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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 3, 2023



GROWING.

LOVING.

RELATING.

WELCOME

Worship Order – 9:15 a.m.			Communion
			First Sunday of Advent
			Brass Quintet
			“Zachariah’s Song”
			Luke 1.68-79
PRELUDE	“Welcome Christmas” and “Sounds of Christmas-March Medley”	arr. Zack Smith arr. Kevin Norbury	
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS			
Please fill out a Connection Card to place in the offering plate.			
CENTERING MUSIC	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”		arr. James Curnow
*CALL TO WORSHIP			
L: May the Lord, whose face shines upon us, be with you always.			
P: And also with you.			
L: We are longing and waiting for the Lord to be revealed.			
P: The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.			
L: Let us live decent lives, bathed in the light of the Lord.			
P: The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.			
L: We know not when the master comes: evening, midnight, dawn.			
P: The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.			
L: God of hosts, bring us back.			
ALL: Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.			
*HYMN	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”		No. 196
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE	Advent Reading		Melissa and Talon Counts
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	“Once in Royal David’s City”		arr. Stephen Bulla
*THE DOXOLOGY			
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			No. 95
OFFERTORY PRAYER			
SPECIAL MUSIC			
“O Come Emanuel-I Wonder as I Wander ”		arr. Don Gillis-Quintet with Organ	
Brass Quintet			
Cornet & Flugelhorn: Dave Jarrett, Bryan Hartig /French Horn: Chris Travis /Trombone: Tyler Simms /Tuba: Don Travis			
MESSAGE			
“Zachariah’s Song” Luke 1.68-79			Pastor Dewey Miller
INVITATION			
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP			
Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to all who come in honesty, peace and humble faith. Everyone is invited to share in the sacrament of grace.			
*HYMN			
“People, Look East”			No. 202
BENEDICTION			
POSTLUDE			
“We Wish You A Merry Christmas”			arr. Andrew Blyth
*Stand as you are able			

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY
SUNDAY, December 3
Communion
First Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary/Online
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
10:30 a.m.	Youth Group	Youth Room
10:30 a.m.	Children's Advent Activity/Lunch	Sanctuary

TUESDAY, December 5

5:30 p.m.	Leadership Council Mtg.	Church Office
5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC

WEDNESDAY, December 6

5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room
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THURSDAY, December 7

5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC
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SATURDAY, December 9

11:00 a.m.	Birthday Event	Indoor Playground/Garden Room
8:00 p.m.	N.A. Meeting	Garden Room/FLC

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
12:00 p.m.	Birthday Event	Indoor Playground



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

Zachariah's Song
Luke 1.68-79
3 December 2023

*Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people,
And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David... Luke 1.68-69*

In times of crisis, our tendency is to turn toward God, or turn away from God.
Zacharias (and most of Israel) turned toward God.

*(v. 71) That we should be saved from our enemies... And from the hand of all who hate us,
(v. 72) the mercy promised to our fathers... And to remember His holy covenant,
(v. 73) The oath which He swore to our father Abraham: (v. 74) To grant us that we,
Being delivered from the hand of our enemies...*

John the Baptist was ordained to:

1. Prepare for _____.
...you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways... (v. 76)
2. Call people _____.
*To give knowledge of salvation to His people
By the remission of their sins... (v. 77)*
3. Focus on _____ from God.
Through the tender mercy of our God... To guide our feet into the way of peace. (vv. 78-79)

Take Away Prayer

O God, as we prepare for your coming,
Remind us to always turn to you in times of crisis;
Prepare us,
Forgive us,
Give us peace,
In the name of the Prince of peace. Amen.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Remember your loved one(s) with a pink, white or red poinsettia (\$17.00). Sunday, December 3, will be the last day to order. The poinsettias will be displayed as decorations to beautify our sanctuary starting December 10. If you would like to take yours home after the Christmas Eve Service you are more than welcome.

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**We are asking that you make SEPARATE checks for each account,
one for Poinsettias and one for Loaves & Fishes .**

Given by _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Poinsettias (\$17.00)

Total # _____ *Total \$* _____

_____ *Red* _____ *White* _____ *Pink*

CHRISTMAS LOAVES & FISHES

Remember your loved one(s) with a gift to Central's Loaves & Fishes Ministry. This program helps the people from the near-by neighborhood who have a need for emergency assistance whether it be for rent, utilities or another emergency need.

Given by _____

\$ _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____



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.

Advent Candles

Week One: The Candle of Waiting

Scripture: Mark 13.33-37

Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back--whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: • Watch!

Leader: Let us pray. God, the Father of Light, bless this Advent candle. Hurry and send your Spirit to us so that, noticed or unnoticed, we may give warmth and light to each person we meet this holy season.

All: Amen.