

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**10:30 am**

*\*Please stand as able*

## **GATHERING**

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Prelude

### ***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

*Frederick C. Maker*

*Arr. Mark Hayes*

*Millete Silverio*

Welcome &  
Announcements

*Pastor David Haley*

\*Call to Worship

*Mary Wadleigh, Leader*

We wish to see Jesus!

We come to worship, to pray and learn.

**We come looking for Jesus in  
Scripture, in our life experiences,  
in helping our world, in prayers for  
each other.**

We seek to follow in the way of Jesus.

**We lay bare before God and one  
another our own wilderness  
journey, filled with gladness and  
hope, reluctance and sorrow, fear  
and confusion.**

God, speak to us, show us, touch us with  
your presence!

**That our Lenten journey may lead  
us to Jesus, so that we may show  
Jesus forth in our lives, our church,  
and our world.**

*[Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey]*

\*Hymn 159

### ***Lift High the Cross***

Opening Prayer

**Holy God, we come to you in fear and anxiety.  
We realize life is risky business and that being a  
Christian compels us to act in ways even more risky  
and dangerous. We are called to go out into the  
world and confront evil, to speak the truth, to love  
the unlovable, to walk in the ways of justice and  
peace, to be the initiators of love and reconciliation.  
Give us the courage and strength to do what You call  
us to do, to venture out in love, and to do so with  
enthusiasm and joy. We ask this in the name of  
Jesus the Christ, who calls us to risk all. Amen.**

Children's Moment

*Rev. Sylvia Pleas*

## WORD

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Old Testament	<b>Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34</b> <i>Mary Wadleigh, Reader</i>
Psalm	<b>Psalm 51: 1 - 12</b> <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	<b>Sanctify this Place</b> <i>Lew King</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i>
*Gospel	<b>John 12: 20 - 33</b>
*Hymn 311	<b>Now the Green Blade Riseth</b>
Message	<b>When the Hour Has Come</b> <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<b>Danny Boy</b> <i>Phil Coulter &amp; James Galway</i> <i>Michele Harbeck Haley, flute</i>

## TABLE

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Invitation	
Confession	
*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 707	<b>Hymn of Promise</b>
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	<b>Lannigan's Ball/ The Kerry Dances</b> <i>Arr. by Frank Gallagher</i> <i>Michele Harbeck Haley,</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 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.

## ALTAR

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Today is the **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**, the forty-day period of preparation for Easter. Next Sunday will be **PALM/PASSION** Sunday, and the beginning of **HOLY WEEK**.

## ALTAR

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **MERIAM RAMIREZ** in celebration of **ANDREW's** 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 **CIRCLE 8**.

## THE SHACK

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Tomorrow, **Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**, will be last discussion on the movie and book entitled "**The Shack**." We will meet at **1 pm** for an hour in the Log Cabin. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Apple pie will be provided. This week, the theme will be "**Freedom to Forgiveness - God calls us to forgive others.**"

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## LIVING COLOR FLOWERS

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Again this year we are raising money for Central's gardens and buildings by selling flowers and vegetables. Order forms are available each Sunday, and will be due **next Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**. The plants will be delivered to the church in early May, around Mother's Day, weather permitting. To order or ask questions, see Karen Buccola in Fellowship Hall after worship, email her at [klbuccola@aol.com](mailto:klbuccola@aol.com), phone 312-343-4139, or call the church office.

## MEN'S DINNER AND MOVIE

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This month's **MEN'S DINNER & MOVIE** will be next **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm** in the Log Cabin. The menu will be spaghetti and meatballs, green salad and dessert. The movie is "**Darkest Hour.**" Please contact Gerhard Mels if you plan to attend at 847-675-0720.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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March 21 - Dorothy Harrold  
23 -Marco Stegich  
25 - Scott Wolff-Klammer

## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Sunday, 3/25, 10:30 am:

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

Thursday, 3/29, 7 pm:

**Maundy Thursday (LC)**

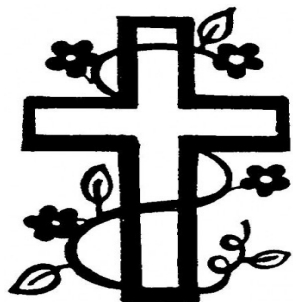
Friday, 3/30, 6 pm:

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross**

(outside, weather permitting)

Sunday, 4/1, 10:30 am:

**EASTER SUNDAY**



## **CALENDAR**

**Today, Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Study

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

**Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

1 pm - "The Shack" discussion

**Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Primary Election Day**

**Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:30 am - Circle 8

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

**Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10 am - Prayer Shawl  
Mission

7 pm - Choir Practice

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 am - Food Depository

5 pm - Men's Dinner &  
Movie

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### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

***Hospitals, Rehab, Assisted***

***Living & Extended Care:***

Edith Bass

Carmen Ewing

Brian Gut

Steve Winker

***At Home:***

Nancy Blaylock

Doris Bloom

Janet Casey

Jayne Epperson

Mavis Fowlin

Lola Hessing

Wilma Odlovak

Harriet Tiahnybik

Eutopio Zamora

### **LEADERS**

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**

Today's Reader.....**Mary Wadleigh**

Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**

Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**

Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**

Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**

Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**

Fellowship.....**Circle 8**

Ministers.....**The People of the Congregation**

### **MEMORIAL WINDOW**

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

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