

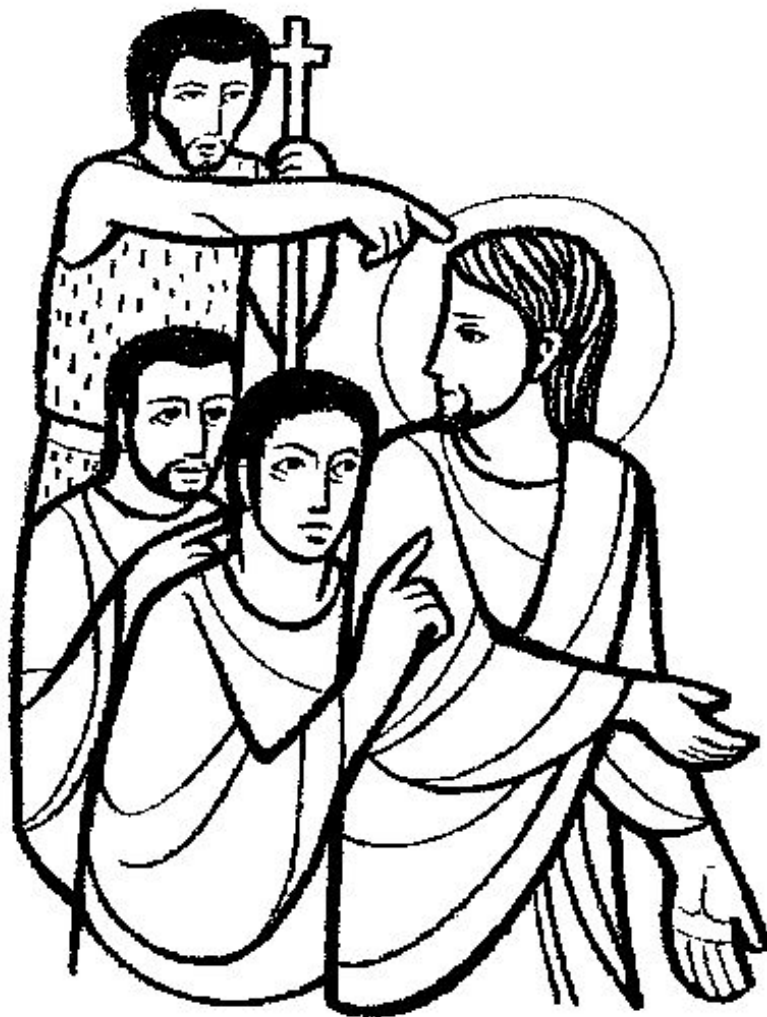
# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Human Relations Day**  
**10:30 am**

\* Please stand as able

## GATHERING

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Prelude

### ***Nimrod***

*(from "Enigma Variations, Opus 36)  
Edward Elgar, Arr. by Rick Parks  
Millete Silverio*

Welcome &  
Announcements

*Pastor David Haley*

\*Call to Worship

*Ed Gut, Leader*

A child once dreamed the Voice was calling his name  
... 'Samuel'; fishermen heard the Voice when a young  
man bid them follow; still the Voice beckons today ...  
can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

Moses protested as the Voice spoke at the burning bush;  
Mary stood amazed as the Voice proclaimed impending  
birth; still the Voice beckons today ... can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

Rosa Parks followed the Voice to the front of the bus;  
Martin Luther King, Jr. heard the Voice as the bullet  
shattered; still the Voice beckons today ... can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

The Voice beckons from humble places ... in the tears of  
hungry children, in the cries of the frail and frightened  
elderly, in the pleas of those whose dreams have too  
long been deferred; still the Voice beckons today ... can  
you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

A timid believer pauses to listen to the Voice; a struggling  
church hears the Voice and turns; still the Voice beckons  
today ... can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

*(Katherine Hawker, Liturgy Outside, 1997)*

\*Hymn 256

### ***We Would See Jesus***

Opening Prayer

**O God, you call us today, just as you called  
Samuel so long ago. Gathered here today, we are  
many ages, but we pray for the maturity of faith to  
hear your call and respond to your Word. Open our  
ears and our hearts as we worship, as we work,  
and as we care for one another. We ask that you  
would give us courage and integrity to answer your  
call with the heart-felt words, "Here I am!" Amen.**

