

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**10:30 am**

\* = Please stand as able

## GATHERING

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Prelude

***My Tribute***

*Andrae Crouch*

*Millete Silverio*

Welcome &  
Announcements

*Pastor David Haley*

\*Call to Worship

*Claire Rogoski, Leader*

All good gifts come from above:

**For joy in living**

And patience in trouble

**For rainbows after clouds**

And moonlight on the darkest night;

**For wisdom to walk the right path**

And peace to calm anxious worry;

**All these, and more,**

**are gifts from above.**

With hearts and hands and voices,

**Let us thank our gracious God.**

\*Hymn

***A Thanksgiving Medley***

(2 verses each)

Hymnal 102

***Now Thank We All Our God***

Hymnal 131

***We Gather Together***

Hymnal 694

***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***

Opening Prayer

**Our gracious God, we come before you today in praise and thanksgiving. The harvest is gathered, our cupboards are full, our homes are warm, our beds are soft. For such abundance some would weep with joy. In response to your goodness to us, grant that we may joyfully share with others that which we have received from your hand, to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Moment

*Rev. Sylvia Pleas*

## WORD

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First Reading	<b><i>1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11</i></b> <i>Claire Rogoski, Reader</i>
Psalm	<b><i>Psalm 123</i></b> <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	<b><i>Thank You, Lord</i></b> <i>African American Spiritual</i> <i>arr. John Carter</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i>
*Gospel	<b><i>Matthew 25: 14 - 30</i></b>
*Hymn 2036 TFWS	<b><i>Give Thanks</i></b>
The Message	<b><i>Parable of the Talents: Commendable or Corrupt?</i></b> <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<b><i>Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart</i></b> <i>Henry Smith</i> <i>arr. Jan Sanborn</i> <i>Millete Silverio</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 2008 TFWS	<b><i>Let All Things Now Living</i></b>
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	<b><i>Praise His Greatness</i></b> <i>arr. Mark Hayes</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, receive the bread and dip it into the cup.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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The **HORN OF PLENTY** on the altar today is in celebration of Thanksgiving. The rose on the Altar is in celebration of the birth of Ava Victoria Castaneda on October 30<sup>th</sup>, weighing in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. Ava is the daughter of Alex and Christine Castaneda and the granddaughter of Pam and Raul Castaneda.

## 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 **CIRCLE 8**.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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Believe it or not, it's time to order **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**. The cost is \$9 per plant. Order forms are available from the ushers and in the narthex. Orders must be in by **Sunday, December 3**.

## SANTA IN THE CABIN

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Volunteers are needed to help with **SANTA IN THE CABIN** on **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please see Julianne Arvizu or Pam Castaneda or contact the church office if you can help with this event or bake for the **Bake Sale**.

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## INTERFAITH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2017

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This year's 47th annual **INTERFAITH SERVICE of THANKSGIVING** will be Tuesday evening, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm at **ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**, 8013 Laramie Ave, Skokie (across from Village Hall). The speaker will be Mr. **KAREEM IRFAN**, the first Muslim President of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago. The **SKOKIE COMMUNITY CHOIR** will also sing.

Cash offerings will go to the Skokie Human Services Assist-A-Family program, and food donations will go to the Niles Township Food Pantry.

In these troubled and polarized times, interfaith gatherings of unity and gratitude such as this one are more important than ever; please attend if possible.

## ASSIST-A-FAMILY

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The Village of Skokie seeks donations for their **ASSIST-A-FAMILY** program. If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to "Central UMC", write "Skokie" on the memo line and place the check/cash in the white envelopes in the pew, marking the outside of the envelope "Assist-a-Family." All donations need to be received by **Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**.

## QUARTERLY STATEMENTS

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We are so appreciative of your faithful giving! Today, **STATEMENTS** of your **GIVING** through October 31, 2017, are available in the Narthex, handed out by Doris and Diane after the service, together with a Thanksgiving offering envelope. A **COMMITMENT CARD** is also enclosed with the statement to assist you in making your financial commitment to Central for 2018.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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November 26 - Claire Rogoski

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

# Happy Thanksgiving



## **CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:30 pm - **Interfaith Thanks-  
giving Service**, St. Peter's UCC,  
8013 Laramie, Skokie

### **Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Thanksgiving Day**

### **Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Christ the King Sunday**  
8:45 am - Chancel Choir  
9:30 am - Sunday School &  
Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am - **Worship**  
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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  
Maya Dass  
Lola Hessing  
Wilma Odlivak  
Harriet Tiahnybik  
Eutopio Zamora

## **LEADERS**

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**  
Today's Reader.....**Claire 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.....**Circle 8**  
Ministers .....**The People of the Congregation**

## **MEMORIAL WINDOW**

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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