

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**June 2, 2019**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**10:30 am**

\* = Please stand as able

## GATHERING

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Prelude

***Allemande from Bach Suite  
for Unaccompanied Cello in G***

J.S. Bach

Chris Bartlett

Welcome &  
Announcements

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

\*Call to Worship

Pam Castaneda, *Reader*

We come to this place of prayer,

**For here we can bring our hopes and dreams,  
our hidden fears and the doubts we dare wear  
on our sleeves.**

We come to this place of grace,

**for here we learn compassion and joy,  
and discover how deeply we are loved.**

We come with these people called the church,

**to be blessed by the variety of gifts,  
to live as one for our God.**

by Thom Schumer

TFWS#2165

***Cry of My Heart***

Unison Prayer:

**Gracious God, we are here with you today hearing  
of the actions of your followers and of the love shared  
amongst the Divine. O Alpha and Omega, envelop us in  
your holiness today. We come to you so very thirsty for  
the water of life you freely provide. Today we hope to  
quench our thirst and provide drink for others.**

by Kathryn Craven

Responsive Psalm

***Psalm 63 - As Morning Breaks***

*sung response on screen*

## WORD

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Anthem

***Freedom***

A Medley of Spirituals

The Chancel Choir

Emil Nicolasin Jr., soloist

Millete Silverio, piano

Scripture

***Acts 16:16-34***

TFWS #2128

***Come and Find the Quiet Center***

The Message

***Acts of the Apostles: Paul***

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Entrance into Silence

***Surely the Presence of the Lord***

Hymnal #328

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer

Offertory

***In Christ Alone***

Words and Music by Keith Getty

and Stuart Townsend

Julianne Arvizo, soloist

Millete Silverio, piano

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

**TABLE**

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Great Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

(please come forward to receive the bread and the cup)

**SENDING FORTH**

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\*Hymn

***Chain Breaker***

Benediction and Passing the Peace

Postlude

***Courante from Bach Suite for  
Unaccompanied Cello in G***

J.S. Bach

Chris Bartlett

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives*

## WELCOME!

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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 come forward to receive the bread and the cup.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **EMELITA BENIGNO** and **MARICEL LADIERAS** in celebration of **HANNAH's** birthday.

## SUMMER 8:30 SERVICE

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The 8:30 am Summer Service in the Log Cabin will be starting is next **Sunday, June 9.**

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE: JUNE 2 - 4

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The 180th regular session of the **NORTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE** will be this week, today through Tuesday, at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg. Cynthia Barron, Central's Lay Delegate, will be in attendance, as will Rev. Timothy J. Biel, Jr., and Rev. Adrienne Stricker.

## 2019 MISSION CHALLENGE

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This year's mission challenge at Annual Conference will be to collect bulk items for Dignity Kits for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, our United Methodist Disaster Relief Supply Center just south of Springfield, Illinois. Our congregation has been asked to contribute one-gallon sealable plastic bags and/or shampoo (3 - 4 oz) to assist in this mission project. If you brought items today, please put them in the box in the Narthex. Pastor Biel, Rev. Adrienne Stricker and Cindy Barron will take our items with them today when they attend the Annual Conference today.

## 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 Narthex.

## SKOKIE PRIDE

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Central is hosting a table (similar to the St. Patrick's Day table) at the first-ever Skokie Pride event on **Sunday, June 9**, from **1 pm to 5 pm** in Lorel Park. It is a Family-Friendly LGBTQ event with food, face painters, balloon artists, bouncy houses and games. The Skokie Public Library Bookmobile, Skokie Police Department Command Unit and the Skokie Fire Department will be there. Please call the office at 847-673-1311 if you are interested in helping with our table.

## PENTECOST WORSHIP SERVICE AND POTLUCK

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Pentecost is a fitting time for us to gather as a diverse people of many languages and expressions to celebrate what God is doing in the Chicago Northwestern District. Our District Superintendent, Brittany Isaac, is sponsoring a Pentecost Celebration at Elston Avenue UMC, 5850 N. Elston Avenue, Chicago, at **5 pm** on **Sunday, June 9**, with a worship service followed by a potluck in fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share.

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

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Please join us on **Sunday, August 4**, at **1:20 pm** at Wrigley Field when the Cubs meet (and beat) their rivals, the Milwaukee Brewers. If you would like to go, please email the church office at [centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org) or call - 847-673-1311. There are 25 tickets available at a cost of \$60 each, which includes Rainout Insurance. As you know, Chicago weather can be unpredictable! Please make checks payable to Central United Methodist Church and mark "Cubs" on the memo line. Don't forget to wear your Cubs shirts/jerseys on that Sunday!

# CALENDAR

Sunday, June 2, 2019

**Ascension Sunday**  
**Seventh Sunday after Easter**  
10:30 am - **Worship**  
**Rev. Timothy Biel Jr.**  
No Fellowship

Sunday, June 9, 2019

**Pentecost**  
8:45 am - Chancel Choir  
10:30 am - **Worship**  
**Rev. Timothy Biel Jr.**  
**Rev. Adrienne Stricker**  
  
1 pm - Skokie Pride Event  
  
5 pm - Pentecost Worship  
and Potluck

Sunday, June 2 -

Tuesday, June 4  
**Annual Conference**

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

7 pm - Boy Scouts, Troop 72

## **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:***

Harriet Tiahnybik  
Jonathan Villamayor  
Nena Zamora  
Eutopio Zamora

## **LEADERS**

Pastor.....**Timothy J. Biel Jr.**  
Reader.....**Pam Castaneda**  
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**  
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***