

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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November 19th, 2017
10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

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 30th, 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

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

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

Volunteers are needed to help with **SANTA IN THE CABIN** on **Saturday, December 2nd**. 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 21ST, 2017

This year's 47th annual **INTERFAITH SERVICE of THANKSGIVING** will be Tuesday evening, November 21st 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

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 26th**.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS

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

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.)

Happy Thanksgiving



CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19th

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

Tuesday, November 21st

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

Thursday, November 23rd

Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 26th

Christ the King Sunday
8:45 am - Chancel Choir
9:30 am - Sunday School &
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
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***