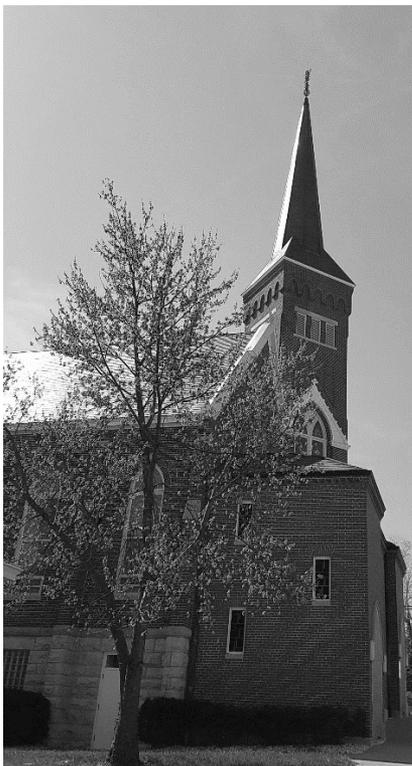


CENTRAL
United Church of Christ
GROW FAITH • SHARE LOVE • REACH OUT



November 17, 2019
Twenty-Third 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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PRELUDE

“For the Beauty of the Earth ” – Ferguson

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“ Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” #434

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Rejoice and be glad, people of God.

God is making all things new.

Sing for joy, sisters and brothers in Christ.

God bathes us in the well of salvation.

Dance with delight, heirs of the Spirit.

God has turned our sorrow into laughter.

Rejoice and be glad, people of God.

God is making all things new.

CHOIR INTROIT

***GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Eternal God, your anger may last for a moment, but your mercy endures for a lifetime. We come before you with joyful hearts, longing to draw living water from the well of your salvation. We come this day to worship with thankful spirits, yearning to abide in the new earth you are creating in our midst. As we sing your praises, touch us with the love of your new heaven, that we may be fit to dwell in your peaceable kingdom. Amen.

PRAISE HYMN

“Praise Thou the Lord”

#6 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

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 65:17-25

Luke 21:5-19

CHOIR RESPONSE

CHOIR ANTHEM *"We Thank You, Lord"* *Words: Nancy Price*
Music: Don Besig

Thank you, Lord, for the freshness of the morning.
Thank you, Lord, for the clear blue sky above.
Thank you, Lord, for the bright new day that's dawning,
filled with all you love.

Thank you, Lord, for the valleys and the hillsides.
Thank you, Lord, for the waves upon the shore.
Thank you, Lord, for the breezes and the sunshine.
Hear us, we pray, as we come to thank you, Lord.

We join this day, as one, our hearts and hands and voices.
For wondrous gifts of love, your grateful world rejoices.
Thank you, Lord, for the love within our families.

Thank you, Lord, for the fellowship of friends.
Thank you, Lord, for the quiet understanding grace that never ends.
Thank you, Lord, for wonders of creation.

Thank you, Lord, for the power of your word.
Thank you, Lord, for your promise of salvation.
Hear us, we pray, as we come to thank you, Lord.
For all good gifts we have to share,
For guiding us with loving care,
With joyful hearts we bow to pray:
O Lord, we give our thanks this day.
Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord.

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.

CHOIR 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 “ For the Beauty of the Earth” #12

***BENEDICTION**

CHOIR RESPONSE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE “*The Heavens Declare the Glory of God*” – Marcello

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

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THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES
November 17 – November 24

TODAY:	STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY	
	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
	Adult Bible Study	11:30am
MON:	Scouts	7:00pm
TUES:	Thanksgiving Dinner	11:30am
WED:	Quilting	9:00am
	Meals On Wheels	10:00am
	Dominoes/Fellowship	1:00pm
	Young Youth	3:00pm

	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm
	Sr. Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
THURS:	Finance Ministry	5:30pm
	Faith Formation Ministry	5:30pm
	Council Meeting	7:00pm
NEXT SUNDAY:		
HANGING OF THE GREENS		
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	All-Church Lunch	11:00am
	Decorate for Advent/Crafts for Children	12:00pm

Attendance last Sunday: 72

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

Bulletins are in honor of our children and grandchildren from Dennis and Denise Kuebler.

Norma Klemme is still in rehab and things are improving for her. If you would like to send greetings and words of encouragement, please mail to 724 S. Oak, Union, Mo 63084 and the family will make sure she receives your correspondence. If you have any questions, please see Ruth Long.

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

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90+ Birthdays this month:

Mabel Thompson (11/22)
Oak Tree Villas
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Jefferson City, MO 65109

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!

Congregational Meeting to vote on Council members and the budget for 2020 will be held today, **November 17**, immediately after the worship service. We still need a couple of Council members so if you are interested, please let one of the current Council members know as soon as possible. The budget being proposed is very similar to the budget we have for 2019. It is important for all CUCC members to be actively involved in the operation of the church and for your voices to be heard, so please plan to attend this meeting if possible.

