

**THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, DECEMBER 6-12, 2009**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	New Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		Following Worship: Advent Program & Covered Dish-Luncheon
<b>MONDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play
	10:00 a.m.	Rebekah Circle
	2:00 p.m.	Stained Glass Home School Choir (Choir Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Susannah Wesley Circle
	7:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:00-11:30	Food Pantry
	12:05 p.m.	Advent Service and Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Women's NA (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Child's Play (Private Function in Kitchen)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
<b>SATURDAY</b>		Fellowship Hall & Kitchen in use for private function
	1:30-3:30	Open House at Sault Home, 418 Rainbow Drive
	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)



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"The voice of  
one crying out in  
the wilderness:  
'Prepare the  
way of the Lord,  
make his  
paths  
straight.'" Luke 3:4

*Morning Worship*  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
*December 6, 2009* *11:00 a.m.*

*The Entrance*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude. . . . . Partita on "People Look East"  
Joseph Bertolozzi

\*Greeting. . . . . *U. M. Book of Worship*

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness

prepare the way of the Lord."

**make straight in the desert**

**a highway for our God."**

\*Hymn 209. . . . . "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

\*Opening Prayer. . . . . *U. M. Hymnal*

**Ever present God,**

**you taught us that the night is far spent**

**and the day is at hand.**

**Grant that we may ever be found**

**watching for the coming of your Son.**

**Save us from undue love of the world,**

**that we may wait with patient hope**

**for the day of the Lord,**

**and so abide in him,**

**that when he shall appear,**

**we may not be ashamed;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*\*Please stand as able*

**IN MINISTRY**

General Ministers. . . . .	367
Pastor. . . . .	Stephanie M Sault
Pastoral Assistant. . . . .	Daniel K. Purdom
Retired Missionary Professor. . . . .	Hunter P. Mabry
Professor MBC. . . . .	Kenneth A. Beals
Minister of Music/Organist. . . . .	Sherry von Oeyen
Church Secretary. . . . .	Agnes Campbell
Custodian. . . . .	Janet Nuckoles
District Superintendent. . . . .	Kathleen Overby Webster
Resident Bishop. . . . .	Charlene Payne Kammerer

*The Mission  
of Central UMC  
is to make disciples  
of Jesus Christ.*

Lighting the Advent Candle..... Eric, Emily, Harper, and Brayden Stumb  
Congregational Response

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*(from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel")*

Children's Focus

### *Proclamation and Response*

Prayer for Illumination

*(After the reading of the Scripture Lesson the reader will say: "This is the Word of the Lord.")*

*The congregation responds: **Thanks be to God.***

First Reading. .... Malachi 3:1-4 (Pew Bible, Page 778)

Second Reading: Canticle of Zechariah..... Hymnal 208

Third Reading. .... Philippians 1:3-11 (Pew Bible, Page 953)

Musical Offering: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"..... arr. Susan E. Geschke  
Central Ringers

\*Gospel Reading. .... Luke 3:1-6 (Pew Bible, Page 834)

Sermon..... Rev. Dr. Stephanie Sault

### *Response to the Word*

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Prayer

*(Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.)*

Offering: "Creator of the Stars of Night"..... arr. Dennis Zimmer

\*Congregational Response: Hymn 95. . . "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### *Thanksgiving and Holy Communion*

Invitation

Celebration of Holy Communion..... Pages 19-20, Musical Setting B

Hymns: 206, 232

### *Sending Forth*

\*Hymn 202..... "People, Look East"

\*Blessing and Sending Forth

\*Congregational Response: Hymn 204. .... "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.**

**God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

\*Postlude: "As with Gladness". .... arr. Walter L. Pelz

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**GREETERS:** Jim and Vicki Printy

**READER:** Eric Stumb

**COMMUNION:** Jim and Vicki Printy; Tom and Connie Davis

**USHERS:** Bob Markley, Vince Ennis, Sam Richardson, Ken Beals, Richard Hamrick, Jim Clemmer, John Ambrogi, Ben True, Eric Stumb, Bill Bushman, Josh Gutshall, Tommy Rosen

**TO OUR GUESTS:** We are delighted to have you worship with us. All the opportunities and programs of Central are available to you. To become a member of this fellowship, please talk with the pastor after the service. Following the service will be a time of refreshment and fellowship. Please join us so that we might get better acquainted.

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT** to sign the attendance slip in your pew; and, if you are a member here, please introduce yourself to anyone who might be visiting with us today. Your warmth and hospitality will be a blessing in someone's life today.

**THE COMMUNION RAIL** is open for prayer at any time, but particularly during the pastoral prayer, during Communion, during the final hymn, and after the worship service. If you would like someone to pray with you, please let the pastor know.

**CHILDREN** are invited to worship with their parents in the Sanctuary. Following the Children's Focus, children under 6 years of age may go to the play room. Later, during the Doxology, they will be brought back into the Sanctuary to participate with their parents in the Great Thanksgiving and receiving the Lord's Supper. We welcome the participation of the youngest members of the family of faith.

**DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** Please note it in our Prayer Book (located in the Narthex), and our prayer ministry team will join you in praying for the person/need.

**HOT CHOCOLATE HOSPITALITY**— Thanks to the volunteers who helped serve and those who donated hot chocolate mix for our outreach during the Downtown Christmas Parade. We served approximately 175 cups of hot chocolate and offered restroom facilities. Many people expressed their appreciation. Thanks for your ministry!

**WARM & TOASTY CHRISTMAS TREE** being "decorated" now. Your donations of gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, and socks—colorful or plain—small, medium, or large will help warm some of the needy members of our community.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP** (Nov. 29) Attendance, both services: 90  
Received toward budget/operating expenses: \$3,187.25

**YOU'RE INVITED!** Pastor Stephanie and David Sault invite you to an Open House Saturday, December 12, 1:30–3:30 p.m. (418 Rainbow Drive)

**WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICE . . .** All are invited to the service Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Rev. Bob Edwards, pastor of Christ UMC, will lead the service; and members of Christ UMC will provide the soup and sandwich luncheon following. Please invite someone to join you.

**UNITED VOICES**, a local choral group led by Margaret Judkins, invites everyone to a Christmas concert today at 4:00 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 603 N. Augusta Street. Deborah Reed, pianist for the choir, joins in the invitation to come and enjoy an afternoon of Christmas carols and special Christmas music.

### **GIFT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES!**

1. **Toy Drive:** The children of Central are having a Christmas toy drive to benefit residents of the New Directions Women's Shelter. Please bring new or gently used toys on Sunday, December 20. The children will collect them during the Children's Focus portion of the Worship Service. The shelter welcomes any toy in new or good condition, excluding used stuffed animals. New stuffed toys are welcomed and encouraged. Toys for children birth through elementary school ages are needed.

Some recommendations are: infant rattlers, toddler noisemakers & crinkle books, push toys, baby dolls, Lincoln logs, diaries & journals, CD players, handheld gaming toys. Gender-neutral toys for children under 3 years and younger are most useful, while gender-specific toys are needed for boys and girls 4-years and older. The children of your congregation greatly appreciate your support in this effort!

2. **Casa de Amistad**, a United Methodist ministry to area Hispanic families, is working to provide gifts for needy children in the local Hispanic community. Approximately 150 children have been signed up, and at this time they only have enough gifts or money to cover half of the children. If you would like to help with a cash donation, please make your check payable to Central UMC and designate for "Casa de Amistad." If you would prefer to donate a specific gift (around \$20), please contact Andrea Riegel ([riegel@ntelos.net](mailto:riegel@ntelos.net)) for more information.