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Bible Reading for September 18

Prepare for Sunday, September 18—Read Luke 16:1-13. What do you make of this parable? How do you find yourself responding to this teaching? Even if the story about the shrewd manager feels unwieldy, consider the last verse—you know, the one about serving only one master. If it's God or money, how do our lives stack up? Jesus, as ever, has much to say about those who place their trust in money to secure their future. Imagine you heard a friend share this parable and teaching in a normal day. Would you scoff at their naivete? Would there be a challenge in it?

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.



Wednesday Nite Café Sept 14 Menu

Country Fried Steak & Gravy
Creamed Potatoes & Gravy
English Peas
Rolls
Salad
Dessert



If you would like a To-go box for Wednesday Nite dinner, call Wim Marchant before Monday at noon so he can get an accurate count to order food.

Pricing

Adult/\$7
Child/\$5
Household/\$20

There will be a **discernment meeting** Monday, **Sept 12, at 6 PM** in the fellowship hall. The guest speaker will be **Rev. Steve West, UMC.**

Lunch Bunch is every Wednesday at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$3 to help with the lunch costs.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation is September 18, 10:30 service. Bible Class begins, October 2nd, taught by Pastor Miriam.

There will be a **Church Council** meeting on Sunday, **Sept 18**, at 5 pm in the fellowship hall.

September Financials

Needed Weekly \$15,559
Received Sept 4 \$4,963
Needed for Sept \$62,235
Received for Sept \$8,573

Last Week's Attendance

In-person: 90
Online: 0/no streaming



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Worship – 10:30 AM

Calendar

Sunday, September 11

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

Monday, September 12

6:00 PM Discernment Mtg/Speaker-F.H.

Tuesday, September 13

5:15 AM Exercise Class, Gym
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
2:30 PM Prayer Team, L

Wednesday, September 14

5:15 AM Exercise Class, Gym
11:00 AM Lunch Bunch-FH
5:00-7:00 PM Wed Nite Café
6:00-6:45 PM-Chancel Choir
6:45-7:30 PM-Voces of Praise
7:00 PM-Trustees Mtg-L

Thursday, September 15

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

Friday, September 16

5:15 AM Exercise Class-Gym
9:00 AM Women's Bible Study-JJ

CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall, S- Sanctuary

Central's mission:

Love God
Love others
Serve the world

SUPPOSE IT'S LOST

Luke 15:1-10

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Love God, love others, and serve the world

September 11, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

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

Musical Gift "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Birchwood

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;
God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.
God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;
let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever; let us worship God together.

*Hymn # 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed up on it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

*Prayer of Confession and Pardon, Passing the Peace

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

**We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

Greeting

*Hymn “Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Chorus

***Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Chorus

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

Chorus

Special Music “A Communion Invitation”

Martin/Sorenson

In this holy moment, in this sacred place,
Silence every worldly thought
Contemplate the gift of grace.

The bread of life is broken, the wine of mercy poured.
Come and see the goodness,
The goodness of the Lord.

Walk the path of shadows, take the road of tears.
Climb the hill of Sorrows, to Calvary draw near.
See the Savior weeping, wounded by our sin.
Kneel and gather mercy, then rise to live again.

In this holy moment, in this sacred place,
Silence every worldly thought,
Contemplate the gift of grace.

Bible Reading — Luke 15:1-10

—[Prayer]

**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.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.’ In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

“Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won't light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Celebrate with me because I've found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life.”

—
The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message — Suppose It's Lost

Rev. Miriam Smith

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer—

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks for God's creation and deliverance, concluding:

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks for the Son and the gift of the Holy Meal.

...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

We give thanks for God's presence, the Holy Spirit, concluding:

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**
With the confidence of God's children, we are bold to pray together:

**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.**

[While standing, receive the bread and cup. Then pray at the rail or return to your seat. Offerings left at the rail go to the needy. You may wish to receive with these words. If you wish to remain seated, please alert an usher and a server will come to you.]

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

*Prayer after Receiving

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Closing Hymn #381 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (v.1,3,4)

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift “Joy in God”

Blake