The Elenor Circle and Prime Time invite the whole church to the annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, November 19th. Hot apple cider will be served at 11:30 with the meal to follow at 12:00 noon. Turkey, dressing, gravy, hash brown casserole, cranberry salad, carrot salad and pie will be provided along with all table service and drinks. Make your reservations with Faye Rinaldi or the church office by November 17th. If you are able, please bring your favorite Thanksgiving food. Even if you are working that day, come join us for food and fellowship. Bob Priddy will be the speaker. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Light 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.

Volunteers are needed for the dates below to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent. For more information, contact Mary Ann Wippermann at mlwipper@embarqmail.com or 573-636-3685.

Saturday, November 23 – Assemble the two Christmas trees. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Sunday, November 24, Hanging of the Greens – Join us for Worship at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch provided by the Congregational Life Ministry. We'll go back to the sanctuary around 12:00 noon to do the decorating. There will be activities for the children while the sanctuary is being decorated. Once completed, we will sing carols and enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary.

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.

Christkindmarkt takes place Saturday, November 30, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and will include a Craft Show Market, a Bake Sale with special Christmas cookies and German favorites, and a Breakfast Bonanza. Craft Show spaces are filled, but help is needed with breakfast and baked goods. Please see the sign-up sheet in the bulletin about helping with baked goods.

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.

The Warrensburg Recorder Consort will be presenting a fund-raising concert at Salem UCC in Higginsville on Sunday,

November 17, at 4:00 p.m. Students from Buckner Elementary School and the Underground Recorder Group from Bethel UCC will also be participating. There will be a freewill offering to benefit Ebenezer UCC to help with rebuilding expenses for flood recovery efforts. Ebenezer UCC is Rev. Dr. Judith Scott's home church. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

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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Central will again be selling poinsettias in 6" pots from Trenklein Greenhouses which you can purchase in memory or honor of someone. **The 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 mlwipper@embarqmail.com or 573-636-3685 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)

CHRISTKINDLMARKT 2019

Saturday, November 30

We need your help with the BAKE SALE by making your favorite Christmas and/or German cookies, candy, bread, and other pastries (no brownies). Baked items can be brought to the church gym/big kitchen on Friday, November 29, between 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. If you need to drop off your baked goods before Thanksgiving, you can drop it off at the church office/library on Wednesday, November 27, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. For more specific instructions about the baked goods, see Patti Schmutzler in person, e-mail at plschmu@gmail.com or TEXT a message at 573-418-8196. We also need help with packaging the baked goods and manning the bake sale. Thank you for your help.

_____ Yes, I will bring bake sale items.

_____ Yes, I can help with packaging the baked goods on
Friday, November 29th

_____ 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m.

_____ 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

_____ Yes, I can volunteer to help with the Bake Sale on
Saturday, November 30th

_____ 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

_____ 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

_____ 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

_____ 1:00 p.m. to clean up (after 2:00 p.m.)

Name: _____

Phone # or E-mail address: _____

Give sign-up sheet to Patti Schmutzler or place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings by November 24.



SHOW-ME HOPE is a Disaster Relief Team. We are a FEMA funded Crisis Counseling Program, overseen by the Missouri Department of Mental Health and SAMSHA. We are employed by Compass Health Network.

Our program is FREE of charge and we intend to bring help and HOPE to those impacted by the Tornado that are still in need.

We are an **Official Helping Agency** that is offering **FREE** Confidential Support and referral services. We refer for finances, health providers, legal aid, home repair, Individual and Group Crisis Counseling, Education, Employment and much more.

Know the Signs of Stress

- Irritability, anger
- Feelings of anxiety and worry
- Headaches or gastrointestinal complaints
- Increased risk-taking behavior
- Changes in eating and sleeping habits
- Increased alcohol or drug use
- Forgetfulness
- Fatigue
- Sense of helplessness, overwhelmed
- Lack of concentration
- Avoidance or denial
- Sadness
- Children may revert to earlier behaviors

(SHOW-ME HOPE, cont.)

Tips for Handling Stress

- **Practice Spiritual Disciplines** of prayer, scripture reading, worship, meditation, singing, fellowship, journaling, and seeking God with all your heart. Isaiah 26:3, Philippians 4:6-7. *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things.”*
- **Acknowledge feelings and talk them out.** Family, Friends and neighbors can be helpful listeners and may share some of the same worries. Participating in church or spiritual renewal activities can provide comfort and assistance in difficult times.
- **Take care of yourself—eat balanced meals, drink water, get adequate sleep and exercise.** Schedule time away with friends for a few hours, read a book, volunteer to help others, participate in team sports or community groups, find time for your favorite hobby and enjoy a good laugh.
- **Make nurturing relationships a priority.** Couples can make time to be alone. Families can re-establish important rituals such as mealtimes, holiday celebrations, game night, etc. Listen to and reassure children who may need additional support.
- **When should we seek help.** If stress, anxiety, depression or physical problems continue for more than a few weeks, or if someone is having feelings of extreme hopelessness or extreme anger, talking about suicide or is violent, it important to seek help immediately. Contact your physician or community mental health center as soon as possible.
- **Available 24/7 – confidential and free— Distress Helpline 800/985-5990**

LOCAL HELP LINE MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8:00-5:00, CRISIS COUNSELING & RESOURCES: 573-247-1629

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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