

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**"The nitrogen in our DNA,
the calcium in our teeth,
the iron in our blood,
the carbon in our apple pies
were made in the
interiors of collapsing stars.
We are made of star stuff."**

Carl Sagan

**December 1, 2019
1st Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens
10:30 am**

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Listen for His Coming

(Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
with O Come, O Come Emmanuel)

Arr. Mark Hayes

Millete Silverio, piano

John Tiffin, keyboard

Welcome

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr., *Pastor*

*Call to Worship

Timothy J. Biel III, *Reader*

As we wait to see God's presence anew in all the earth,
we will display the symbols of Advent hope on our
banners and paraments

Prepare the way of the Lord!

As we journey through Advent, we proclaim the gifts
of hope, peace, joy and love for ourselves, for this
community, and for our neighborhood.

Prepare the way of the Lord!

As we expect the incarnate and ever-present Christ,
we adorn this space with garlands and wreaths
of pine and fir, signs of life.

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Knowing that the Christ child will soon be with us,
we will place the creche at the center of the
sanctuary, reminding us that Christ is the true
center of our life together.

Prepare the way of the Lord! Amen.

by Rev. Adrienne Stricker

*Hymnal #209

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Advent Prayer of Invocation by Rev. Adrienne Stricker

WORD

Anthem

Soon and Very Soon

Andrae Crouch

Arr. Jack Schrader

The Chancel Choir

Millete Silverio, piano

Nick Werth, drums

Introduction to the Advent Season Theme: All Earth is Waiting

Scripture:

Romans 8: 19 -22

Blessing the Wreaths at Entrance

Blessing the Banners and Paraments

*Hymnal #196 ***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***
Blessing the Advent Wreath
and Candles
(Placing of the wreath and candles)
The first Advent Candle is lit.

Hymnal #626(v1,2) ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

Narration: ***Blessing the Garland***
(Placing of the garlands and boughs)

Reading and Challenge Questions (on screen)

Narration: ***Blessing of the Nativity Scene/
Creche and Angels at the Entrance***

*Hymnal #238 ***Angels We Have Heard on High***

TABLE and OFFERTORY

Great Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

(please proceed forward to receive the bread and the cup
and place your offering in the plates at the sides of the aisle.)

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

SENDING FORTH

Announcements Rev. Timothy J. Biel

Advent Homework: Bring hope to a part of creation
clean up an outdoor area.

*Hymnal #196 ***Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

Benediction and
Passing the Peace

Postlude ***Praise His Greatness***
Arr. by Mark Hayes
Millete Silverio, piano

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives

WELCOME!

Thank you for choosing to worship at Central. Today, as we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION**, you need not be a member of United Methodist 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 proceed forward to receive the bread and the cup.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today by **DONNA CAMPBELL** in loving memory of her mother, **VIRGINIA ARBOGAST**.

FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by **SYLVIA PLEAS** and **CIRCLE 8**.

COMMITMENT CARDS

If you were unable to present your **COMMITMENT CARD** last Sunday, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the office. If you forgot your card or did not receive one, extras are available from the ushers.

Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity and gifts. By your giving, Central Church continues to be a source of blessing to us and to many.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Today is the last day to order **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**. The cost is **\$12** per plant. Order forms are available in the narthex.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

As part of our Prison Ministry, Christmas cards to be sent to those who are imprisoned are available for signature in Fellowship Hall.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Ferdinand Soco, Chair of Central's Staff-Parish Committee, invites you to consider a donation for Central Church Staff **CHRISTMAS GIFTS**. Checks may be put in the offering plate marked "Staff Gifts." Thank you for these expressions of appreciation!

SANTA IN THE CABIN

Volunteers are needed to help with SANTA IN THE CABIN next Saturday, December 7th. Any amount of time would be appreciated. Volunteers are needed to help set up Friday evening, kitchen and bake sale help, floaters through the day. Let Pam Castaneda or the office know if you are able to bake something for the Bake Sale. Baked goods can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall kitchen on **Friday, December 6 from 10 am to 6 pm.** If nobody is there, please leave them on the kitchen table. Please put a description on your baked goods (especially if they contain nuts) so labels can be made for them. Santa in the Cabin flyers are available in the Narthex. Please take one to hand out to friends and coworkers to spread the word.

DECORATING THE LOG CABIN

Julianne Arvizu will be decorating the Log Cabin for Santa in the Cabin on **Tuesday, December 3 at 5 pm.** If anyone can help Julianne, please contact the church office or see Pam Castaneda after worship.

ADVENT AT THE EDGE

Please join Pastor Biel in the Log Cabin starting on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 8 am** and ending on **Tuesday, January 14, 2020** for a time of centering and contemplation.

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to everyone who brought donations today for the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY.** A big thank you to Barb Smith who takes the donations to the Food Pantry.

FOOD PANTRY TOY DRIVE

FOOD PANTRY TOY DRIVE will replace Ornaments of Joy this year. Instead, we are collecting toys for needy children in our area, up to age 17. All toys are accepted but special requests have been made for Legos, plush blankets, sports equipment, cosmetic sets, art supplies and Barbie dolls. Warm gloves and hats are also needed. Please bring your **unwrapped** gifts and place under the Christmas tree in the narthex on **Sunday, December 8** and **Sunday, December 15.** See a member of the Missions Committee - Jo Ann Faber, Barb Smith or Kathy Tiffin - with any questions.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

December 3 - Rev. Timothy Biel Jr.
December 8 - Mark Barron

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1, 2019

1st Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens

8:45 am - Choir Practice
9:30 am - Adult Bible Study (LC)
10:30 am - **Worship (S)**

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Fellowship after Worship

6 pm - Youth Group (LC)

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

8 am - Advent at the Edge (LC)
5 pm - Decorating Log Cabin

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

4 pm - Silent Vigil
7 pm - Boy Scouts

Friday, December 6, 2019

Setting up for Santa in the Cabin

Saturday, December 7, 2019

10 am - 3 pm - Santa in the Cabin

Sunday, December 8, 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:45 am - Choir Practice
9:30 am - Adult Bible Study
10:30 am - **Worship (S)**

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Fellowship after Worship

6 pm - Youth Group (LC)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Hospitals, Rehab, Assisted Living & Extended Care:

Edith Bass
Brian Gut
Bob Wallander
Steve Winker
Rosemarie Young

At Home:

Elisa Arauco
Greg Arauco
Mavis Fowlin
Arlene Glazier
Harriet Tiahnybik
Cory Wallander
Nena Zamora
Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor..... **Timothy J. Biel Jr.**
Reader..... **Timothy J. Biel III**
Choir Director/Accompanist..... **Millete Silverio**
Song Leader..... **Julianne Arvizu**
Office Staff..... **Doris Bloom, Pam Castaneda
& Kathy Tiffin**
Nursery Attendant..... **Ellen Mittman**
Lay Leader..... **Cynthia Barron**
Fellowship..... **Sylvia Pleas and
Circle 8**
Ministers **Rev. Adrienne Stricker, Deacon
The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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