Children's Moment

## WORD

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Old Testament	<b>1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10</b> <i>Ed Gut, Reader</i>
Psalm	<b>Psalm 139</b> <i>from A Book of Psalms,</i> <i>by Stephen Mitchell</i>
Anthem	<b>Here I Am, Lord</b> <i>Words &amp; Music by Dan Schutte</i> <i>Arr. by Mark Hayes</i> <i>Katy Jacob &amp; Jamie Arvizu, soloists</i> <i>Nick Werth, drums</i>
*Gospel	<b>John 1: 43- 51</b>
*Hymn 2052 TFWS	<b>The Lone, Wild Bird</b>
Message	<b>The Dream Remains</b> <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<b>Pie Jesus</b> <i>(from Requiem, Op.48, No. 4)</i> <i>Gabriel Faure</i> <i>Katy Jacob, soloist</i> <i>John Tiffin, keyboard</i>

## TABLE

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*The Peace	
Great Thanksgiving	
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup ( <i>seated</i> )	
Prayer After Communion	

## SENDING FORTH

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*Hymn 593	<b>Here I Am, Lord</b>
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	<b>Passacaglia</b> <i>Gordon Young</i>

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives*

## WELCOME

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If you are a guest at Central today, we welcome you and are honored you have come to begin a New Year with us. Here's some helpful things to know . . .

- **RESTROOMS** are downstairs. There is also an accessible restroom just outside the sanctuary, to the left.
- The words to the hymns, the Scripture readings, and the responses may be followed on the screen. Please silence all **CELL PHONES** before the service.
- At the time of the **OFFERING**, we realize not every one carries cash or checks; to donate electronically go to [www.skokiecentralumc.org/donate.html](http://www.skokiecentralumc.org/donate.html)
- Today as we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION**, you do not have to be United Methodist or a member of our congregation to participate; all who accept Christ's invitation to his table – of every age – are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to receive the bread and the cup while seated.

## HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

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Today - the Sunday before the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration - is a special offering Sunday in the United Methodist Church, **HUMAN RELATIONS DAY**. One hundred percent of every donation goes straight to the marginalized, the disenfranchised and the ones at risk. Here's the breakdown:

- 57% is allocated to the Community Developers Program, which supports racial-ethnic congregations and communities engaged in social justice through advocacy.
- 33% is allocated to the United Methodist Voluntary Services Program, which helps promote and provide relationships with local community organizations.
- 10% is allocated to the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program, which works with at-risk youth to prevent problems and helps convicted youth redirect their lives.

Please use the special offering envelopes (available from the ushers) to donate.

## ALTAR

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **PAM CASTANEDA** with thanks to everyone who helped when she broke her wrist.

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## FELLOWSHIP

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Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by the **Kitchen Crew**. Volunteers are needed to host upcoming fellowship times; a sign-up sheet is available to the right of the serving window in Fellowship Hall.

## 2018 ALTAR FLOWERS

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The **2018 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR** is posted on the Bulletin Board by the Fellowship Hall kitchen. There are still many open dates. Please check the Calendar to see when you would like to provide flowers for the altar during 2018. Thank you for your faithful provision of altar flowers, keeping the altar beautiful week-by-week!

## PLEDGE CARDS & ENVELOPES

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Thanks to your generous giving in 2017 - in combination with the shared space contributions of the congregations who share our building - we were able to end the year with a surplus in the Operating Fund, in addition to paying our apportionments at 75%. (We wanted to retain some reserve due to the large gas bills we know are coming after the last two weeks of near-zero weather). In addition, due to the implications of the recently approved Tax Bill, several families gave 2018 donations in advance. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Financial envelopes for 2018 are available today for pick up in the narthex. If you do not have an envelope in your name, please contact Doris Bloom (847-673-1311).

## MEN'S DINNER AND MOVIE

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The next **MEN'S DINNER and MOVIE** will be next **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm** in the Log Cabin. The menu will be baby back ribs, potato salad, baked beans and dessert. The movie will be "**Dunkirk**." Please contact Gerhard Mels if you plan to attend at [gerhardmels@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gerhardmels@sbcglobal.net) or 847-675-0720.

## UPPER ROOM

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The January/February edition of the daily devotional booklet, **THE UPPER ROOM**, is available in the literature rack in the Narthex.

# CALENDAR

**Today, Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Human Relations Day**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**  
Fellowship to follow

**Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

**Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm - Choir Practice

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

5 pm - Men's Dinner & Movie

**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**  
Fellowship to follow

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*To add/remove someone from the Prayer List,  
contact the church office*

### **Hospitals, Rehab, Assisted Living & Extended Care:**

Bob Andrews  
Edith Bass  
Carmen Ewing  
Brian Gut  
Steve Winker

### **At Home:**

Nancy Blaylock  
Janet Casey  
Lola Hessing  
Wilma Odlivak  
Eden Soco  
Harriet Tiahnybik  
Eutopio Zamora

## LEADERS

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**  
Today's Reader.....**Ed Gut**  
Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**  
Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**  
Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**  
Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**  
Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**  
Fellowship.....**Kitchen Crew**  
Ministers.....**The People of the Congregation**

## MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,  
today and forever***