

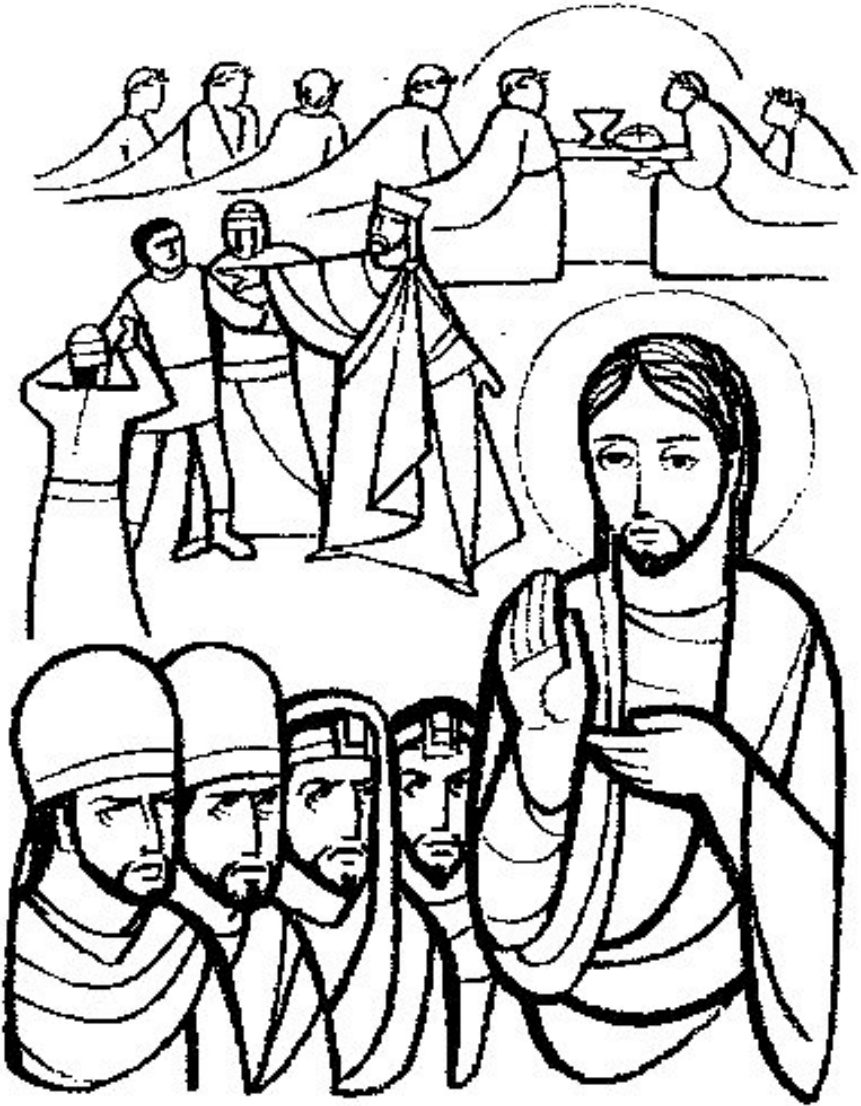
# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**10:30 am**

\* = Please stand as able

## **GATHERING**

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Prelude

### ***What a Friend We have In Jesus***

*Words & Music by Joseph M. Scriven  
and Charles C. Converse  
Arr. by Marianne Kim  
Millete Silverio*

Welcome &  
Announcements

*Pastor David Haley*

\*Call to Worship

*Diane Wolff-Klammer, Leader*

There is space in the pew beside us.  
There is an empty seat at our table at home.  
There is room in our car, on our couch,  
in our lives.

#### **Whom then shall we invite?**

The doctor the lawyer the banker?  
The mother the neighbor the friend?  
The homeless the outcast the poor?

#### **Whom then shall we invite?**

Maybe we are planning a banquet.  
Maybe we prefer to dine alone.  
Maybe, just maybe, we are ready to  
encounter the kingdom of God.

