

Sunday - September 26th



**Come One –Come All!!!**

Bring your picnic baskets, poles, bait, chairs, hats and coolers and let's find out Who is the fishing champion of Central!

**When -- Sunday Sept. 26th**  
2:00 until 5:00

**Where -- The Looney's Farm**

**Who -- EVERYONE**

**Why -- Just for Fun!!**

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

"Shout to the Lord" (IFWS 2074) (c)1993 Darlene Zschech/Hillsongs Publishing, admin by Integrity's Hosanna! Music

"Across The Lands" (W&S 3032) c 2002 Thankyou Music/Adm. By worshiptogether.com songs

"I Love You Lord" (IFWS 2068) c1978 House of Mercy Music, admin. By Mranatha! Music c/o The Copyright Co.

"Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love" Arr. Joseph Martin c 2019 Common Hymnal Publishing (ASCAP)

"Holy, Holy, Holy" - arr. Smith c. 1968 Lorenz Publishing Co

Call to Worship Written by Bruce Prewer and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home Page, © B D Prewer 2006, <http://www.bruceprewer.com>

**Wednesday Nite Café September 15th Menu**

	<b>Pricing</b>
Hamburger casserole	\$7/Adult
Broccoli	\$5/Child (12 & under)
Corn nuggets, Rolls, Salad, Dessert	\$20 Household

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.



**Bible Reading for Sept 19**

James 3:13-4:3,7-8a: "Draw Near"

**Discussion Questions**

• *When we feel distant from God, it is we who have moved. James tells us that when we draw near to God, God draws near to us. Included in this week's reading are specific examples of what comes from wisdom and what comes when without it. In what ways would this wisdom impact what we do, according to James? Is there anything challenging for you in this week's reading?*

Facemasks are Recommended



and Encouraged while indoors.

**September Financials**

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Sept 5	\$15,500
Needed for Sept	\$62,235
Received for Sept	\$15,500

**Last Week's Attendance**

In-person:	98
Online:	68



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

**Calendar**

**Sunday, September 12**

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Children, (3rd FL), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213),

10:30 AM Worship Service  
5:00 PM Youth

**Tuesday, September 14**

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

**Wednesday, September 15**

5:15 AM Exercise Class, Gym  
5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Café  
6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Programming, Children, Youth, & Adults  
6:00 PM Small Group Music, S

**Thursday, September 16**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

**Friday, September 17**

5:15 AM Exercise Class-Gym  
9:00 AM Women's Bible Study-JJ  
**Sunday, September 19**  
5:00 PM Church Council Mtg-FH

CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall  
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall, S- Sanctuary  
L - Library, JJ-Java Jaay

Central's mission:

Love God  
Love others  
Serve the world



faith: works

**Sticks and Stones**

James 3:1-12

Central's mission:

**Love God, love others, and serve the world**

**September 12, 2021**

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

*Please silence electronic devices.*

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

Preservice Music "Shout to the Lord" Zschech

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship**

We come here today not because we are clever but because God welcomes the slow learners. **We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.** We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school. **O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

\*Congregational Singing "Across The Lands"  
"I Love You Lord"

\*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

\*Congregational Singing “Oh Be Careful”

Oh be careful little eyes what you see,

Oh be careful little eyes what you see.

For the Father up above is looking down in love,

Oh be careful little eyes what you see.

-Oh be careful little hands what you do

-Oh be careful little feet where you go

-Oh be careful little mouth what you say

Special Music “Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love”

*arr. Joseph Martin*

Bible Reading — James 3:1-12

—[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.**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, because you know that we will be judged more strictly. For we all stumble in many ways. If someone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect individual, able to control the entire body as well. And if we put bits into the mouths of horses to get them to obey us, then we guide their entire bodies. Look at ships too: Though they are so large and driven by harsh winds, they are steered by a tiny rudder wherever the pilot's inclination directs. So too the tongue is a small part of the body, yet it has great pretensions. Think how small a flame sets a huge forest ablaze. And the tongue is a fire! The tongue represents the world of wrongdoing among the parts of our bodies. It pollutes the entire body and sets fire to the course of human existence—and is set on fire by hell.

For every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and sea creature is subdued and has been subdued by humankind. But no human being can subdue the tongue; it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people made in God's image. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. These things should not be so, my brothers and sisters. A spring does not pour out fresh water and bitter water from the same opening, does it? Can a fig tree produce olives, my brothers and sisters, or a vine produce figs? Neither can a salt water spring produce fresh water.

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The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Sticks and Stones”

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 “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.

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.

\*Sending Forth

Musical Gift “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*arr. Smith*