

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL, OCTOBER 25–31, 2009

SUNDAY	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Connections Class resumes meeting today) (Emily Stumb, Jo Ann Black, Craig Dorn)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service Following Worship: Covered-Dish Lunch
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Pathway to Renewal</i> Study (Connections)
The Church Secretary will be on vacation this week – Office Hours Mon.–Thurs. 9-12; closed Friday		
MONDAY	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00-8:00	Love & Logic Parenting Class (3 rd Floor)
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Child’s Play
	2:00 p.m.	Stained Glass Home School Choir (Choir Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council (Connections)
WEDNESDAY	10:00–11:30	Food Pantry
	12:00–12:30	Prayer Time
	6:00 p.m.	Women’s NA (Eagon Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Child’s Play
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
FRIDAY	8:15 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)
SATURDAY	6:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Eagon Hall)



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“What^{do you want me}
to do for you?”
Jesus asked him.



The blind man said,
“Rabbi,
I want to see.”

Morning Worship
Consecration Sunday
October 25, 2009 *11:00 a.m.*

The Entrance

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude. “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”
arr. Phillip Keveren
Vivian Zhang, cello

*Greeting. from *The U. M. Book of Worship*

May those who love your salvation say
continually, “Great is the Lord!”

**Yea, our heart is glad in God,
because we trust in God’s holy name.**

Let us make a joyful noise to God
with songs of praise!

**We praise you, O God;
we acknowledge you to be the Lord**

*Hymn 454. “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

*Opening Prayer. . . . from *The U. M. Book of Worship*

**O holy and merciful God, we confess
that we have not always taken upon
ourselves the yoke of obedience,
nor been willing to seek and to do
your perfect will.**

**We have not loved you with all our heart
and mind and soul and strength,
neither have we loved our neighbors
as ourselves.**

(Continued)

*Please stand as able

IN MINISTRY

General Ministers.	372
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.*

**You have called to us in the need of our sisters and brothers,
And we have passed unheeding on our way.
In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent,
we have turned away from the cross of Christ,
and have grieved your Holy Spirit.**

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you,
that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.

**If we walk in the light, as God is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus the Son cleanses us from all sin.**

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. Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (Pew Bible, Page 424)

Psalter 769. Psalm 34

Second Reading. Hebrews 7:23-28 (Pew Bible, Page 974)

Musical Offering: "We Are the Lord's". arr. Roland E. Martin
Vivian Zhang, cello

*Gospel Reading. Mark 10:46-52 (Pew Bible, Page 823)

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: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above". arr. Barry L. Bobb

*Congregational Response: Hymn 94. . . "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Affirmation of Faith. Page 882

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Invitation

Celebration of Holy Communion. Pages 17-18, Musical Setting A

Hymns: *The Faith We Sing* 2258, 2193 (3x), 2152 (2x)

Sending Forth

*Hymn 351..... “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Congregational Response: Hymn 666. “Shalom to You”

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.

May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,

Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*Postlude: “Sound the Trumpet, Praise the Lord”..... Mark L. Williams

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.

CELEBRATE THE GIFT! During the past several weeks we’ve been encouraged to celebrate what we enjoy and appreciate about the Christian faith, our congregation, and the many gifts with which we’ve been blessed. Today we continue the celebration with a time of worship, financial response, and covered-dish lunch. Thank you for celebrating with us!

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.

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Spam, hash, shampoo, paper towels, men’s socks.

FLOWERS on our altar today are given in memory of the birthdays of Lawrence W. and Jeannette J. Gordon by Anita and Norman Jackson.

THE CONNECTIONS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS resumed meeting today in the Connections Room on the first floor of the Education Building. David Sault is leading a study of the book of John. The class invites its “old members” to return and welcomes anyone not presently attending a Sunday School Class.

THE PATHWAY TO RENEWAL study is scheduled to begin today 7:00–8:30 p.m. The text is available in the Gathering Area and the Church Office.

GREETERS: Vicki and Jim Printy

READER: Jim Printy

COMMUNION: Wanda and Jack True; Lynn and Joe Hill

USHERS: Tom Spotts, Jim Printy, Jack True, Tom Davis, Judd Bankert, Ed Smith, Joe Hill, Mike Melton, Jim Linnane

Thoughts on Stewardship

*“...The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance,
so that by always having enough of everything,
you may share abundantly in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)*

Stewardship is nothing less than a complete life-style, a total accountability and responsibility before God. Stewardship is what we do after we say we believe, that is, after we give our love, loyalty, and trust to God, from whom each and every aspect of our lives comes as a gift. As members of God’s household, we are subject to God’s economy or stewardship, that is, God’s plan to reconcile the whole world and bring creation to its proper end...

Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ leads naturally to the practice of stewardship. These linked realities, discipleship and stewardship, then make up the fabric of a Christian life in which each day is lived in an intimate, personal relationship with the Lord.

–*Stepping Stones of the Steward*, Ronald E. Vallet ©1994