#### **Whom then shall we invite?**

*(Katherine Hawker, Outside the Box, 2002)*

\*Hymn 2236 TFWS

### ***Gather Us In***

Opening Prayer

**We come this morning, O God, from busy  
and hectic schedules, from many things to do.  
Yet we have received your great invitation, and  
have dropped everything to come and rejoice in  
the gift of life you have given us in Jesus Christ.  
Open our eyes and open our hearts to invite others  
to this feast of life and love, in the name of the One  
who brings us in from the highways and byways  
of life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

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First Reading	<b><i>Philippians 4: 1 - 9</i></b> <i>Diane Wolff-Klammer, Reader</i>
Psalms	<b><i>Psalms 106: 1 - 6, 19 - 23</i></b> <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	<b><i>Peace Like a River with Amazing Grace</i></b> <i>Traditional Spiritual Setting by Joel Raney The Chancel Choir Nick Werth, Drums</i>
*Gospel	<b><i>Matthew 22: 1 - 14</i></b>
*Hymn	<b><i>Rejoice in the Lord Always</i></b>
Message	<b><i>The Gift of Peace</i></b> <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<b><i>Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy</i></b> <i>from Southern Harmony Arr. by Larry Shackley Millete Silverio, John Tiffin</i>

## TABLE

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

## SENDING FORTH

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*Hymn	<b><i>Table of Plenty</i></b> <i>Words &amp; Music by Dan Schutte</i>
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	<b><i>Rejoice, the Lord is King</i></b> <i>John Darwall Arr. by Ted Cornell</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!

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 need not be United Methodist or a member of Central to participate; everyone of every age who accepts Christ's invitation to his table are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to go forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **LOIS MARTIN** in loving memory of her husband, **ED MARTIN**.

## AFTER CHURCH 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 **SOCO FAMILY**. Volunteers are needed to host fellowship time. A sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board outside the kitchen in Fellowship Hall.

## THANKS ED & RON

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With four buildings and several acres of property, there is always something to be done around here. Thanks to **ED GUT** and **RON KONIOR** for re-stripping the parking places by the Log Cabin and church building, making them easier to see and use.

## ALL SAINTS, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

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Just a reminder that we will remember those who have died over the last year on **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, November 5<sup>th</sup>**: **ILENE KONIOR, HELEN BEXTEL, RUTH JAKLIN, LEONE O'ROARK** and **RUSS NELSON**.

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## PROMISE OF THE RAINBOW: DISASTER RELIEF AND FEMI CLAUDIUS-COLE

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As Lisa Jacobs explained last Sunday, this year, instead of the multiple causes we have done for Promise of the Rainbow, we are focusing on two:

The medical mission of our parishioner, Femi Claudius-Cole, in her home country of Sierra Leone in West Africa. As you know, Femi is running for the presidency of the country but she is doing so by running medical outreach clinics in rural villages. Our gifts will help buy medical supplies. More about Femi's mission can be found at [www.unityparty.com](http://www.unityparty.com).

Disaster Relief. The disasters go on and relief continues to be urgently needed: Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, and now the devastating Northern California wildfires. You may help provide relief by giving to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) through Central by making your checks payable to Central with either "Femi" or "Hurricanes" in the notation space.

## LADIES' NIGHT OUT

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**LADIES' NIGHT OUT** will be this **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm** in the Log Cabin. Chili will be served. Cornbread, salad or other sides and, of course, dessert, will be welcome. We will be watching "**La La Land**." Please contact the church office if you plan to attend - 847-673-1311 or [centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org).

## MEN'S MOVIE NIGHT

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October is Filipino-American History Month and this month's Men's Movie Night - **Saturday, October 28 at 5 pm** - will be "**Amigo**", a 2010 American-Filipino film written and directed by John Sayles. The film takes place in the Philippines in 1900 during the Philippine-American War, and is one of the only films directed by an American to address the war. Dinner will be at 5 pm with the movie to follow.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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October 15 - Barb Smith

October 18 - Guin Grimstad-Tiffin

October 19 - Steve Winker

*To add a name to the birthday list, contact the office at (847) 673-1311 or [centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org).*

## **CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir  
9:30 am - Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am - **Worship**  
Fellowship to follow

### **Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm - Trustees Meeting

### **Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 - Circle 8  
7 pm - Boy Scouts (LC)

### **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm - Chancel Choir

### **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm - Ladies' Night Out

### **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir  
9:30 am - 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:**

Edith Bass  
Carmen Ewing  
Brian Gut  
Harriet Tiahnybik  
Steve Winker

### **At Home:**

Nancy Blaylock  
Janet Casey  
Lola Hessing  
Wilma Odlivak  
Eutopio Zamora

## **LEADERS**

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

## **MEMORIAL WINDOW**

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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