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**Church Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday

8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**Worship**

**Sunday, September 24, 2017**

10:15 a.m.

16th Sunday after Pentecost  
*A Season of Peace*

**Sermon Title:**

*Gravity and Grace*  
Wallace W. Bubar

**Scriptures:**

Jonah 3:10—4:11  
and Matthew 20:1—16

**Hymns:**

15 *All Creatures of  
Our God and King*  
647 *Give Thanks*  
716 *God, Whose Giving  
Knows No Ending*

**Music:**

Chancel Choir & Morgen Bells

**Blessing of the Animals**

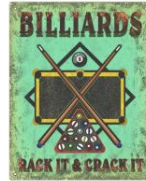
**Service is October 4**

On Wednesday, October 5, at 6:15 p.m., bring your dogs, cats, hamsters, rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, turtles, snakes and any other creatures —on leashes or in carriers, please— for a fun, casual, outdoor service on the south patio and lawn at Central. This service is celebrating the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology.

Top stories...



Register to support students in reading. Tutoring kick-off is Tuesday, September 26



Register now for the Men's retreat, Friday, September 29.



Register now for the Women's Retreat, Saturday, September 30.



Pedalin' Presbyterians to ride West Des Moines trails, Sunday at 4:45 p.m.



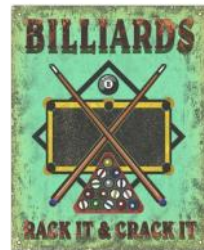
Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek to preach during World Communion Sunday worship

**Tutoring program to kick-off Tuesday, September 26**

Once again, Central will team with Everybody Wins Iowa! to support students to become proficient in reading. This year, we welcome a new site coordinator and both new and old mentors. But most of all, we will help every student "read to succeed."



**If you are interested in becoming a tutor**, go to [everybodywinsiowa.org](http://everybodywinsiowa.org) and click on the "Get Involved" tab to register as a volunteer.



**The annual Men's Retreat is on for September 29**

All men, single or married, are invited to the Men's Retreat. Food will be provided along with card games and of course, billiards in the basement of the **Halterman/Vargas** home at 3822 Lindlavista Way in Des Moines. We'll meet from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and price of admission is \$10.00. Bring your favorite beverage. RSVPs go to: **J.R. Dennis** at 515-314-1191, [james.jr.dennis@gmail.com](mailto:james.jr.dennis@gmail.com) or **Greg Halterman** at 515-279-3658, [ghalterman@dmcpc.org](mailto:ghalterman@dmcpc.org).



**Fall Women's Retreat is planned for September 30**

The fall women's retreat will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., at **Mary Gordon's** home, 219 42nd. St. in Des Moines. This year's theme is *Our Three R's! Reflect, Rejoice & Renew!* Presenters are Jann Freed and Alice Meyer. Dress is casual with appetizers, fellowship and live entertainment for all! Your ticket in: a one-line prayer in your heart to share.

Attendance is limited to the first 20 women, so RSVP by September 22 to **Mary Gordon**, at 515-306-6413, [mgordonma@gmail.com](mailto:mgordonma@gmail.com) or **Lynn Mankins**, at 515-988-5154, [lmankins@gmail.com](mailto:lmankins@gmail.com).

**Pedalin' Presbyterians to ride Sunday, September 24**

Riders will be using the Mills Civic Parkway and Jordan Creek trails in West Des Moines, starting and ending at **Taco Hangover**, 265 50th St., West Des Moines. Plan to arrive in the parking lot around 4:45 p.m. and we'll start riding at 5:00 p.m.



If you don't want to ride, meet us around 6:15 p.m. on the outdoor patio and join us for tacos! Questions? Contact for the West Des Moines ride is Kim Coulter, 515-867-4299.

**Dr. Naim Ateek to speak at Central on World Communion Sunday, October 1**



Dr. Naim Ateek will be in Des Moines, September 28–October 1, to present a lecture at Drake University and to speak at a conference at First United Methodist Church. We are very fortunate to have him at Central, on World Communion Sunday, October 1. He will preach during worship and stay for a lunch discussion. **To RSVP for the October 1 luncheon, contact Sheri Egge by September 25, at 515-279-3658 or [segge@dmcpc.org](mailto:segge@dmcpc.org).**

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**Upcoming @Central**

**Friday, September 22**

Noon Church office closes

**Sunday, September 24**

9:00am Education Hour  
10:15am Worship  
11:15am Fellowship  
4:45pm Pedalin’  
Presbyterians  
5–7pm New Members Reunion

