, Board of Trustees, and the congregation members and friends who, in financial support and in prayer, undergird this outreach and support ministry of Central Church.

-Mark Marino



# VINES Farm Share

Looking forward to fresh vegetables this summer but don't have your own garden? Sign-up for a Farm Share from a local organic farm. You will be able to pick-up your fresh vegetables every week at Central on Thursdays from 4-6pm. The cost of the fresh vegetables varies from \$13 to \$35 per week depending on the size share and the farm. Details about the farms and sizes available can be found at <https://vinesgardens.org/programs/farmshare/>. You can sign-up either online at the VINES website or call the Vines office at 607-205-8108. Are there some veggies you don't like? No problem: they have a swap box where you can swap the items you don't like for ones that you do like. And you can cancel weeks when you are away. This program benefits the local farmers and YOU! I enjoyed a farm share from North Windsor Berries Farm last summer. If you have any questions, please call me. - Pat Breneman



## CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

We have “rented” two 10'x4' raised bed garden spots in Mercereau Park for raising fresh produce to be used at Shepherd's Supper and our Clothing Center. We will be looking for help planting and maintaining the spaces through the late spring and summer. Sign-ups will begin soon. Barb Parcells is the contact for this project.



# LUKENS-JACKSON CAMPING

According to the meeting notes, "The first meeting of the Sky Lake Task Force was called to order at 8:15 P.M. on October 3, 1972 by Rev. Bob Lukens. ... The purpose of this Task Force is to continue the promotion of the camp experience. ... Everett Jackson offered the thought that Methodists come out with a policy of a concentrated effort to serve minorities in our camps. This Task Force will make a recommendation to Camps and Conferences that this be done. We would help to recruit the children in the Conference and [use] scholarship funds."



This set the stage for Central's decades-long commitment to making sure that young people have an opportunity to attend camp, especially those who come from diverse ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Central's members have long understood the great impact of experiencing strong friendship and belonging in a setting that speaks to the wonders of God's creation.

As one adult put it in a letter that she wrote after hearing from a young acquaintance who attended Lukens-Jackson Camp, "For once in this kid's life he has been accepted and loved and he is aware of that acceptance and lovingness – a most powerful experience!! ... Sky Lake people made all these truisms real, tangible – And I, for one, am deeply grateful for what you have shared with this young man."

Lukens-Jackson Camps also impacted Central's congregation members. In their remarks at the 40th anniversary celebration for Lukens-Jackson in 2012, Don and Nancy Schoeps shared, "The camps were a great success – not merely because they surpassed all our short term objectives but also (and maybe more important) because they CHANGED us. They changed all of us – yes, the campers – but also all of us who worked to make it happen. We were all different and better people because of the Camps. They changed, for the rest of our lives, how hard we worked, how persistently we stuck to the truth, how we conducted our business, and how we loved our families and communities."

Lukens-Jackson Camps are no longer held as separate camps at Sky Lake, but that was always the objective. As noted in an article from the Lukens-Jackson Camps Task Force chaired by Henry M. Heiss, "The ultimate goal is to eliminate the need for a special camp. We hope to promote the full integration of the poor and of minorities into the mainstream of society."

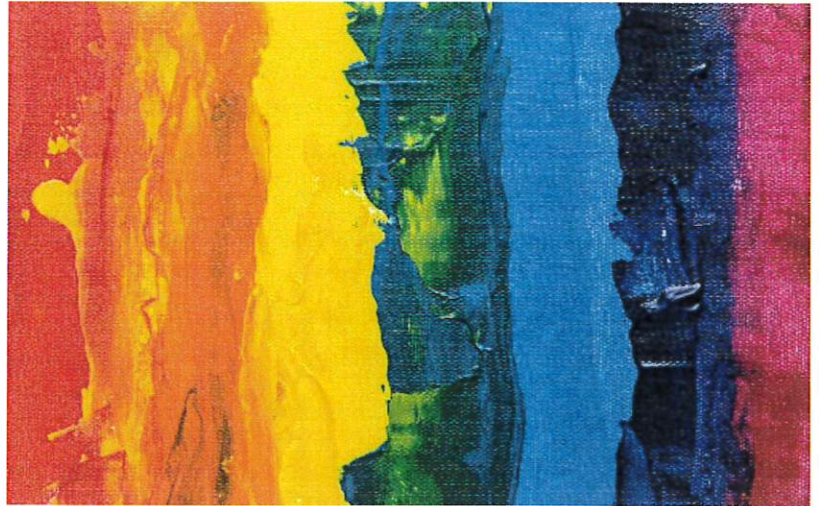
The current Lukens-Jackson Committee takes seriously the intention of the original Task Force and continues the important work of supporting young people in having a summer camp experience that will show them that they are loved just as they are. In this way, our history moves us forward in working to make our community one in which each person is valued.

