

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 2nd, 2018

The 1st Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Greens

10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Winter Moon by J. Cotter

Welcome &
Announcements

Timothy Biel, Jr.

*Call to Worship

Deacon Adrienne Trevathan

How can we prepare this house for the coming of
Jesus, the King?

With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of
Jesus, the eternal Christ? .

**With garlands and wreaths of pine and fir,
whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of
Jesus, our savior?

**With arrangements of holly and ivy,
symbolizing His passion, death and
resurrection.**

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of
Jesus, the Son of God?

**By hearing again the words of the prophets
who foretold the saving work of God. For
God did not send His Son into the world to
condemn the world, but that the world
through Him might be saved. All Glory
to God in the highest.**

Hymnal #211
verses 1 and 2

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Invocation

God of manger and star, let us enter your story
once again and find ourselves kneeling with the
shepherds, singing with the angels and worshipping
with the Magi. Touch our hearts with the wonder of
birth, and the depths of your love. Speak to us in
word and song and lift us to the realms of glory.
Amen.

Response (from Isaiah 2)

**Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.
Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.
During this Advent season, let us learn of God's
ways and walk in God's paths.
Let us seek the well-being of all creation.**

Anthem ***Soon and Very Soon***

*Chancel Choir
John Tiffin, piano
Nick Werth, drums*

Narration: ***Decorating the Sanctuary
The Banners and Paraments***

The Advent Wreath
(Placing of the wreath and candles)

*Hymnal #209 ***Blessed be the God of Israel***

Narration: ***The Greens***
*(Placing of the garlands and boughs
as decoration)*

Hymnal #240 ***Hark! the Herald Angles Sing***

Narration: ***The Wreaths***
(Wreaths are hung)

Narration: ***The Creche***
(Manger scene placed on altar)

Hymnal #230
verses 1 and 2 ***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer

Offertory ***Simple Gifts***, *John Tiffin, piano*

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

TABLE

Great Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup
(Please come forward to receive the bread and the cup)

Prayer After Communion

SENDING FORTH

*Hymnal #246 ***Joy to the World***

*Benediction and Passing the Peace

*Postlude ***We Three Kings***
John Tiffin, piano

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Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives

WELCOME!

If you are a guest today, we welcome you and are honored that you have come 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 go forward to receive the bread and the cup.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **MARY WADLEIGH** in memory of **IVANELL** and **PAUL TIFFIN** and **AVIS** and **LUDIE WADLEIGH**.

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 **MAE WILLIAMS** and her Kitchen Krew.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Today is the last day to order **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!** The cost is \$10 per plant. Order forms are available from the ushers and in the narthex.

SANTA IN THE CABIN

Volunteers are needed to help with **SANTA IN THE CABIN** next **Saturday, December 8**. Please see Pam Castaneda or contact the church office if you can help with this event or bake for the **Bake Sale**. Baked goods can be dropped off in the church kitchen at 10 am on Friday, December 7. If nobody is there, please leave them on the kitchen table. Please put a description on your baked goods (and whether they contain nuts) so labels can be made for them.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

December 3 - Rev. Timothy Biel

December 8 - Mark Barron

(To add a name to the birthday list, contact the church office at (847) 673-1311 or central_church@skokiecentralumc.org.)

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FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who brought donations today for the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items may be left in the narthex.

TOYS FOR NILES TOWNSHIP

TOYS FOR NILES TOWNSHIP will replace Ornaments of Joy this year. Instead, we are collecting toys for needy children in our area. Please bring an unwrapped toy(s) and place under the Christmas tree in the narthex on **Sunday, December 9**. Please note that this is the deadline for contributing toys and not Sunday, December 16 as stated in last week's bulletin. See a member of the Mission Committee - Jo Ann Faber, Lisa Jacob, Barb Smith or Kathy Tiffin with any questions.

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!

JANET CASEY

Janet Casey passed away on November 24th after a long battle with cancer. Funeral arrangements are pending.

COMMITMENT CARDS

If you were unable to present your **COMMITMENT CARD** last Sunday, please place it in the offering plate, give it the ushers 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.

FURNACE UPDATE

The two furnaces are still being installed on the west side of the Education Building. The cost of installing all three furnaces is \$40,000. The congregation has contributed approximately \$3,000 to date. Additional contributions for the new and efficient models would be greatly appreciated. Please put "furnace" on the memo line of your check.

CALENDAR

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8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

REV. TIMOTHY J. BIEL JR.

Deacon Adrienne Trevathan

Fellowship to follow

Wednesday, November 28th

7 pm - Boy Scouts

Saturday, December 8th

10 am-3pm - Santa in the Cabin

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Friday, December 7th

Setting up for Santa in the Cabin

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

Steve Winker

Rosemarie Young

At Home:

Carolyn Adams

Nancy Blaylock

Jacquie Leipold

Lois Martin

Rev. Sylvia Pleas

Harriet Tiahnybik

Nena Zamora

Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....***Timothy J. Biel Jr.***

Assisting Deacon.....***Adrienne Trevathan***

Today's Reader..... ***...Adrienne Trevathan***

Choir Director/Accompanist.....***Millete Silverio***

Song Leader.....***Julianne Arvizu***

Office Staff.....***Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda***

Nursery Attendant.....***Ellen Mittman***

Lay Leader.....***Cynthia Barron***

Fellowship.....***Mae Williams***

& Her Kitchen Krew

Ministers***The People of the Congregation***

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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