**Monday, September 25**

2:00pm Governor’s Volunteer Award Celebration

**Tuesday, September 26**

9:30am Staff mtg  
5:00pm Tutoring Kick-off

**Wednesday, September 27**

10:00am Bible Study  
5:00pm LOGOS children  
6:15pm LOGOS dinner & youth  
7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, September 28**

8:45am Morgen Bells rehearsal

**Friday, September 29**

Noon Church office closes  
6–9pm Men’s Retreat

**Saturday, September 30**

5–8pm Women’s Retreat

**Sunday, October 1**

9:00am Education Hour  
10:15am Worship  
11:15am Fellowship  
11:45am Discussion & Lunch w/Dr. Ateek

**Parents: It’s not too late to register children & youth for fall classes**

**On Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**.....

**Pre-K to 5th grade children**, will experience a new Sunday school curriculum during the education hour at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. Based on the Bible readings, Sparkhouse’s “Whirl” curriculum includes the components: **Welcome, Hear, Respond and Launch (WHIRL)**. Pre-Kindergarten to Kindergarten (ages 3– to 5-year-olds) are in Room 102; 1st to 2nd grades are in Room 101; and 3rd to 5th grades are in Room 2 on lower level.

**6th to 12th grade youth** will uncover the similarities they share with the unpolished and unexpected faith of ancestors from the New and Old testaments in this year’s Sparkhouse curriculum titled *re:form Ancestors*. Middle & High School for 6th to 12th grades are in Room 206.

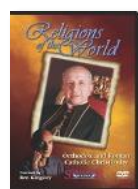
**On Wednesday evenings**.....

This year’s Wednesday LOGOS program will be full of new adventures that will include dress-up nights, pool noodle tosses, learning a new musical and offsite outings for teenagers. **Here’s the evening’s schedule:** Children, grades K–5, meet from 5:00-7:00 p.m.; Dinner is at 6:15 p.m.; and Youth, grades 6–12, meet from 6:15–8:00 p.m.

A *Registration and Permission Form* can be found online at [www.dmcpc.org](http://www.dmcpc.org) or you can register your kids by contacting **Greg Halterman**, Christian education director at [ghalterman@dmcpc.org](mailto:ghalterman@dmcpc.org) or 515-279-3658. Cost is \$50.00/child or youth, with scholarships available.



**Adults have multiple topics for classes this fall**



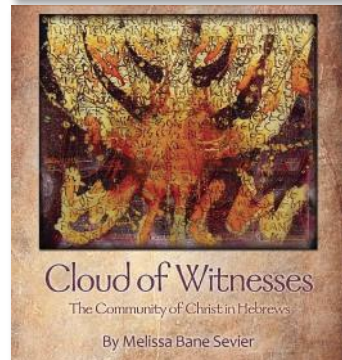
**On Sundays at 9:00 a.m., adults** will be studying the *Religions of the World: Abrahamic Traditions*. They will have the opportunity to experience three of the major faith traditions that spawned from the call of Abraham and Sarah in Genesis 12. The video and discussion-based study will examine the specific beliefs, customs and traditions of Judaism, Orthodox and Roman Catholic Christianity and Protestant Christianity. Don’t miss out on September 24, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 201.

**Sundays in October... A Reformation Celebration**

As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in October, the five Sundays in October will be devoted to the personalities who shaped and influenced the protestant reformation. Through DVDs that vividly bring to life the Reformation, its colorful leaders, history-shaping turning points and lively discussion adults will have the chance to develop an understanding of why this happened and what is the future of protestant Christianity. Classes will start at 9:00 a.m. in Room 201 and are led by Christian Education director Greg Halterman.



- October 1 John Wycliffe & Jan Hus
- October 8 Martin Luther
- October 15 The Swiss Reformation – Ulrich Zwingli & John Calvin
- October 22 The Anabaptists – Michael & Margaretha Sattler
- October 29 William Tyndale



**On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.**, adults can join the Presbyterian Women’s produced *Horizons* Bible study: *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Written by Melissa Bane Sevier, a teaching elder in the PC(USA) and Sung Hee Chang, a Union Presbyterian Seminary faculty member, this study approaches the book of Hebrews through a lens of peace, peacemaking and hope. Participants will read and discuss stories about women who have been witnesses to faith highlighted in Hebrews chapters 1, 12 and 13. Join study facilitator **Sue Heggen** on Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. in Room 112.