-Sarah Reid



## SAVE THESE JUNE DATES:

**Pride Palooza** is **June 8** from noon until 6PM at Otsiningo Park. We will need lots of help with the table event. If you have a fun small craft you'd like to sponsor, that would be fun! This is a great opportunity to show our unconditional love and support for our LGBTQ+ siblings! We will be asking for help soon. Contact Pastor Paul for more information.



**Pastor Michelle's Final Sunday at Central** is June 16. Join in as we say "Godspeed" and wish her and Nate and Alice well in their new adventure.

**United Methodist Night at the Ballgame** is **June 27** as the Binghamton Rumble Ponies play against the Portland Sea Dogs. Game time is 6:35PM. Tickets will be available soon, with prices TBA.





# MAY EVENTS

(Every) SUNDAY MORNING

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

9:31am in the Lounge

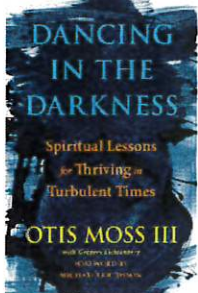
**May: Imagine No Racism**

(Every) MONDAY NIGHT

BOOK DISCUSSION 7:30pm

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Dancing in the Darkness: Otis Moss III



May 6 Chapter 8-end (p 81-end)

PARISH VISITORS

Tuesday, May 14 10:00am

MINISTRY NIGHT

Tuesday, May 14

5:30 Administrative teams

6:30 Dinner & Fellowship

7:00 Church Council

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Monday, March 15

UWF CIRCLE MEETINGS

**Grace Circle**

Wednesday, May 15

12 noon church library

**Sarah Circle**

Tuesday, May 21

12 noon Olive Garden

**Deborah Circle**

Tuesday, May 21

7:00pm HYBRID/library call the office for ZOOM information.

CENTRAL MEN'S GROUP

Friday, May 17

Dinner 6:00pm

Meeting 7:00pm (in person & ZOOM)

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 26-September 1

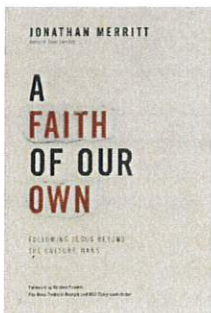
One service at 9:30

GRADUATION RECEPTION FOR  
TYLER WOLFORD

Sunday, May 26

Following 9:30am service

A Faith of Our Own: Jonathan Merritt



May 13 Foreword-Ch 2 (-45)

May 20 Chap 3-4 (pp 46- 86)

May 27 Chap 5-6 (pp 87-119)

June 3 Chap 7-8 (pp 120-154)

June 10 Chap 9-end (pp 155-)

FIRST-SUNDAY VAN RIDE

Sunday, May 5

See newsletter article for details

WESLEY CLASS

Thursday, May 9 - No Breakfast

7:00 pm ZOOM

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE


Saturday, May 11 8:00AM



# MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10a Soul Care (ZOOM) noon Clothing Center 1p UWF Leadership 7:30p AA	<b>2</b> 4:30p Shepherd's Supper 6:30p Cappella Ringers	<b>3</b> 5:30p Girl Scouts 7:30p AA	<b>4</b> Noon Spring Fest UEHS
<b>5</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY VAN</b> 8a Worship cable 1301 8:30a Worship 9:30a Adult Ed 11a Worship	<b>6</b> 5:30p Worship cable1301 5:45p Girl Scouts 7:30p Book Discussion	<b>7</b> noon Clothing Center 7pm Van Committee	<b>8</b> 10a Soul Care (ZOOM) noon Clothing Center 6p Lions Club – Library 7:30p AA	<b>9</b> 4:30p Shepherd's Supper 6:30p Cappella Ringers 6:30p Central Crafters 7:00p Wesley Class (ZOOM) 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 5:30p Girl Scouts 7:30p AA	<b>11</b> 8a Blood Drive
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