

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



Prepare the way of the Lord.

December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent
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.

All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI.

* indicates please stand, as you are able

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Hark the Glad Sound the Saviour Comes” #97

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

People of the living God, come to the mountain of God.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, prepare your hearts to hear the word of God.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Children of the Holy Spirit, walk in the light of God.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Come! Let us worship.

CHOIR INTROIT

***GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

O God, as days grow dark and the sun’s light wanes, warm our hearts with the radiance of your love, that we might find courage and walk by Your light. As nations rise up against nation, strengthen our desire for peace in your name, that we might beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Amen.

PRAISE HYMN “Wake, Awake for Night is Flying” #96

PASSING THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

CHOIR RESPONSE

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Festive Procession"* - Christiansen

Prepare ye, get ready, prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Prepare ye, get ready, go out with joy and tell all
the world about His wonderful love.

Prepare ye, get ready, go out with joy,
for the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all flesh shall see it together, and all flesh
shall see it together. And all flesh shall see it together.

Prepare ye, get ready, prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Prepare ye, get ready, go out with joy and tell all
the world about His wonderful love.

Prepare ye, get ready, go out with joy,
for the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
and all flesh shall see it together.

The glory of the Lord, the glory of the Lord
shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed: and all
flesh shall see it, and all flesh shall see it together.

Prepare ye, get ready, prepare ye, get ready,
prepare ye the way of the Lord. Prepare ye,
get ready, prepare ye, get ready...

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

***THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God
of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with
the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and
for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by
the Holy Ghost and of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; He
was crucified for us under Pontius Plate, and suffered, and was
buried, and the third day he rose again, according to the
Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of the Father; from thence he shall come again, with glory,
to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no
end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who
proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.
In one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one
baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the resurrection of
the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

CHOIR RESPONSE

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Savior of the Nations Come"* – Buxtehude

*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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Today we are observing pew communion. All who find themselves in communion with God or in need of communion with God are invited to share in the bread and cup of the Lord's Table. We observe open communion in the United Church of Christ, which means that **all** are welcome to share in this sacrament. When the bread is served, please take a piece and hold it until all are served. We will eat the bread together. The glasses of wine will then be served. The innermost circle of glasses contains grape juice for those who would prefer it. Please take a glass, hold it until all are served. We will drink together. If you choose not to partake of the elements of bread and wine, you may celebrate communion with God and others through silent prayer and meditation.*

INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

SHARING COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC *"Veni Emmanuel"* - Purvis

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

CLOSING HYMN "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" #90

*BENEDICTION

CHOIR RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *"Wake, Awake for Night is Flying"* – Nicolai

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

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**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES
December 1 – December 8**

TODAY:	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Children's Sunday School	10:15am
	Adult Bible Study	11:15am
MON:	Scouts	7:00pm
TUES:	Brotherhood	5:30pm
	Mission and Outreach Ministry	6:00pm
WED:	Quilting	9:00am
	Dominoes/Fellowship	1:00pm
	Young Youth	3:00pm
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
	Sr. Adult Choir	7:00pm
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Attendance last Sunday: 82

Altar flowers are in memory of Carl E. Burkel from the family of Donald L. and Dorothy L. Burkel.

Bulletins are in memory of Carl Petry and grandson James David Porter, from Mary Porter.

Please pray for our members, family and friends: Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Jacquie Howser, Beckett Michael Karr (parents Geoff and Lauren Karr), Jimmy Fairchild, Melissa Parscal, Jenny Alpers, Larry Rizner, Lee Thompson, Finn Price, August Begemann, Pat Brauner, Hank Gozia, Michelle Heymeyer, Janet Miller, Abel Green, Jerry Watson, Lonnie Schneider, George Seifert, Doug Blaha, Tommy Thompson, Norma Klemme, Eleanor Diersing

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90+ Birthdays this month:

(To our knowledge, there are no 90+ birthdays in December. If you know someone who should be added to the list, please contact the office.)

Thank you to my Central Church friends for the birthday cards I received on my 94th birthday. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Sincerely, Mabel Thompson

Adult Bible Study with Rev. Scott meets in the library following the morning worship service. We began with Genesis and will continue our journey through the Bible, emphasizing major events and writings in order to understand what the Bible says about God and how we are to live in obedience to God under the umbrella of His love and care. The class is open to all!

Christmas Lights Tour on the Trolley – Seats are still available on the trolley to view Christmas lights around town on Tuesday, December 10. Cost is \$13. We are on the early trolley, so we'll leave church at 5:30 p.m. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided following the tour. Please contact Susan Poettgen at 573-298-4515 if interested.

The women of Living Hope Church (formerly Evangelical Free Church), invite the women of Central Church to their annual Christmas supper and program on December 1. More information will be coming. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office at 573-635-1041 or Ruth Long at 573-896-4840 by November 24.

The Samaritan Center has a program called Santa's Workshop where parents/guardians can pick out 2 gifts for each child age 12 and under. Gifts should be a minimum of \$10 per item, new and unwrapped. Toys can be combined as one gift to average a minimum of \$10, example 2 packs of Hot Wheel cars. For older ages items like makeup, nail polish, curling iron, blow dryer, basketballs, footballs, cologne, body sprays are all acceptable. Smaller items are offered as bonus gifts such as coloring books, story books, crayons, sticker books, etc. Wrapping paper, bows and ribbon are given out during Santa's Workshop. A box is located in the Narthex for donations. *All toys must be delivered by **December 6***. See the Tower for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Poettgen at 573-298-4515.

