

Today's altar flowers are in loving memory of Joe Sides,
by Glee Sides.

Bible Reading for September 12

James 3:1-12, "Sticks and Stones"

Have you ever said anything you regret? For this week's reading, pay attention to the points James makes at the end of this section. What does it mean for Christians to tame their tongues? In light of his concern for faith to show through the works of Christians, why would this matter?

**Wednesday Nite Café
September 8th Menu**

Fried chicken
Chicken tenders, Cole slaw,
Mashed potatoes,
Biscuits, 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



August Financials

Needed Weekly \$15,559
Received August 29 \$5,258
Needed for August \$62,235
Received for August \$48,032

Last Week's Attendance

In-person: 146
Online: 71

There will be a church council meeting on Sunday, **September 19th**, at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Calendar

Sunday, September 5

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Good Fellowship (CH)
10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, September 6

Labor Day: Church Office Closes

Tuesday, September 7

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
2:30 PM Prayer Team
5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

Wednesday, September 8

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Café
6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Programming
Children, Youth, Adults

Thursday, September 9

7:00 AM, Men's Java Jaay Bible

Friday, September 10

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.
www.CentralUnitedMethodist.com

Facemasks are Recommended



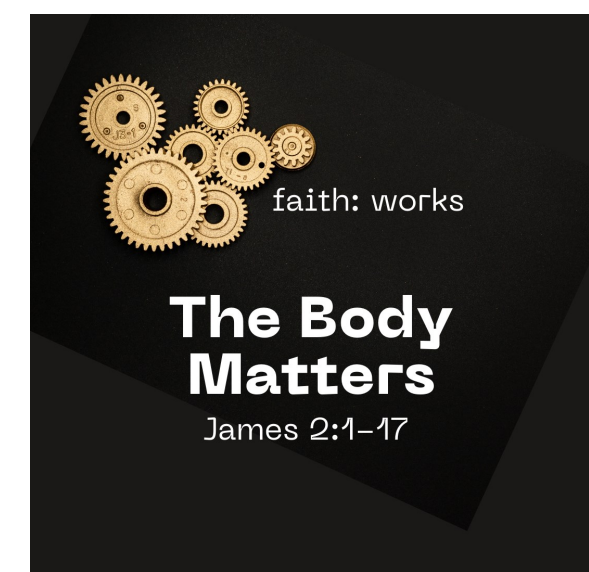
and Encouraged while indoors.

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.



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**Love God
Love others
Serve the world**

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



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September 5, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 AM
Please silence electronic devices.
*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.

Preservice Music "Here I Am to Worship"

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

We can trust God.
God is like the mountain: rock solid.
God loves all the people:
the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.
We can depend on God.
God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.
Praise our Loving God.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Congregational Singing "Living Waters"
"He Is Exalted"

*Affirmation of Faith

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

Congregational Singing “Sanctuary”

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

Debbie Looney

Special Music “I Speak Peace”

arr. Sorenson

Bible Reading — James 2:1-17

**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.**

My brothers and sisters, do not show prejudice if you possess faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if someone comes into your assembly wearing a gold ring and fine clothing, and a poor person enters in filthy clothes, do you pay attention to the one who is finely dressed and say, “You sit here in a good place,” and to the poor person, “You stand over there,” or “Sit on the floor”? If so, have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil motives? Listen, my dear brothers and sisters! Did not God choose the poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor! Are not the rich oppressing you and dragging you into the courts? Do they not blaspheme the good name of the one you belong to? But if you fulfill the royal law as expressed in this scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. But if you show prejudice, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as violators. For the one who obeys the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a violator of the law. Speak and act as those who will be judged by a law that gives freedom. For judgment is merciless for the one who has shown no mercy. But mercy triumphs over judgment.

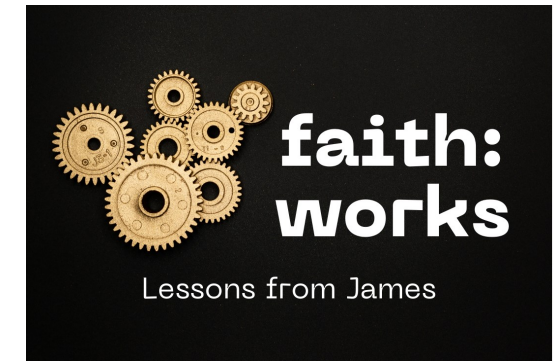
What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Can this kind of faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm and eat well,” but you do not give them what the body needs, what good is it? So also faith, if it does not have works, is dead being by itself.

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

Message — “The Body Matters” Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn “Change My Heart Oh God”

* Sending Forth



Lessons From James Sermon Series

For the next four weeks, we are going to spend time learning from the wisdom in James. What is the purpose of our faith—in the most practical of terms? How can we put our faith to work? And is there a conflict between works and faith? Join us as we explore together.

September 5: “The Body Matters” - James 2:1-17
 September 12: “Sticks and Stones” - James 3:1-12
 September 19: “Draw Near” - James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Pianist: Kim Osborne

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