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Church Office Hours

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8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship

June 18, 2017

10:15 a.m.
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title:

Patient Perseverance
Anne Alesch

Scriptures:

Exodus 19:2-8a and
Romans 5:1-8

Hymns:

396 *Brethren, We Have
Met to Worship*
581 *Glory Be to the Father*
686 *God of our Life*
37 *Let All Things Now Living*

Special Music:

Lynn Bridie, vocalist

Top stories...



Join Susan Stroope on Sunday, June 25 for a discussion about Ecumenical Advocacy Days



Be part of the storytellers project at Central on June 25



Vote for your favorite hymn soon, deadline to get your song in is June 30



Join us for refreshments on the East Patio Thursday, July 13



Join the Bible Study series on the Book of Job, on Wednesdays

Ecumenical Advocacy Days discussion and lunch, June 25



Ecumenical Advocacy Days is a movement of the ecumenical Christian community that is grounded in biblical witness and shared traditions of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. **Susan Stroope**, recently attended this event in Washington, D.C. and discussion will review the following topics: Advocacy is mission; Doctrine of Discovery; Sacred resistance; Remembrance means call to conversion; Hope is a choice; and Prophetic partners. Intrigued? Join Susan on Sunday, June 25, 11:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall, for a recap of her EAD experiences. An in-kind donation for lunch is requested.

POSTPONED: Central's Got Talent Variety Show

The Variety Show, which was scheduled for the evening of June 23, is postponed until winter 2018, to give more people the opportunity to participate. Watch for a new date and time for this event after Christmas. Questions? Contact Christian Education Director **Greg Halterman** at ghalterman@dmcpc.org or 515-279-3658.



Pastor on study leave

The pastor will be out of town from June 17-23, attending a Presbyterian Worship and Music Conference at the Mo Ranch Retreat Center in Texas. In case of pastoral emergency during this time, please contact the **Rev. Medea Saunders** at 515-418-0059 or revmudd@gmail.com. Medea is a United Methodist pastor and hospice chaplain who has preached and spoken in the adult Christian Education class at Central on several occasions. Our guest preacher on June 18 will be **Anne Alesch**, a bereavement counselor with UnityPoint Health and adjunct instructor in the Religion Department at Simpson College.

Be part of Central's Storytellers Project on June 25



We are looking for a few good storytellers to participate in a special summer worship service on June 25, at 10:15 a.m. The theme is *I Love to Tell the Story*. The service will include three or four stories from church members. Stories should come from your own personal experience, have some spiritual element, and be no longer than five minutes. Everyone has a story to tell. It could be uplifting, or poignant, or funny. It could be a profound experience you had growing up. It could be about a person who touched your life in a significant way. It could be a time when you came to see God in a new way. If you are interested in participating and sharing your story, contact **Wallace W. Bubar** at wbubar@dmcpc.org or 515-279-3658.

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Upcoming @Central

Friday, June 16

Noon Church office closes
1–4pm VBS Hero Central

Sunday, June 18

10:15am Worship and VBS Hero Central
11:15am Fellowship

Tuesday, June 20

8am Bible Study

Thursday, June 22

El Salvador Delegation departs

Friday, June 23

Noon Church office closes

Sunday, June 25

10:15am Worship
11:15am Fellowship
11:30am EAD lunch
Youth Mission Trip departs

Tuesday, June 27

8am Bible Study

Wednesday, June 28

10am Bible Study

Thursday, June 29

El Salvador delegation returns

Friday, June 30

Noon Church office closes

Youth Mission Trip returns

Sunday, July 2

10:15am Worship
11:15am Fellowship

Monday, July 3

No committee meetings

Vote soon; Hymn Sing worship is Sunday, July 16



Do you have favorite hymn? During the month of June, forms will be available in the narthex, office, East Parlor and lobbies for you to give us your three favorite hymns, then place in the offering plate or email to Music Director **Rich Dewein**, rdewein@dmcp.org. Vote each Sunday—deadline June 30th.



Party on the Patio

On the second Thursday for the summer months (July 13 and August 10), from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., socialize on Central’s East Patio with your friends. Everyone is invited for refreshments and conversation. Come for fellowship and fun. No reservations required.

Central seeks new church custodian

Central Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time custodian to be responsible for the overall cleanliness of the church building interior and for maintaining an environment of hospitality for members and visitors. Work hours: 12 hours/week, with some flexibility on days and times. Education/experience required: high school diploma or GED and two years of prior custodial/janitorial work. Compensation: \$11–12/hour. A full job description and employment application are available at www.dmcp.org/employment. (Resident Caretaker **Tim Clark** will remain on staff.)

The 2017 Photo Directory will be available in July

Unfortunately, the Central photo directory has been delayed and will not be available until July. Thank you for your patience.



Vacation Bible School... for ADULTS? Yes!

This summer the Bible study series, *Job and the Life of Faith: Wisdom for Today’s World*, will be led by Wallace W. Bubar, pastor, on **Wednesdays, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., in Fireside Room**. The Book of Job cuts straight to the heart of what it means to be human. It is one of the most profound explorations of the life of faith ever written and wrestles with some of life’s most perplexing questions. **There will be no Bible Study on June 21.**

The Pedalin’ Presbyterians next ride is June 25



The next ride is Sunday, June 25 meeting at 3:30 p.m. at the home of **Chuck & Ellen Corwin**, 2524 Pine Circle, in Urbandale. After the ride, we’ll have a potluck dinner, so bring a salad or dessert (burgers, brats, table service, water, tea and lemonade will be provided). Please bring your own beer or wine. RSVP by Thursday, June 22 to Chuck at 515-229-9655 or chuck.corwin@gmail.com.