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#### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE RELIEF LINKS:

**Give:** *Disaster Relief –  
for national, international  
and special disasters*  
<http://pda.pcusa.org/>

To contribute to a specific  
cause, go to:

[www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/categories/disaster-response/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/categories/disaster-response/)

Gifts can be made online, at  
800-872-3283; or by check  
noting in memo line which  
disaster you want covered.

Then mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

**Act:** Learn how you can help  
families who have lost every-  
thing in the devastation. Stay  
informed and like us on  
Facebook, download  
resources and share updates.  
Read more about our various  
disaster responses from the  
Presbyterian News Service:

[www.presbyterianmission.org/story/category/disaster-assistance/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/category/disaster-assistance/)

## A Wednesday evening parents dinner and social

### For parents of children in our Wednesday evening LOGOS activities...

Drop the kids off at church and head over to the Cheese Bar for some great food and an informal get-together with other Central parents on Wednesday, October 11, 5:00–6:45 p.m., The Cheese Bar, 2925 Ingersoll Ave. Look for an invite in your inbox, or RSVP to Wallace W. Bubar at 515-279-3658 or [wbubar@dmcpc.org](mailto:wbubar@dmcpc.org).

## New Members & Inquirers class to start in October



For three Sunday sessions, October 15, 22 and 29, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room, we'll meet to learn more about our congregation, programs and ministries, how we organize to get things done and what it means to be a Presbyterian.

More importantly, it offers a chance for you to get to know our church staff and some of our members, while also connecting with others who are new to the church. Lunch will be served and childcare is available. If you'd like to sign up, or have questions, contact Wallace Bubar at 515-279-3658 or [wbubar@dmcpc.org](mailto:wbubar@dmcpc.org).

## DES MOINES AREA Hunger Hike—join the 3-mile walk to raise funds



This year's annual hunger hike coincides with World Hunger Week and the awarding of the World Food Prize. Similar to year's past, the purpose of the walk is first, to increase community consciousness and concern about local and world-wide hunger and its root causes. And secondly, to raise funds to be used by non-profit agencies and programs to help alleviate the problem of hunger.

The 2017 activities will start at 1:30 p.m. at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates, 100 Locust Street, Des Moines, and will be approximately 3 miles with much of the hike along the Principal Riverwalk. For more information or to make a contribution go to [desmoineshungerhike.org](http://desmoineshungerhike.org).

## Organ concert to be held in memory of Robert Speed

Organists from throughout the metropolitan area will join together to present a concert with a variety of genres. Sponsored by the Central Iowa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, the concert will be held in memory of well-known organist, choral conductor and former Central Music Director Robert Speed, who passed away earlier this year. This special concert is scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 4:00 p.m. at the [West Des Moines United Methodist Church](#), 720 Grand Avenue. The event is free and open to the public.

## Save the date for AMOS Action!

### Accountability Session with Candidates for Des Moines

**City Council**, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017, 7:30–8:30 p.m.

(Registration at 7:00 p.m.) Plymouth Church UCC, 4126 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines

(For details, see bulletin boards at Central or go to [www.amosiowa.org](http://www.amosiowa.org).)



## A new opportunity to vote for Central!

*Cityview's* Best of Des Moines' 2018 Awards ballot is now open for nominations and we'd like your help in blowing Central's horn, again! There is one category that our church is eligible for:

**#226 Best Place to Worship** (type in: Central Presbyterian Church, Des Moines)

You can vote for what and who you think are the BEST places, events, people and personalities in the Des Moines metro area. Please enter names of businesses or people only and be precise in your spelling so the results sort properly. One entry per person. Please use the link below to vote for our congregation! Winners will be announced in February 2018 issue of *CityView*.

**Vote here:** [www.dmcityview.com/2018-best-of-des-moines-ballot/](http://www.dmcityview.com/2018-best-of-des-moines-ballot/) **Thank you!**



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**October is Pastor  
Appreciation Month**

*Now we ask you, brothers  
and sisters, to acknowledge  
those who work hard among  
you, who care for you in the  
Lord and who admonish you.  
Hold them in the highest  
regard in love because of  
their work. Live in peace with  
each other.*

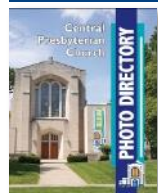
– 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

**Artisans: Sign up for Holiday Market now!**

Applications are now being accepted from local and regional artists for vending space in the 2017 Holiday Market. This annual market showcases unique handmade crafts, jewelry, furniture, home decorations – including antiques and more.

