

# **CENTRAL**

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



**March 8, 2020**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**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** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

#1

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

Listen, for God is calling.

**Follow, and you will never be alone.**

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

**May we be born anew in your Spirit, that we might see the glory you have in store for us and for the world. For you sent your Son into our world, not to condemn us or put us to shame, but that we might have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.**

**PRAISE HYMN**

“God of Might, We Praise Thy Name” #20 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

**GREETING – BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS**

Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds, is like to that above.

**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

Genesis 12:1-4a

John 3:1-17

### BELL CHOIR SPECIAL MUSIC

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*      arr. Stephenson

### 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.

#### OFFERING

##### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**      *"Lamb of God, Our Savior"*      – Bach

#### \*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**

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” #274 (vs. 1, 2, 5)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** “Praise Be to God” – Powell

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

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**THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES**

**March 8 – March 15**

TODAY:	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
MON:	Scouts	7:00pm
TUES:	Women’s Fellowship Lenten Quiet Hour	12:00pm
	Mission and Outreach Ministry	5:00pm
WED:	Quilting	9:00am
	CUCC Family Time (Perkins)	9:00am
	Young Youth	3:00pm
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
	Sr. Adult Choir	7:00pm
THURS:	Adult Bible Study	10:00am
	Salvation Army Meal	5:00pm
SAT:	Breakfast Bonanza	7:00am
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am

Worship	10:00am
Children's Sunday School	10:15am
Congregational Meeting	11:00am

**Attendance last Sunday:** 65

**Altar flowers** are in honor of Deidre Mueller for her birthday from Kurt and family.

**Bulletins** are in memory of Monroe J. and Lorraine Schmutzler, and Bruce and Marian Nichols from the family.

**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, Abel Green, Jerry Watson, Lonnie Schneider, George Seifert, Doug Blaha, Tommy Thompson, Norma Klemme, Eleanor Diersing, Allen Schmutzler, Janet Miller, Stanley Eikermann, Christy Schmutzler, Gladys Gladden

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**90+ Birthdays this month:**

Carrie Davis (3/07)  
211 Indian Meadow Drive  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

**On March 15 we will hold a special congregational meeting** immediately after Church services to discuss hiring Rev. Dr. Judith Scott as our official pastor, on a part-time basis. This does not change our efforts to continue to find a full-time pastor for Central UCC, it merely creates a more formal and settled position both for CUCC and Rev. Scott while we continue to look for a full-time pastor. Please plan to attend this meeting immediately after Church services on March 15.

**Rev. Jim Allen will be visiting Central UCC on the weekend of March 27-29**, and will conduct our Sunday Services on March 29. The Search and Call Committee and the Council have agreed to bring Rev. Allen in as part of his interview process. Rev. Allen lives in northern Illinois, so rather than making a trip to preach at a neutral pulpit and then possibly come a second time to preach at CUCC, we decided to have him go ahead and conduct our service. Please keep in mind that neither the Search and Call Committee nor the Council have as yet made a recommendation to hire Rev. Allen, we are just considering him for our full-time pastor position. We will have a Meet and Greet Luncheon immediately following the service on March 29 so that everyone will have time to meet Rev. Allen and his wife Carol. Please plan to attend this important service on March 29.

**The Women's Fellowship Lenten Quiet Hour will be held Tuesday, March 10**, beginning at 12:00 noon. The Women's Fellowship officers and the Elenor Circle will host and provide a light salad luncheon. Becky Buchholz will lead our time of meditation. We will also send an invitation to the ladies at Brazito UCC. Please plan to come!

**Faith Formation Ministry** is looking for young adults interested in organizing a fellowship group. They will meet on a scheduled basis as set by the group, and plan their own activities. Please



contact Jeanie Woodward, Faith Formation Ministry Chair, at 573-893-2429 or 573-680-2974 for more information.

**Festival of Sharing Kit** – Mission and Outreach Ministry will be collecting items for the CWS Hygiene Kits during March. These kits are used for people who have to go to shelters for natural disasters. It would mean a lot to receive one of these kits if evacuated or not able to return home for some reason, as well as not being able to get to a store to purchase hygiene supplies.

CWS Hygiene Kit

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 bar of soap - bath size in package
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 nail clipper
- 10 standard size Band-Aids

**If your ministry or group needs to raise funds**, these months are still available to host a monthly dinner at church: July and August. Please contact Faye Rinaldi at 573-619-3339 or email [fayerinaldif@yahoo.com](mailto:fayerinaldif@yahoo.com).

**Young Youth (K-5<sup>th</sup> grades)** meets every Wednesday after school for food and fun, faith and fellowship, and to help build a relationship with God as well as with each other. There's always a 20-30 minute Bible lesson or faith-building activity, and we'll feed the kids dinner. Supervision goes from 3:00pm – 6:00pm.

**Bulletin openings for 2020** – Please contact the church office if you would like one or more of the following Sundays: *May 31, August 30, November 29*. Cost is \$15 per Sunday. Please contact the church office if interested.

**WIGS German Sausage Dinner is Sunday, March 22**, from 11:00am – 1:00pm in the church gym. The menu will include: sausage, gravy, mashed potatoes, German potato salad, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, bread, desserts, and drinks. Carry-outs are available. Tickets can be purchased from WIGS members after church or during coffee hour or purchased at the door for: \$12.00 (adults), \$5.00 (children ages 5-12), children under 5 free. In the past, proceeds have been used to fund worthwhile church and community projects. Come support these projects and enjoy a great meal!

**Central UCC Women's Relay for Life Team will be selling raffle tickets** for a chance to win four (300 level) tickets to the St. Louis Cardinals vs. Pittsburgh Pirates game on August 30 (American Cancer Society Day at the St. Louis Ballpark). Raffle tickets are \$2 for one ticket, or \$5 for three tickets which can be purchased from team members Jeanne Kujath, Connie Pack, and Mary Ann Wippermann. They will also be available on Sunday mornings during coffee hour and after church, at the WIGS German Sausage Dinner on March 22, and at the March 14 and April 11 Breakfast Bonanzas. The drawing takes place April 27.

**Common Ground Community Building Open House takes place on Thursday, March 19** from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at 1015 East Atchison Street, Jefferson City. Stop by to hear about their programs and services and what's to come in 2020. Be sure to take the opportunity to tour the building and pick up a copy of their 2019 Annual Report. Light refreshments will be served. Central UCC helps financially support Common Ground through the blue benevolence envelope in May.

**The Bible Class will resume meeting on Sundays** after Church instead of Thursdays. The next Bible class will be Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, after the congregational meeting.



# Breakfast Bonanza

All-You-Can-Eat  
Made-from-Scratch Biscuits  
Scrambled Eggs Pancakes Gravy  
Sausage Bacon Coffee/Milk/Juice

\$10 adults; \$5 kids 5-9; kids under 5 free

## Second Saturdays

Jan. 11 Feb. 8 Mar. 14  
7:00 – 11:30am

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118 W. Ashley, Jefferson City  
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## 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
Stated 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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