Those who aren’t biking are encouraged to join us at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and fellowship.

The next *The Sky’s the Limit Coffee Time* is Sunday, July 9



On the second Sunday, in July and August, the Membership Committee will serve up an expanded coffee hour after worship. *The Sky’s the Limit Coffee Time* will surprise Central members with both location and menu. So, in the spirit of fellowship and to embrace our beautiful church campus during the summer months, doors will be flung open and food will be served outdoors for young and old. The only limitation

will be the creativity of the hosts and their teams: **Jann Freed, Sarah Grant and Marti Wade**.

The Sky’s the Limit Coffee Time will continue on July 9 and August 13. Like a fancy coffee brew, these are limited edition experiences, so mark your calendars and plan to enjoy Central friendships and summer hospitality!

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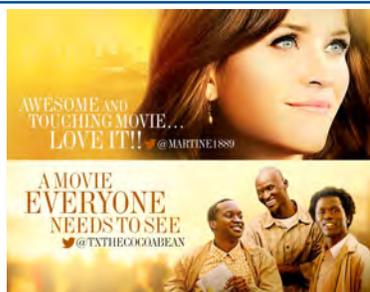
Checkout
VBS 2017 photo
gallery online!

This summer, 23 children participated in Central’s Vacation Bible School, June 12-16. We had a lot of fun and we discovered our strength in God at *Hero Central!* A big “THANK YOU” to all our volunteer leaders! Photos are now up on the website at: <http://dmcpc.org/gallery/hero-central-vbs-june-12-16-2017>



Delegation
to Send
Updates

From June 22–28, the El Salvador Delegation members from Central will be sending us updates about their experiences and witnessing God at work. They will be staying at the pastoral house and plan to visit several historical sites including memorials for Oscar Romero. You can find these daily updates on the Central Presbyterian Church Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/centralpresdm/ or watch for updates in *This Week @Central* on Friday.



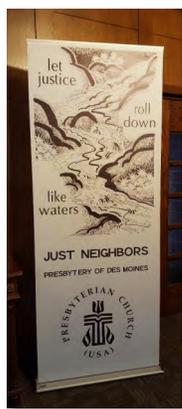
The Good Lie movie and lunch is July 16 & 23

The Christian Education Committee invites the congregation to a movie viewing of, *The Good Lie* on Sunday, July 16 & 23 at 11:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall.

They were known simply as “The Lost Boys.” Orphaned by the brutal Civil war in Sudan that began in 1983, these young victims traveled as many as a thousand miles on foot in search

of safety. Fifteen years later, a humanitarian effort would bring 3,600 lost boys and girls to America. In *The Good Lie*, Director Philippe Falardeau, brings the story of their survival and triumph to life. Academy Award® winner Reese Witherspoon stars alongside Sudanese actors Arnold Oceng, Ger Duany, Emmanuel Jal and newcomer Nyakuoth Weil, many of whom were also children of war. A follow-up discussion facilitated by Christian Education Director **Greg Halterman** and lunch will be provided for an in-kind donation.

Central is honored with *Just Neighbors Award* at Presbytery Meeting



On Saturday, June 3, during the Presbytery of Des Moines’ stated meeting in Ames, the Compassion, Peace and Justice Task Force presented the “Just Neighbors Award” to our Central Presbyterian Church congregation.

Earlier this year at the February 11th Stated Meeting of Presbytery, the Task Force invited **Wallace Bubar** to share the story of the Central congregation’s sponsorship and resettlement work of two refugee families through the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants in Des Moines. The struggle of the Somali family delayed by the President’s Executive Order barring immigrants from their homeland touched the hearts of the commissioners.

We want to thank all who have helped with the refugee resettlement mission at Central! Give yourself a pat on the back – well done faithful servants of God!



Take note of summer activities:

- June 22–29 El Salvador Delegation
- June 23 6–8pm **POSTPONED:** *Central’s Got Talent* Variety Show
- June 25–30 Youth Mission Trip to Milwaukee
- June 25 11:30am Adult Educ.: Ecumenical Advocacy Days discussion & lunch with Susan Stroope
- June 25 3:30pm Pedalin’ Presbyterians
- July 4 HOLIDAY Church office closed
- July 13 5–6:30pm Party on the Patio
- July 13 6:30–8pm *Jazz in July @ Wesley Acres*
- July 16 10:15am Worship Hymn Sing
- July 16 9am Sunday School LOGOS Fun
- July 16 & 23 11:30am Adult Educ.: *The Good Lie*, movie & lunch
- July 23–28 Synod School 2017
- Aug 6 10:15am Worship in the Park
- Aug 10 5–7pm Party on the Patio
- Aug 20 9am Sunday School LOGOS Fun
- Aug 26 1–11pm LIVE on Ingersoll
- Sept 4 HOLIDAY Church office closed
- Sept 10 9am Bounce Back Sunday