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MISSION STATEMENT
Making disciples of
Jesus Christ
for the transformation
of the world.

VISION STATEMENT
We are a Christ-centered,
scripturally grounded
community, growing in
loving relationship with God,
our local children and
community, and our world.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 10, 2023



GROWING.

LOVING.

RELATING.

WELCOME

Worship Order – 9:15 a.m.

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent
“Mary’s Song”
Luke 1.46-55

PRELUDE “Sing We Now of Christmas” arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out a Connection Card to place in the offering plate.

CENTERING MUSIC “Holy Is His Name” by John Michael Talbot
Emily Musgrave - Soloist

*CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Our souls magnify the Lord!
P: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!
L: The mighty One has done great things for us!
P: Holy is God's name!
L: Let us worship God.
ALL: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation God gives mercy.

*HYMN “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” No. 204

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Advent Reading Linda and Michael Eggleston

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Gracie Schmidt

OFFERTORY “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” arr. John Purifoy

*THE DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ANTHEM “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” arr. Robert W. Thygerson

MESSAGE “Mary’s Song” Pastor Dewey Miller
Luke 1.46-55

*HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” No. 211

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella” arr. Patricia Lou Harris

*Stand as you are able

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY
SUNDAY, December 10
Second Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room
9:15 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary/Online
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
10:30 a.m.	Youth Group	Youth Room

TUESDAY, December 12

5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC
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WEDNESDAY, December 13

4:30 p.m.	Worship Team	Library
5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room

THURSDAY, December 14

5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC
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SATURDAY, December 16

9:30 a.m.	Birthday Event	Tunnels
8:00 p.m.	N.A. Meeting	Garden Room/FLC

SUNDAY, December 17
Third Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room
9:15 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary/Online
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
10:30 a.m.	Youth Group	Youth Room

Compass Class News

The Famous Compass Class Cookie Walk will be on Sunday December 17, 2023. Cookies will be available in the back of the Sanctuary for sale at 9:00 a.m.



WIFI PASSWORD: WWJD2014

Mary’s Song
Luke 1.46-55
10 December 2023

*My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.
For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. **Luke 1.46-48***

Chronology:

- An angel announces the birth of John the Baptist to Zacharias (Luke 1.11)
- Gabriel announces Christ’s birth to Mary (Luke 1.31)
- An angel appears to Joseph (Matthew 1.20)
- Mary visits Elizabeth (Luke 1.39-40)

Catholic Mary vs. Protestant Mary

The Song of Mary

A persistent theme of the Bible is God’s concern for the marginalized.

1. Mary’s pregnancy is seen as a _____,
*For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. (v. 48)*
2. And a threat to _____.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. (v. 52)
3. It is a promise to _____;
He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. (V. 53)
4. And a warning to _____.

Take Away Prayer

In the name of Jesus, we pray that we could lift up the oppressed,
Encourage the marginalized,
Feed the hungry,
And warn the powerful,
For the sake of the Advent season,
And in anticipation of the coming of the Lord.
Amen.

Advent Candles

Week Two: The Candle of Preparation

Scripture: Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Leader: Let us pray. God, Father of Light, bless this Advent candle. As we prepare for the coming of your Son, let us reflect your life in all we say and do. Give us strength to change our ways, rid ourselves of angry thoughts, bitter words, and selfishness, and anything that distracts us from your light in us.

O-Jesus, our hearts are open.

All: Amen.



We will be delivering the Angel tree gifts on December 23 at 8:30 AM.

This is always a fun and meaningful activity. This is more than just delivering gifts to our children. It is really another chance to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ and sharing His love for others. Let us know you are coming. There will be a sign-in sheet for this at the back of the Sanctuary. Come on down and start your Christmas off with joy and a smile.

Service Opportunity

Next year, the Central Child Care Board will need a Church member to serve as Secretary. The position involves taking minutes at one meeting a month (usually 1 hour, held via Zoom). The Secretary is a full, voting member of the Board. As a Child Care Board member you will get to know the Child Care staff and understand the high standards they must meet. You will be impressed at their efficiency, dedication, and compassion. Please give prayerful consideration to serving as Secretary of the Child Care Board. Contact Linda Henzman (812-455-2754) or Mandy Peters (812-424-9461) for more information.

LOAVES & FISHES 2023

Given by: The Schnakenburg, Tribble and Emsweller Families
Memory of: Pat & Dick Schnakenburg
Given by: Gloria & Steve Millay
Memory of: Blake Buse, Anna Romain & Robert Romain
Given by: Terri Pennington
Memory of: Tracy Pennington, Jo Ann Powers
Given by: Ken & Mary Schreiber
Memory of: Yankee & Bob Davis, Alta & Albert Schreiber
Given by: The Duncan Family
Memory of: George Patton "Pat" Duncan, Peter Pat Duncan, John & Irma Huber, John Earl Huber Jr.,
Clarence & Kathryn Duncan

Given by: Linda & David Henzman
Honor of: Our Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
Given by: Delores Norrington
Honor of: My Children, Scott & Connie Stambush
Memory of: My Parents, Richard & Blonie Ludders
Given by: Bryan, Rose & Laura Hartig
Memory of: Harriett & Glen Hartig, Carolyn Hartig
Given by: Ron & Bonnie Hames
Honor of: Our Family
Given by: Cathy & Steve Early
Memory of: Emma & Robert East
Given by: Charles & Susan Guard
Honor of: Our Children & Grandchildren
Memory of: Charles & Peg Guard, Elsie Phillips
Given by: Donald Hillyard
Memory of: Warren & Louise Hillyard, Marjorie & Joe Higdon
Given by: Daniel Wersich Jr.
Honor of: The Neighbor Hood
Given by: Linda Wambach
Memory of: Clarence & Kathryn Duncan, Arnold & Luna Wambach
Given by: Bob & Jane Dillow
Memory of: Russell & Ethel Dillow
Given by: Linda & Daryel Harris
Memory of: Heather & Dylan Harris, Bob & Betty Romian & Bobby Romain
Given by: Chester & Darlene Rycroft
Memory of: Sophia & Chester Rycroft Sr., Florence & Chester Rycroft Jr., & Lillian & Edgar Waitman
Given by: Chester & Darlene Rycroft, The Lynches & The Evernhams
Memory of: Jim Evernham, Dick & Dorothy Evernham, Debs & Leona Sanders & Robin Everham

Given by: Gene & Tressa Strouse
Memory of: Tony Strouse, Sara & Bill Dickinson
Given by: Leah, Kent & Melissa
Memory of: Ned Conder
Honor of: Marilyn Conder

POINSETTIAS 2023

Given by: Kay Conder
Memory of: Florence Heuring
Given by: Kay Conder
Memory of: Bee and Elmer Conder, Ned Conder, Gay and Don Koch
Given by: Bob & Jane Dillow
Memory of: Vincent & Elizabeth Riedy, Randall Riedy
Given by: Linda Wambach
Memory of: Jack, Charles & Pat
Given by: Daniel Wersich Jr.
Memory of: Mary Ann Wersich
Given by: Donald Hillyard
Memory of: Donna Hillyard
Given by: Ron & Connie Romain
Memory of: Bob & Betty Romain, Chuck & Virginia Dartt, Bobby Romain
Given by: Tom & Joy Halbig
Memory of: Raymond & Gaybell King, Austin & Leona Halbig
Given by: Nieces and Nephews
Honor of: Kay Conder
Given by: Evan, Elise, Thomas & Wesley Lynch
Honor of: Darlene Rycroft