

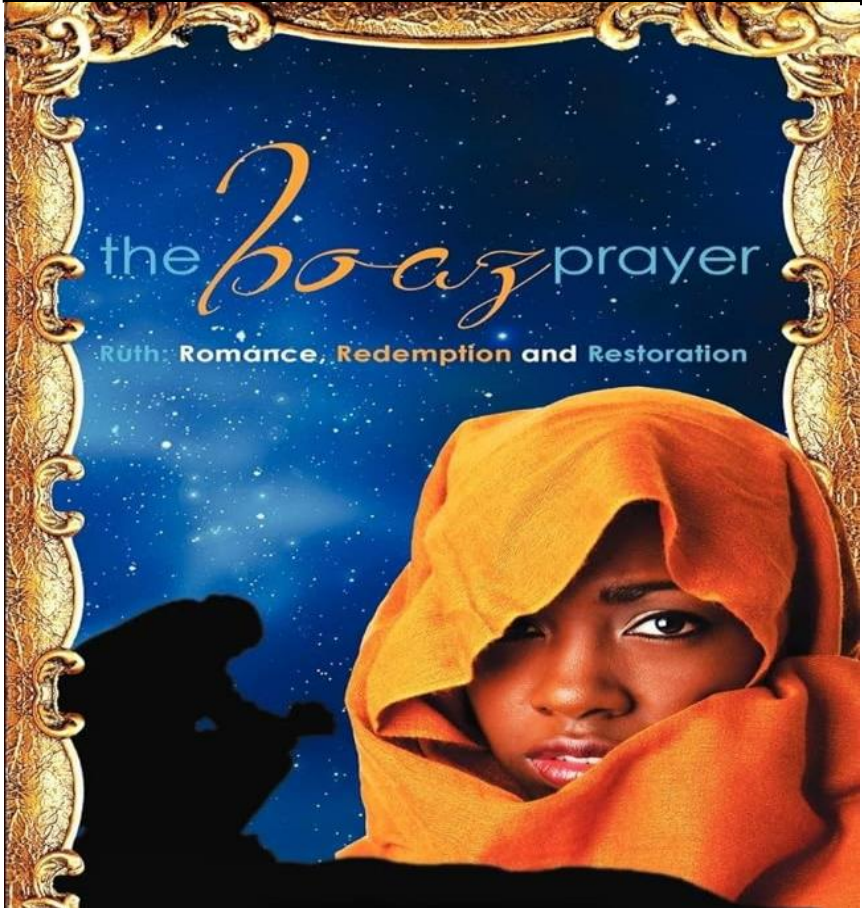
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MISSION STATEMENT
 Making disciples of
 Jesus Christ
 for the transformation
 of the world.

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
April 7, 2024



GROWING.
LOVING.
RELATING.
WELCOME

Worship Order – 9:15 a.m.

April 7, 2024
Communion
“The Boaz Prayer”
Ruth 2.10-16

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CENTERING MUSIC

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Central Church Breakthrough Prayer 2024

**All: Lord God, we pray that you would lead us into the future
that you have for us; Expand our vision to
see what you see,**

Increase our compassion to love who you love,

**Open our ears so that we may hear you
speaking to us.**

Make us open to your work,

Your leading,

Your open doors,

Your new opportunities.

**May we be bold enough to obey your word
and follow you always. Amen.**

*HYMN

“Take Time to Be Holy”

No. 395

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

*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

“Here I Am to Worship”

arr. Lloyd Larson

MESSAGE

“The Boaz Prayer”
Ruth 2.10-16

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

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

No. 496

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Stand as you are able

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY

SUNDAY, April 7

Communion

8:45 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 9

5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 10

9:00 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 11

5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 13

12:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, April 14

175th Celebration

8:45 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Choir Practice

Worship Service

Sunday School

Youth Group

Zumba

Organic Produce

Worship Team

Leadership Council

Zumba

Choir Practice

Birthday Event

Choir Practice

Worship Service

Celebration Lunch

Choir Room

Sanctuary/Online

Various Classrooms

FLC

FLC

Club Garden Room

Church Library

Church Office

FLC

Choir Room

Tunnels

Choir Room

Sanctuary/Online

FLC



Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment News

Since last Fall, CAJE members have been working on local issues that arose during our listening process. This Spring, there will be two CAJE events - the Rally where CAJE members hear updates on the research and prepare for the Nehemiah Action. The Action will bring forward officials who will be asked to take action on the issues, and this is where CAJE shows our People Power. All Central members are invited to the Rally and Action to be part of the People Power:

Rally - Monday, April 15, 6 pm at Nazarene Missionary Baptist Church, 867 E. Walnut

Street Action - Monday, May 6, 6 pm at St. Benedict Cathedral, 1328 Lincoln Avenue

WIFI PASSWORD: WWJD2014

The Boaz Prayer

Ruth 2.10-16

7 April 2024

*The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge. **Ruth 2.12***

- When faced with a need we reply, “I’ll be thinking of you,” or, “I’m praying for you.”
- When tragedy strikes we respond with “thoughts and prayers.”
- Our prayers are not even directional; “thoughts and prayer go out to...”
- Is it possible that by doing this we are actually dismissing legitimate concerns?

Context

Ruth was a childless widow from a foreign country.

She was the sole means of support for herself and her mother-in-law.

She worked essentially as a panhandler, or a gleaner.

1. Boaz prays for God _____ (thoughts and prayers)

The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge. **Ruth 2.12**

2. Ruth asks Boaz if _____.

And he said, “Who are you?” So she answered, “I am Ruth, your maidservant.

Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative.” **Ruth 3.9**

She was asking if he was willing to put his prayer into action.

“Will you be the answer to your prayer?”

Q- What are the implications of this for our own prayers? For our own actions?

Take Away Prayer-

I don’t want to have a hollow faith, O Lord.

Fill me with your compassion for others

And inspire me to live a Christ-formed life.

Empower me to make a difference in the world,

And to live out my prayers. Amen.



175 years
of faith

Central United
Methodist Church

April 14, 2024

Celebrate Central United Methodist's 175th Anniversary on April 14, 2024. Worship will begin at 9:15 a.m. with a message from Bishop Julius Trimble. We will have special music with Gina Moore and Karen Renner. A lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. Reservations are a must for the lunch catered by Schnitzelbank. Call the church office 812-424-3574 or email at CUMC@central-church.org or Gloria Millay at gloria_jean1@hotmail.com or Nancy Reid at ncreid02@gmail.com with your reservation.