

Prepare for October 30, 2022: Read Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4. The coming weeks will be the ending of the Christian liturgical year. This is the season for turning to the scriptures speaking on the return of Christ as we get ready to celebrate his birth in Advent. We will begin with a word from one of the Minor Prophets in the Old Testament. What is the main question from the prophet? What is God's answer? Do you find either the question or the answer comforting for your own situation today?

The pink rose at the altar is for the birth of Virginia Anne Young, born on October 15. Virginia is the daughter of Julia and Matthew Young.

FALL FESTIVAL
AT CENTRAL
OCTOBER 26, 5:00-7:00

- TRUNK-OR-TREAT
- CHILI COOK-OFF
- COSTUME PARADE
- GAMES IN THE GYM
- CAKE WALK

CHILI COOK-OFF, \$10 TO ENTER, SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ENCOURAGED TO MAKE A POT OF CHILI THE OTHER FOOD WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF BY WIM.

**Wednesday Nite Café
October 26 Menu
Fall Festival**

Hotdogs, hamburgers, tater tots, dessert, chili samples.

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



Lunch Bunch is every Wednesday at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$3. The **Market** ladies will be selling **poinsettias** beginning **October 9**. Please support this effort for our Market agencies! Forms will be available on Wednesday nights and Sundays. Payment must be included with your order. Deadline for ordering is November 3.

There will be a **fall festival** Wednesday, **October 26**, from 5-7 pm. There will be a trunk-or-treat, chili cook-off, a cake walk, and carnival games. Enter in the chili cook-off and rsvp to have your car in the trunk-or-treat by emailing Alicia@centralunitedmethodist.com.

There will be a straw poll on **October 30** from 11:30 to 1 pm in the fellowship hall.

October Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Oct 16	\$20,138
Needed for Oct	\$62,235
Received for Oct	\$51,703

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	154
Online:	56



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

Calendar

Sunday, October 23

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Young Adult (Rm 211)
10:30 AM Worship Service
5:00-7:00 PM Youth-3rd flr
5:30-7:00 PM Children-3rd flr

Tuesday, October 25

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Ladies B.S.-L
2:30 PM Prayer Team

Wednesday, October 26

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
11:00 AM Lunch Bunch, FH
5:00-7:00 PM Fall Festival
6:45-7:30 PM-Voices of Praise

Thursday, October 27

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

Friday, October 28

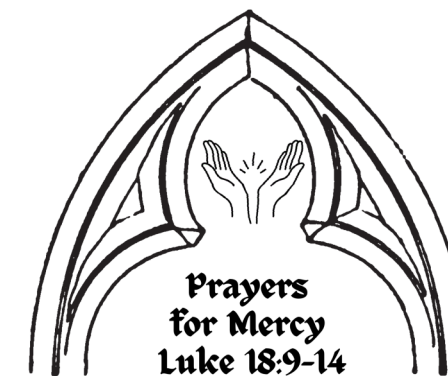
5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall
L - Library S- Sanctuary G- Gym

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.
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Central's mission:

Love God
Love others
Serve the world



**Prayers
for Mercy
Luke 18:9-14**

Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

October 23, 2022

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.

Musical Gift "An Exultant Alleluia"

Smith

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

We worship because the Lord stood by us on difficult days.

Even when we weren't aware and felt alone.

We worship because the Lord gives strength.

Even when we feel so weak.

We worship because we have been rescued again and again.

Even when we are afraid that we have lost.

Come and worship the God who stands with us in our darkest days and promises to be with us to the end.

We will worship in hope, seeking eyes to see and hearts to believe in God with us.

*Opening Hymns "Great is the Lord

Refrain

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just

By his power we trust in his love.

Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;

By his mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!

Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:

Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Refrain

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Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great are you Lord and worthy of glory!
Great are you Lord and worthy of praise.
Great are you Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord!

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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; the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal*

*Greeting

Hymn #402 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Prayers of the People

**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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Alicia Mullican

Special Music "Praise God"

Ken/Boyd

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near.
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Bible Reading — Luke 18:9-14

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone else with disgust: "Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself with these words, 'God, I thank you that I'm not like every-one else—crooks, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn't even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said,

'God, show mercy to me, a sinner.' I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — Prayers for Mercy

Rev. Miriam Smith

*Closing Hymn #32 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (v.1,3,4)

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift "Sing the Glad Song"

Ritter

Worship Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

Scripture Reader: Wm Marchant

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