

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**  
**The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Food Pantry Sunday**  
**10:30 am**

\* = Please stand as able

## GATHERING

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Prelude

**Prayer**

*John Leavitt*

*Millete Silverio*

Welcome &  
Announcements

*Pastor David Haley*

\*Call to Worship

*Mark Barron, Leader*

Now, in this holy season of Advent, we wait.

**For the faithful God is coming to us.**

Now, in this season of waiting, we listen.

**For the faithful Word speaks  
good news to us.**

Now, in the waiting and listening, we watch.

**For the faithful Spirit is  
moving among us.**

*(Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)*

\*Hymnal 211

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***  
*(v 1,2,6,7)*

Opening Prayer

**Creator of the world, you are the potter, we  
are the clay, and you form us in your image. In this  
holy season of Advent, shape our spirits by Christ's  
transforming power, that as one people we may live  
out your compassion and justice, whole and sound  
in the realm of your peace. Amen.**

Children's Moment

*Rev. Sylvia Pleas*

## WORD

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First Reading	<b><i>Isaiah 64: 1 - 9</i></b> <i>Mark Barron, Reader</i>
Psalm	<b><i>Psalm 80: 1 - 7, 17 - 19</i></b> <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	<b><i>The Yearning</i></b> <i>Words by Susan Bentall Boersma</i> <i>Music by Craig Courtney</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i>
*Gospel	<b><i>Mark 13: 24 - 37</i></b>
*Hymn	<b><i>Shine on Us</i></b> <i>Michael W. Smith &amp; Deborah D. Smith</i>
The Message	<b><i>Watching, Waiting, Hoping</i></b> <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<b><i>Emmanuel Comes</i></b> <i>Arr. by Mark Hayes</i> <i>Millete Silverio</i>

## TABLE

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*The Peace	
Great Thanksgiving	
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup	<i>(Please come forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup)</i>
Prayer After Communion	

## SENDING FORTH

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*Hymn 706	<b><i>Soon and Very Soon</i></b>
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	<b><i>Fantasy on Hyfrydol</i></b> <i>Rowland H. Prichard</i> <i>Arr. by Mark Thallander</i> <i>Millete Silverio</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 to receive the bread and dip it in the cup.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **MAE WILLIAMS**, with many thanks to everyone who helped with Santa in the Cabin.

## 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 will be Santa in the Cabin Leftovers.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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Today is the last day to order **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!** The cost is \$9 per plant. Order forms are available from the ushers and in the narthex.

## THANK YOU

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Thank you to all the volunteers who gave time and energy to help with **SANTA IN THE CABIN** yesterday; we appreciate your help!

## FOOD PANTRY

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Thanks to all of you who brought food donations today for the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items may be left in the vestibule by the shopping cart.

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## STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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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!

## ORNAMENTS OF JOY

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**ORNAMENTS OF JOY** is a giving program, where you take an ornament from the Christmas tree in the narthex and then purchase those items, which will be given to a needy family. **Please attach your ornament when returning the gifts. All items should be returned by next Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. (Please do not wrap the gifts).** See a member of the Mission Committee - Jo Ann Faber, Lisa Jacob, Barb Smith or Kathy Tiffin with any questions.

## CHRISTMAS CARD SIGNING: SHUT-INS & INMATE PEN PALS

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2017 **CHRISTMAS CARDS** - to be sent to Central's **SHUT-INS**, are available for signing today in Fellowship Hall. Also, please sign Christmas cards to **PRISON INMATES**, whose names and addresses have been provided by Christian Pen Pal Ministry ([ccpministry.com](http://ccpministry.com)). You can make a huge difference in the life of someone incarcerated by writing to Christian inmates around the country, who are awaiting a letter from a pen pal. Please see Jo Ann Faber, Kathy Shine, Gerhard Mels, or Cindy Barron if you would like to become a pen pal.

## LADIES' NIGHT OUT

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**LADIES' NIGHT OUT** will be this **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm** in the Log Cabin. Dinner will be ordered in - no cooking involved - but desserts would be welcome. We will be watching a movie after dinner. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend - 847-673-1311 or [centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org).

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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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](mailto:central_church@skokiecentralumc.org).)

## **CALENDAR**

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The 1st Sunday of Advent**

**The Day after Santa in the Cabin**

**Food Pantry Sunday**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School &  
Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Fellowship to follow

**Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

6 pm - Chimes for Christ

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm - Boy Scouts

**Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm - Choir Practice

**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm - Ladies' Night Out

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**The 2nd Sunday of Advent**

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

## **OLEADERS**

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**

Today's Reader.....**Mark Barron**

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

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

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

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

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

Fellowship.....**Santa's Leftovers**

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

## **MEMORIAL WINDOW**

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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