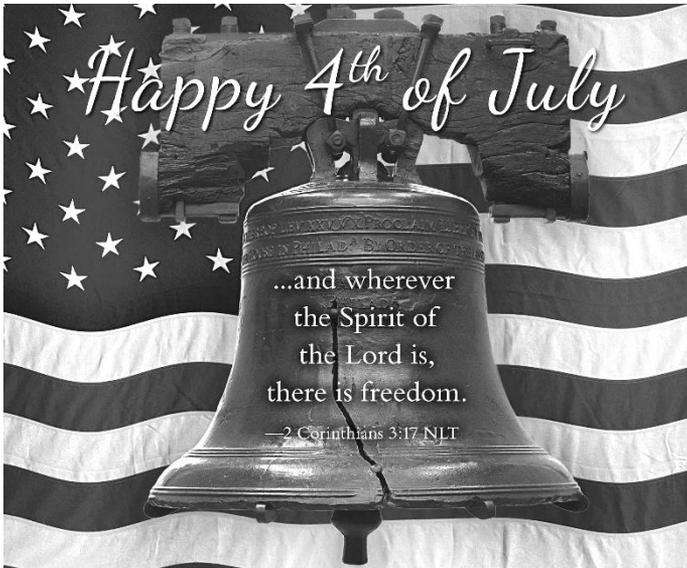


CENTRAL

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



July 4, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“God Bless America”
(Sr. Adult Choir)

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 Pilate, 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 9:7 “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Today we are observing pew communion with portable elements. 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. To begin, please take your piece of bread and hold it until all are ready. We will eat the bread together. Likewise, containers of grape juice are provided. After partaking of the bread, please open the container of juice and hold it until all are ready. We will drink together. If you choose not to partake of the elements of bread and juice, 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 “Adagio” - Mahler

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" #443

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Praise the Lord All Ye Nations" - Selby

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

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

July 4 – 11

TODAY:	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
MON:	Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day	
WED:	Dominoes	1:00pm
THURS:	Salvation Army Meal	4:30pm
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Congregational Meeting	11:00am

Worship attendance last Sunday: 38

Altar flowers are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Burkel from the family of Donald L. and Dorothy L. Burkel.

Bulletins are given in memory of the Hager and Scrivner families from Gladys Scrivner.

Please pray for our members, family and friends:

Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Beckett Karr, Jimmy Fairchild, Lee Thompson, August Begemann, George Seifert, Allen & Barb Schmutzler, Janet Miller, Lonnie Schneider, Jo Ann Roberts, Gladys Gladden, Gwen Vieth, Paul LePage, Shirley Ernst, Tamara Martin, Corrine Beakley

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85+ BIRTHDAYS – July:

(To our knowledge, there are no 85+ birthdays in July. If you know someone who should be added to the list, please contact the church office at 573-635-1041.)

Offering Baskets are located at the back of the sanctuary, and up front by the doors next to the chancel platform for you to place your offering envelopes.

“Today, we (choir members) remember songs of our youth. Our church’s own patriot dreams that see beyond the years, are still un-dimmed by human tears on this July 4, 2021. Think of these songs and the church’s majestic organ crescendos today, as we remember this pandemic year of trial, tribulation and human loss. GOD BLESS AMERICA as we steer our new course upon uncharted waters on this, our nation’s 245th, Independence Day.” Bill Stine

There will be a Congregational Meeting on July 11 immediately following the worship service, to vote on two items: 1) A new name for our church – Council is recommending Central Church. 2) Filing with the State of Missouri as a Chapter 355, Nonprofit Corporation, versus remaining a Chapter 352, Religious and Charitable Association, as recommended by the church’s lawyer.

UPDATE FROM SAFE CHURCH COMMITTEE & WORSHIP COMMITTEE RE: WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY:

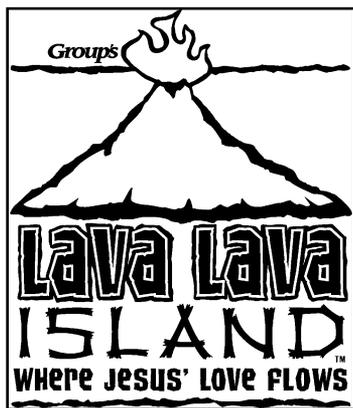
- Masks optional (following CDC’s latest guidelines); those who have not had the vaccination are encouraged to consider wearing a mask for their protection.
- Practice social distancing of 6 feet.

Summer Lunch Program – It's that time again to help out with the Summer Lunch Program hosted by Second Christian Church. This lunch program runs from June 7th through August 20th. ***All checks should be made payable to SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH.*** Items needed include, but not limited to, lunch meat (roast beef, turkey, salami, bologna, ham), bottled water or juices, flavoring for bottled water or Kool-Aid packets, bread, pudding cups, cookies, chips, fruit cups, snack cakes, Jell-O cups, and fruit snacks. There will be a basket in the narthex for these items.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 12-16

9:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.



Invite your grandkids, friends, neighbors, cousins, and get ready for a great adventure erupting with fun!

Our vacation bible school theme this year is “lava lava island – where jesus’ love flows.” It’s going to be a blast!

Volunteers: we need you to save those dates, too!

Crew leaders — experience vbs with the kids.

Station leaders — 20-minute small-group sessions that get repeated and everything is pre-planned and scripted bible adventures, applying the theme for the day, crafts, games, or snacks.

General help — help to fill out our bible experiences or floaters where needed.

To volunteer, please contact rene miserez, young youth director, at 694-6022 or email bellsic@aol.com.

DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENT ON JULY 31, 7:00PM!

DAN MEERS



MASCOT, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, AUTHOR AND FAMILY MAN



The famous, official mascot of the Kansas City Chief's football team, Dan Meers – aka "KC WOLF", is coming to our church on Saturday evening, July 31st, at 7:00pm, to share a powerful presentation in the church sanctuary!! Dan is widely known throughout the

United States as an inspiring, humorous, motivational speaker who inspires the young and the old alike. Dan's energy, humor and excitement not only entertains, but also encourages others to strive for the best of life.

Please come and join us in the sanctuary on July 31st at 7:00pm. There will also be a "Tailgate Meal" in the gym before the event. Church committees will be serving brats, hotdogs, chips, cookies and soda from 5:00pm – 6:30pm. Cost for the event, which includes the meal, is \$20 for anyone over age 12, and \$10 for those 12 and under. Reservations will first be offered to church members and their guests beginning Sunday, July 4th, before and after the worship service. Rene Miserez will be handling the reservations and can be reached at 573-694-6022, or you can connect with her on Sunday mornings. Reservations will be open to the community (at a later date) if seats are not filled by church members and their guests.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Know that whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of life and of faith, you are welcome here! We would love to have you become a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church community.

Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Judith Scott
Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director	Rene Miserez
Organist	Shirley Klein

*The Mission of Central United Church of Christ is...
to be a Christ-centered community of faithful disciples,
called to SHARE GOD'S LOVE with each other,
our community, and our world.*

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