To register as a vendor, go to [www.dmcp.org/holiday-market/](http://www.dmcp.org/holiday-market/), use the easy online form or download and print to complete and send to the church office with your payment. **VOLUNTEERS:** If you'd like to get involved this year in the Holiday Market planning or experience, contact **Connie Boesen** at [boesendmia@aol.com](mailto:boesendmia@aol.com), 515-240-7929, or **Louise Gately** at 515-229-8757, [cggmlg@aol.com](mailto:cggmlg@aol.com).

The Holiday Market is FREE and open to the public. Bring your friends and family!



**Put a name with a face. Photo directories are now available!**

The 2017 photo directory has been completed and the printed copies have arrived! Each family will receive one directory and can pick their copy up on Sundays in the East Parlor or during the week in the church office. *You do not have to be a active or contributing member to receive your copy.*

**PHOTO REORDERS:** Todd Hugen Photography is accepting orders or reorders of your directory photo sessions. If interested, email [info@toddhugenphotography](mailto:info@toddhugenphotography). They will post all of the images from your session and you can select prints or Christmas card designs to order. All orders received by Sept. 29 will save 10% off the entire purchase.



**Take note of the upcoming fall activities:**

- Sept. 24 ..... 4:45–7:00pm... Pedalin’ Presbyterians ride in West Des Moines
- Sept. 29 ..... 5:00pm ..... Men’s Retreat @Haltermann/Vargas home
- Sept. 30 ..... 5:00pm ..... Women’s Retreat @Mary Gordon home
- Oct. 1 ..... 10:15am ..... *World Communion Sunday* Discussion & Lunch with Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek
- Oct. 4 ..... 6:30 p.m. .... Blessings of the Animals on front lawn
- Oct. 8 ..... 2:00 p.m. .... Des Moines Hunger Hike
- Oct. 8 ..... 11:30 a.m. .... Foundation Board orientation
- Oct. 22 ..... 5:00pm ..... Stewardship Dinner at Colby Park
- Oct. 25 ..... 5–7:00pm ..... Trunk or Treat
- Nov. 4 ..... 9:00am–Noon.. Fall Clean-up Work Day
- Nov. 11 ..... Noon ..... Holiday Market Kick-off luncheon
- Nov. 14 ..... 9:30am–3:00pm Presbytery of Des Moines meeting @Central
- Nov. 15 ..... 6:15pm ..... LOGOS Dinner with Friends
- Nov. 30 ..... 7:00pm ..... Southwest Community College Choir @Central
- Dec. 1 & 2 ..... 9:00am–5:00pm Holiday Market 2017
- Dec. 10 ..... 5:00pm ..... Children’s Musical
- Dec. 17 ..... 2:30pm ..... A Service of Lesson’s & Carols
- Dec. 24 ..... 10:15am ..... Worship
- Dec. 24 ..... 5:00pm ..... Family Candlelight Service
- Dec. 24 ..... 7:00pm ..... Candlelight Service & Communion

Presbyterian Women  
of the Presbytery of Des Moines

**Supporting Peacemaking**

**2017 Fall Connection**

Saturday, October 14, 2017  
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Co-hosted by:  
Presbyterian Women of  
First Presbyterian Church  
& Platte Center Presbyterian Church  
of Creston

9:00 - 9:30 am	Coffee	
9:30 - 9:45	Welcome and Announcements: by Rev. Barbara Tooker-Todd and Judy Gale	Lunch - \$7
9:45 - 10:30	International Peacemaker: Delia Leal from Guatemala translated by Leslie Vogel	To make your reservation, contact:
10:45 - 12 noon	Hands-on Activity: Domestic Violence Shelter Blankets by Denise England and Sharon Falck	Juanita Ott
12:00 - 12:45 pm	Awards Luncheon and Offering: by Pam Deichmann, Barb Taylor and Susan Tinder	<a href="mailto:jott396116@aol.com">jott396116@aol.com</a>
1:00 - 1:30	Local Mission Spotlight: United Charitable Association by Judy Gale	or 515-778-7985
1:30 - 2:30	Closing Worship with Communion: by Rev. Barbara Tooker-Todd	

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For the United Charitable Association  
of Creston, please bring new or slightly-used  
bed linens, blankets, shampoo, conditioner,  
or hand soap.