

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**10:30 am**

**Scout Sunday**

\*Please stand as able

## GATHERING

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Prelude

### ***On Eagle's Wings***

*Michael Joncas, Arr. by Mark Hayes  
John Tiffin, keyboard*

Welcome &  
Announcements

*Pastor David Haley*

Presentation  
of the Colors

*Troop 72*

\*Call to Worship

*Wayne Rogoski, Leader*

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

**The Lord, the everlasting God, gives  
power to the faint and strengthens  
the powerless.**

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

**Those who wait for the Lord shall  
renew their strength, and rise up  
with wings like eagles.**

Today as we worship, from whatever  
physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual  
fatigue we face,

**May God raise us up!**

\*Hymn 139

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

Opening Prayer

**Everlasting God, you give strength to the  
powerless and power to the faint; you raise up the  
sick and cast out demons. Make us agents of healing  
and wholeness, that your good news may be made  
known to the ends of your creation. Amen.**

Children's Moment

## WORD

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Old Testament	<b>Isaiah 40: 21 - 31</b> <i>Wayne Rogoski, Reader</i>
Psalms	<b>Psalms 147: 1 - 11, 20</b>
Anthem	<b>You Raise Me Up</b> <i>Bredan Graham &amp; Rolf Lovland</i> <i>Arr. by Joseph M. Martin</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i> <i>Nick Werth, drums</i>
*Gospel	<b>Mark 1: 29 - 39</b>
*Hymn	<b>The Power of Your Love</b> <i>Words &amp; Music by Geoff Bullock</i>
Message	<b>The Uplifting Power of Faith</b> <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<b>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</b> <i>Thomas Dorsey, Arr. by Mark Hayes</i> <i>John Tiffin, keyboard</i> <i>Nick Werth, drums</i>

## TABLE

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*The Peace	
Great Thanksgiving	
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup	<i>(please come forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup)</i>
Prayer After Communion	

## SENDING FORTH

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*Hymn TFWS 2281	<b>May You Run and Not Be Weary</b>
Retirement of the Colors	
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	<b>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</b> <i>Arr. by Matt Limbaugh</i>

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*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 go forward, receive the bread and dip it into the cup.

## SCOUT SUNDAY

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Today is **SCOUT SUNDAY**, when we welcome Scoutmaster Dennis Clarke and the members of Troop 72, their leaders and families. Central has sponsored Troop 72 - which meets on Wednesday evenings in the Log Cabin - since 1955, the same year McDonald's was founded. In recognition of **SCOUT SUNDAY**, the Scouts will present and retire the Colors at the beginning and end of the service.

## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

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Next Sunday is the **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**, the last Sunday after the Epiphany and the Sunday before **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the beginning of **LENT**, the forty-day period of preparation for **EASTER**. This year, **ASH WEDNESDAY** will be February 14th (Valentine's Day; roses and ashes, anyone?). The sign of ashes will be available for all who desire them from 5 pm to 7 pm in the Sanctuary. A sheet of introduction and preparation will be provided; drop by, prayerfully prepare yourself, receive the sign of ashes and begin the holy season of **LENT**. One further twist: this year, **EASTER SUNDAY** will be April 1st (April Fool's Day!).

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## ALTAR

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **KATHY SHINE** in celebration of her birthday.

## 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 **DORINE SOBERS** and **MARIEGOLD COOPER**. 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!

## FLU PRECAUTIONS

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We are at the peak of flu season, when many are sick. As we gather today, use common-sense precautions, wash hands with sanitizer frequently, and please cover when you cough. Many may choose not to shake hands today, which is understandable (and perhaps wise!). At the peak of flu season, eastern forms of greeting without touching (Namaste!) are the way to go!

## FOOD PANTRY

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Thanks to everyone who brought food donations today for the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items may be left in the vestibule by the shopping cart.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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February 9 - Rose David

February 10 - Mike Uhle

*JTo add a name to the birthday list, contact the office at (847) 673-1311 or [central\\_church@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:central_church@skokiecentralumc.org).*

## **CALENDAR**

**Today, Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Scout Sunday**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Study

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

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

12:30 pm - Canasta

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm - Choir Practice

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Study

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### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

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

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.....**Wayne Rogoski**  
Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**  
Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**  
Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**  
Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**  
Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**  
Fellowship.....**Dorine Sobers &  
Mariegold Cooper**  
Ministers.....**The People of the Congregation**

### **MEMORIAL WINDOW**

**Message:**

**Christ Lives Today!**

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