

CENTRAL

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



March 15, 2020
Third 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.

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* indicates please stand, as you are able

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Come Unto Me, Ye Weary” #305

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

You, who are thirsty, come.

Here, you will find Christ’s grace to quench your thirst, and God’s love to nourish your souls.

CHOIR INTROIT

***GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Loving God, nourish others as you have nourished us, with your steadfast presence and your healing grace. Amen.

PRAISE HYMN

“I Will Sing the Wondrous Story” #465 (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

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

CHOIR RESPONSE

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" - Clements

Come, my way, my truth, my life:

Such a way as gives us breath:

Such a truth as ends all strife:

Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength:

Such a light as shows a feast:

Such a feast as mends in length:

Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart:

Such a joy as none can move:

Such a love as none can part:

Such a heart as joys in love. Amen.

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 *“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”* – *Held*

***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 *“I Need Thee Every Hour”* #469 (vs. 1, 4, 5)

***BENEDICTION**

CHOIR RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *“Prelude in F Minor”* – *Handel*

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

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

March 15 – March 22

TODAY:	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:	Elenor Circle	1:00pm
WED:	Quilting	9:00am
	Meals On Wheels	10:00am
	Dominoes/Fellowship	1:00pm
	Young Youth	3:00pm
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
	Sr. Adult Choir	7:00pm
THURS:	Finance Ministry	5:30pm
	Faith Formation Ministry	5:30pm
	Church Council	7:00pm
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	WIGS German Sausage Dinner	11:00am
	Adult Bible Study	12:00am

Attendance last Sunday: 71

Altar flowers are given from the Elenor Circle in memory of our deceased members who gave much to keep the Circle going and growing. We lift up the following who were members at the time of their death: Eileen Hunsicker, Hazel Ortmeyer, Lucille Schmutz, Bonnie Barnard, Nancy Munk, Barbara McIntyre, Mary Lepage,

Esther Brightwell, Bernice Stumpe, Virginia Schneider, Edna Ousley, Maxine Howser, Jean Ketterman, Marge Perry, Imogene Mckinney, Aurelia Fricke, Dorothy Hackman, Dorean Erhart, Elenor Vieth, Johanna Oetting, Linda Rapps, Dorothy Seidel, Mary Boessen, Lulu Reithmeyer, Irma Bagnull, Esther Seidel, Anna Brune, and Norma Maier. We celebrated our 67th year March 13th!!

Bulletins are in memory of Vince Rinaldi from Faye and Gina.

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, Kris Simpson

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90+ Birthdays this month:

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Today, 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 following the worship service today.

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 Adult Bible Study will resume meeting on Sundays following worship instead of on Thursdays, effective March 15. Bible Study will meet today in the library area after the congregational meeting.

Vacuum Cleaner Fund – We are collecting funds to purchase new vacuum cleaners for Central Church. There's a lot of floor space that needs to be cleaned each week and our current vacuums need to be replaced. You can give your donation to Harry Kujath or to the church office and denote that it's for "Vacuum Cleaner Fund."

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!

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

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.

Young Youth (K-5th 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.

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 the April 11 Breakfast Bonanza. The drawing takes place April 27.

Camp Aurora Work Days: March 28, April 18, May 16, May 30, and June 6. Please contact Matt Kujath for more information.

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.

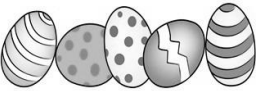
B R E A K F A S T
B O N A N Z A

Saturday, April 11 7:00-11:30am

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. Carry-outs available.



Easter egg hunt at 10:00am
for children up through 5th grade



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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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