

**CENTRAL**  
United Church of Christ  
GROW FAITH • SHARE LOVE • REACH OUT



**November 18, 2018**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**  
**10:00 a.m.**

The Mission of  
Central United Church of Christ is...  
to be a Christ-centered community  
of faithful disciples,  
who are called  
to GROW IN FAITH, and  
to SHARE GOD'S LOVE  
as we REACH OUT  
to each other,  
to our community  
and to our world.

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\* indicates please stand, as you are able

PRELUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

- Bach/Fox

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

#434

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Let our hearts rejoice in the God of hope and faithfulness.

**Our strength is in the maker of heaven and earth.**

Our foundation is the cornerstone that never fails.

**The rock of ages is a foundation like no other.**

God comes bringing judgement to the ends of the earth, calling us to hope and faithfulness.

**Come, rock of ages, come quickly now.**

#### **\*CHORAL INTROIT**

#### **\*GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

**God of possibilities, fill us with your hope and faithfulness.**

**Grant us the grace to be your people and to live your teachings. Live in us, that we may rise with hope and walk in love. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen**

#### **\*PRAISE HYMN**

“We Praise Thee O God”

#19

#### **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI** (sung in unison)  
**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Mark 13:1-8

### CHORAL RESPONSE

**BELL CHOIR ANTHEM** "You Raise Me Up" - arr. Raney

### SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

### **\*THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
One holy and universal Christian Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting.  
Amen. (Adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*, 1662)

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### CHORAL RESPONSE

#### OFFERING

##### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** "Earth Carol" - Purvis

#### \*THE DOXOLOGY (sung in unison)

**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.**

**\*DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)**

**Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us  
to be your friends,  
and to know your will in the world.  
Therefore, we pray in Jesus' name  
that these tithes and offerings  
spread your love near and far. Amen.**

**AND GO FORTH IN LOVE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Now Thank We All Our God" #72

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Now Thank We All Our God" - Karg-Elert

***Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.***

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## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

November 18 – 25

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|--------------|--|---------|
| TODAY:       | Harvest Home Sunday                      |         |
|              | Adult Sunday School                      | 8:30AM  |
|              | Coffee Hour                              | 9:00AM  |
|              | Worship                                  | 10:00AM |
|              | Children's Sunday School                 | 10:15AM |
|              | Congregational Meeting                   | 11:00AM |
|              | Youth Fellowship                         | 6:00PM  |
| MON:         | Scouts                                   | 7:00PM  |
| WED:         | Senior Choir                             | 7:00PM  |
| THURS & FRI: | Office Closed for Thanksgiving           |         |
| NEXT SUNDAY: | Hanging of the Greens                    |         |
|              | Adult Sunday School                      | 8:30AM  |
|              | Coffee Hour                              | 9:00AM  |
|              | Worship                                  | 10:00AM |
|              | Children's Sunday School                 | 10:15AM |
|              | All-Church Brunch                        | 11:00AM |
|              | Decorate for Advent/Fellowship & Singing | 12:00PM |

**Attendance Last Sunday:** 94

**Altar flowers** are in memory of parents and Nancy from Walter Rottmann.

**Bulletins** are in loving memory of Gib and Clara Haeffner in honor of their 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from Mike and Susie Haeffner.

**Please pray for our members, family and friends:** Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Kathryn Waite, Audrey

Hoelscher Bruemmer, Jacquie Howser, Tonya Berhorst, Beckett Michael Karr (parents Geoff and Lauren Karr), Jimmy Fairchild

**Pastoral Care** – Rev. Stoneburner has agreed to fill-in for emergency pastoral care. If you have a need for pastoral care, please call the church office at 635-1041, and they will be in contact with Rev. Stoneburner.

**Our thanks and appreciation to Rev. Dr. Judith Scott** for leading us in worship this morning and delivering the sermon message.

**The “Parent Chapel” is available during worship** for parents/grandparents with babies and young toddlers. It’s located at the right front side of the sanctuary into the hallway.

**Consider joining the CUCC Choir!** We rehearse on Wednesdays, 7:00PM–8:30PM in the choir room. Our fellowship is a wonderful way to strengthen the CUCC community!

**90+ Birthdays:**

Mabel Thompson (11/22)  
% Tom and Judy Thompson  
6901 Bates Road  
Jefferson City, MO 65109

**Central United Church of Christ will hold a Congregational Meeting today, November 18,** immediately following the 10:00AM worship service. Items to discuss and approve at this meeting include: 2019 budget, Council members for 2019, senior pastor job description, safe church policy, and a general listening session to discuss any concerns or comments from the



congregation. Several of these topics are very important for our Search and Call process to move forward in selecting our next pastor. It is important that all of our congregation members understand and have input to these topics, so we are aligned in our expectations as we move forward. Please attend this important meeting if you are available and able.

**Youth Fellowship will meet tonight** from 6:00PM–7:30PM We will be planning upcoming activities and playing some minute-to-win-it style games. If you are in the 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades, please join us.

**Volunteers are needed on the following dates** in preparation for Advent. Please contact Mary Ann Wippermann if you need more information.

