

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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October 15th, 2017

10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

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

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

TABLE

*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

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

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Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives

WELCOME!

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
- 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

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

AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

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

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 5TH

Just a reminder that we will remember those who have died over the last year on **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, November 5th**: **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

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.

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

LADIES' NIGHT OUT will be this **Friday, October 20th 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.

MEN'S MOVIE NIGHT

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

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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 15th

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

Tuesday, October 17th

6:30 pm - Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, October 18th

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

Thursday, October 19th

7 pm - Chancel Choir

Friday, October 20th

5:30 pm - Ladies' Night Out

Sunday, October 22nd

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 Odilivak
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***