



MARCH/APRIL 2022

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OFFICE HOURS
M, W, Th, F - 9:00 - Noon
Tuesday - Closed

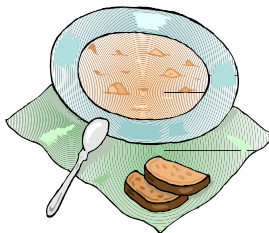
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.
COFFEE TIME: 10:00 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.

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SOUP and VESPERS

Join us Wednesdays in Lent for Soup and Vespers! We'll share a supper of soup and bread at 6:00pm in Room 9.

At 6:30pm, we'll move to the sanctuary for simple evening worship service of music, prayer, and reflection. Come be a part of this simple, meaningful way to embrace the Lenten journey.



LOVING FINGERS QUILTERS

The Quilters meet in Room 9 from 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. It is wonderful to see everyone and to make quilts together again. Join us!

MARCH LITURGISTS

- 3/06 Connie Duchaine
- 3/13 Mimi Klotz
- 3/20 Bob Hamlin
- 3/27 Melissa Kressin

APRIL LITURGISTS

- 4/03 Jamie Peterson
- 4/10 Gregg Bruff
- 4/17 Kittie Bone
- 4/24 Erik Barnhart



To Diane Bennett for the donation for new banners to enhance our sanctuary!

Again & Again: A Lenten Refrain

Once again, we find ourselves entering the season of Lent. Just as Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert before he began his ministry, so we too have this season to draw near to God. Lent is a season of prayer, reflection, and preparation as we journey towards the cross. Following the pattern of Jesus, many choose to fast from something during the season of Lent. Some choose to fast from meat, from sweets, or from screen time. Some commit to a habit that will nurture the soul. I hope all of us will lean more deeply into our walk of faith.

As Lent comes to us once again, I'm reminded by how life sometimes feels more cyclical than linear. Again and again, we move through the seasons. Again and again, we celebrate and we struggle. Again and again, doubts and worries enter our hearts. Again and again, we grieve the suffering in our world. Again and again, we remember the cross. Again and again, God invites us to draw near. Again and again, God steps in to offer us a new way forward.

This Lent, we will be remembering how God chooses us, again and again. We will remember the call upon our lives to choose love for God and one another, again and again. We will remember that where we see a dead end, God sees an opportunity. Where we see a period, God is ready to place a comma. Where we see a grave, God makes room for resurrection. When we are ready to throw in the towel, God is ready with a holy "and," ready to lead us into new life.

This Lent, let us bring all of who we are to God, again and again. Let us find patterns and rituals that will turn our attention and trust towards God. Let this be a season that shapes us into more faithful disciples. Let us respond to God's deep love for this world, again and again.

Let's be the church,

Pastor Elise





SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

- 9:15 a.m. No Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. No Coffee Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available for children four and under during Sunday morning worship services with our caregiver, Valerie Rose. Coloring pages, books, and stuffed animals are available in the gathering space for children worshipping with their families.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Elise at 9:30am on Tuesdays as we go deeper into our theme for Lent, "Again and Again: A Lenten Refrain." Come connect with God and one another as we study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

UMCOR SUNDAY

Sunday, **March 27th** is designated as "UMCOR Sunday". Proceeds collected help people in America and around the world who suffer as a result of natural disasters, famine, civil wars, infectious diseases, etc. Maybe we can't help in person, but we can help through our gifts. When trucks arrive bearing provisions and help, it's evidence of our gifts in action. Envelopes are in your box for this.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to sponsor flowers for Sunday Worship please call the church at 786-0643 or sign the sheet in the Narthex.
Cost is \$18.00.

MARCH FINANCE STEWARDS

- 06 Lois Lavelle, Arleen Martin
- 13 Janet Snowden, Bev Ladin
- 20 Cheryl Swanson, Sue Gaudette
- 27 Laura Kluka, Jackie Johnson

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RADIO BROADCAST



WDBC Radio 680 am airs the 10:30AM Worship Service each Sunday. If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast, there is a sheet to sign in on, if the date is available in the Narthex. Cost for this service is \$100 per week. You can donate the \$100 or any part of it. We have many open dates in 2022.

MEETING NIGHT

There will be NO meetings in March.



PRAYER LIST

Please remember all those who are home bound and those in nursing homes in your prayers for healing, gaining strength, and courage. May God bless them and keep them in His loving care during this time of illness and concern and may they know that our thoughts and prayers are with each of them.

THOUGHT:

Conscience is a walkie-talkie set by which God speaks to us. *James J. Metcalf*



Daylight Savings time begins **March 13, 2022**. Spring forward one hour before retiring for the night on **March 12th**.

HELPING HANDS

Please remember our Helping Hands Fund during these difficult economic times, especially with the cold weather we have endured this year. The funds are for Central members who are facing urgent financial challenges and are in need of assistance.

All help is strictly confidential.
Please see Pastor Elise for assistance.

FOOD PANTRY

Ideas for March include disinfecting wipes, cleaners, bleach, laundry soap, dishwashing soap/detergent, sponges and scrub brushes.



PALM SUNDAY SERVICE
The Palm Sunday Service will be Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Central. Palms and celebrations will begin Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK

10:30 A.M. Palm Sunday Service
April 10, 2022

6:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday
Supper Service - Central UMC
Thursday, April 14, 2022

7:00 P.M. Good Friday
Tenebrae Service
****First UMC****
April 15, 2022

9:30 A.M. Easter Sunday Breakfast
Central UMC Fellowship Hall

8:30 A.M. Sunrise Service

10:30 A.M. Easter Sunday Worship