*Sunday, Nov. 18* – Trees and bases moved to the sanctuary and assembled. This will be done following the congregational meeting. Will need men primarily and someone with a pickup to bring the trees and bases up from the storage area.

*Sunday, Nov. 25* – Hanging of the Greens – Join us for worship the 10:00AM worship service followed by a HyVee catered brunch. Following brunch around 12:00 noon, we'll go back to the sanctuary to do the decorating. There will also be activities for the children while the sanctuary is being decorated. Once the decorating is completed, we will sing carols and enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary.

**Brunch on Sunday, Nov. 25** -- Why go to Oscar's, Perkins, or Mel's following worship on November 25 when you can go down to the gym and enjoy a Sunday brunch of eggs, pastries, hash brown casserole with ham, mixed vegetables, coffee and orange juice catered by HyVee. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5–10, and free for children under 5.

Reservations are needed **by Monday, November 19** and can be made either by signing a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or by contacting the church office at 635-1041 or [office@centralucc.com](mailto:office@centralucc.com). When making your reservation, please indicate how many adults and how many children 5 to 10 and under 5. Contact Mary Ann Wippermann at 636-3685 or [mlwipper@embarqmail.com](mailto:mlwipper@embarqmail.com) if you have any questions.

**The Christmas Lights Tour will take place on December 13**, at 5:30PM. The Trolley Company of Jefferson City will provide the transportation. Cost is \$13 per person. Please meet by the gym doors a little before 5:30 so we will be ready to load the trolley. Currently we have 5 spots left on the trolley. The tour goes to Binder Park for the light display and around to the best home displays in town. It is a 2-hour tour. Join the Mission and Outreach Ministry for cookies and hot chocolate after the tour. If interested or if you have questions, please contact Susan Poettgen by calling 573-298-4515 or emailing her at [susan.poettgen@gmail.com](mailto:susan.poettgen@gmail.com).

**Central will again be selling poinsettias in 6" pots** from Trenklein Greenhouses which you can purchase in memory or in honor of someone. *Cost is \$10 per poinsettia; checks should be made payable to Central UCC with "Poinsettia" in the memo line.* **The completed form** (at back of bulletin) **along with your payment must be turned in to the church office no later than December 3.** Poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary on December 23 and 24. You can pick-up your poinsettia(s) at the conclusion of the Christmas Eve Service or on December 26 – 28 during office hours. Contact Mary Ann Wippermann if you have questions.

**Central Church women are invited to the Grace Evangelical Church Women's Christmas dinner, December 2,** from 5:00PM– 8:00PM. This will be at the Grace Evangelical Church, 3015 South Ten Mile Drive. Cost is \$12 per person. Please make your reservations with Ruth Long so they can adequately prepare!

**2019 Altar Flower and Bulletin Openings:** The listings below are available for 2019. Cost for altar flowers: \$30, bulletins: \$15. If you are interested in one or more of these openings, please contact the office at [office@centralucc.com](mailto:office@centralucc.com) or 635-1041.

*Altar Flower Openings:*

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in February (2/24)

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in March (3/31)

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in June (6/30)

*Bulletin Openings:*

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in March (3/31)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May (5/27)

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in June (6/30)

**It's time to sign-up for monthly 2019 Salvation Army Meals.**

All months are open except January. If you would like to volunteer, contact Mission and Outreach Ministry chair, Susan Poettgen, at 573-298-4515 or [susan.poettgen@gmail.com](mailto:susan.poettgen@gmail.com).

**Young Youth** for kids ages K-5<sup>th</sup> grades get together on Wednesdays after school for food and fun, faith and fellowship. Supervision begins at 3:45 (or whenever your school gets out) and we end at 6:00. We are working through lessons and

Scripture about parables. These are stories that Jesus told to help teach a lesson. Come join us!

# Christmas begins with Christ

Handbell Solo Christmas Concert  
Sunday, December 16  
2:00 p.m.

Scripture and music woven together to reflect on Jesus' birth

**ADVENT POINSETTIA ORDER  
2018**

Please complete the form below to place your order for poinsettias. Cost is \$10 per poinsettia. This form along with your payment must be turned in to the church office no later than **Monday, December 3rd.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Poinsettia/s:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10 each)

**Wording as you would like it to appear in the Christmas Eve Memorial/Honorarium Listing:** (In memory of or In honor of – please specify, and PLEASE PRINT)

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTES



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Your presence and participation are an important part of shaping this experience of worship for all of us. Know that whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of life and of faith, you are welcome here!

If you are a guest here today, we would love for you to become a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church community. If you have any questions about joining us in ministry, please contact the Pastor.

**Large Print Bulletins:** Large print editions of the worship bulletin are available in the Narthex and by the elevator.

**Friendship Register:** Please sign the Friendship Register (the blue book at the end of the pew) when it is passed around so that we have a record of your visit.



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| Ministers .....                               | Every Member      |
| Director of Music .....                       | Dr. Patrick Clark |
| Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director..... | Rene Miserez      |
| Organist.....                                 | Shirley Klein     |



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