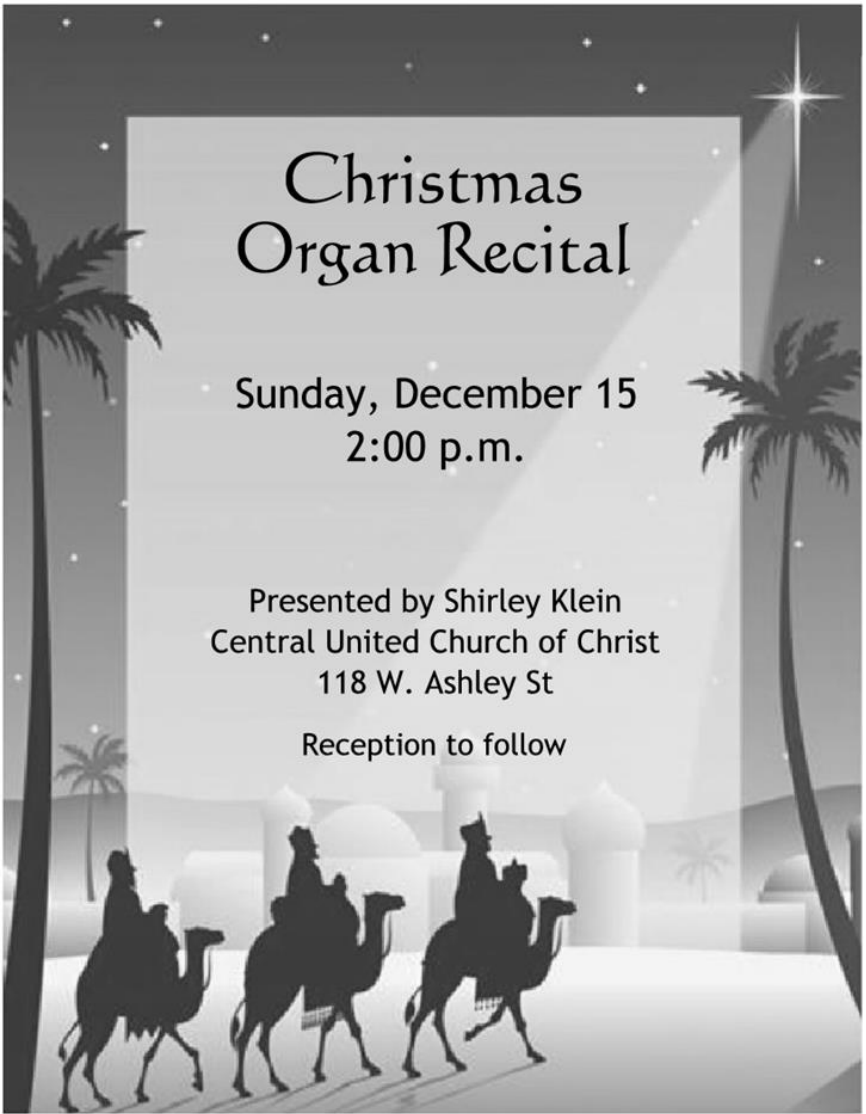
Young Youth (K-5th grades) meets every Wednesday after school for food and fun, faith and fellowship and help to build relationships with God and each other. There is always a 20-30 minute Bible lesson or faith-building activity and we'll feed the kids dinner. Supervision goes from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Organ Recital

Sunday, December 15
2:00 p.m.

Presented by Shirley Klein
Central United Church of Christ
118 W. Ashley St

Reception to follow



BREAKFAST BONANZA

Oct. 12 · Nov. 9 · Dec. 14

Second Saturdays, 7:00 - 11:30am



All-You-Can-Eat

Made-From-Scratch Biscuits · Gravy

Scrambled Eggs · Pancakes

Sausage · Bacon · Coffee/Juice

\$10 for adults,
\$6 for kids ages 5 to 9;
kids under 5 eat free

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**CHRISTMAS EVE MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM LISTING
DONATION FORM**

Please complete the information below and **return the form with payment to the church office by Monday, December 17th.**

NAME/PHONE:

Make your selection and write in the amount:

\$_____ General Fund

\$_____ Organ Fund

\$_____ Memorial Fund

\$_____ Music/Choir

\$_____ Air Conditioning Fund

\$_____ Bell Choir Fund

TOTAL DONATION: \$_____

Please PRINT the wording you would like on the Christmas Eve listing, and specify, "In memory of" or "In honor of".

Central will again be selling poinsettias in 6" pots from Trenklein Greenhouses which you can purchase in memory or honor of someone. Cost is \$10 per poinsettia; checks should be made payable to Central UCC with poinsettia on the memo line. **The completed form along with your payment must be turned in to the church office by December 4, 2019.** The poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 24. You can pick up your poinsettia(s) at the conclusion of the Christmas Eve service or on December 26 or 27. Contact Mary Ann Wippermann at 573-636-3685 or mlwipper@embarqmail.com if you have any questions.

**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM
2019**

Cost per poinsettia is \$10. Please complete the form below to place your order. This form along with your payment must be turned in to the church office no later than ***Wednesday, December 4th.***

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Poinsettias: _____

Total Cost (\$10 each): _____

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

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.

Ministers	Every Member
Pulpit Supply Minister.....	Rev. Dr. Judith Scott
Director of Music	Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director.....	Rene Miserez
Organist.....	Shirley Klein



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