



# THIS WEEK @CENTRAL

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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.

### Christ the King Sunday

Nov. 25, 2018, 10:15 a.m.

#### Sermon:

*The Joke Between*

**Rev. Tim Diebel**,  
retired senior minister,  
First Christian Church  
in Des Moines

#### Scriptures:

Revelation 1:4b–8 and  
John 18:33–37

#### Hymns:

268 *Crown Him with  
Many Crowns*  
605 *Praise to God the Father*  
264 *At the Name of Jesus*  
826 *Lift High the Cross*

**Music:** Chancel Choir

### Top stories...



Would you like to help with Hanging of the Greens?



We hope to see you at Central next week for our annual Holiday Market!



Don't forget your pledge card for the offering plate. Thank you!



The Angel Tree is up! Select a tag; get a gift for a Calvin resident.



Join us for Christmas caroling on Friday, Dec. 14, at 5:30pm!



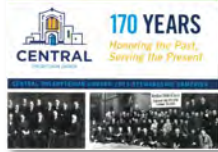
### Hanging of the Greens at Central is November 25

On Sunday, November 25, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., volunteers are welcome to come help the members of the Worship Committee decorate the church for the Advent season.

### Don't forget to bring your pledge cards to church!



For 2018, the congregation pledged a total of \$510,000 toward the church operating budget. As we look toward 2019, we are setting a goal of \$550,000 in pledged income. This will enable us to continue to grow and expand our ministries.



In the past few weeks, we've heard about the ways in which your gifts are making a difference here at Central and in the Community. Our stewardship effort is continuing and all are invited to turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Pastor will be on vacation

From Nov. 19–25, 2018, if you have a pastoral emergency during this time, contact **Medea Saunders**, at 515-418-0059 or [revmudd@gmail.com](mailto:revmudd@gmail.com). Medea is a United Methodist pastor and hospice chaplain who has preached and spoken in our adult classes at Central. Guest preacher on November 25 will be the **Rev. Tim Diebel**, who served for 19 years as pastor of First Christian Church in Des Moines.

### Pick a tag off the Angel Tree to help Calvin Community residents!

Join in our annual ministry for Calvin Community seniors by taking a tag off the Angel Tree in the East Parlor. Each tag represents a gift for residents in the health care units.



1. Take an angel tag(s) from the tree.
2. Sign your name, telephone number and email address to the corresponding tag number on the clipboard list.
3. Purchase a front zipper or button-up sweatshirt or sweater in appropriate size and gender as on angel tag(s).
4. You can add more gifts (i.e., socks, t-shirts and other items), if appropriate for older adults.
5. Please giftwrap and **attach angel tag to package**.
6. Return gift(s) to the church by Dec. 6, 2018 and check off your name on the list.

**Upcoming @Central****Wednesday, November 21**

Noon Church office closes  
No Bible Study, LOGOS or Chancel Choir rehearsal

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY****Thursday, November 22 &****Friday, November 23**

Church office closed

**Sunday, November 25**

9:30am Chancel Choir  
10:15am Worship  
11:15am Fellowship Time  
4-6pm Hanging of the Greens

**Monday, November 26**

8:30am Holiday Market Committee meets  
5:30pm Session

**Tuesday, November 27**

9:30am Staff meeting  
5:00pm Power Read

**Wednesday, November 28**

10:00am Bible Study  
5:00pm LOGOS K-4 grade  
6:00pm LOGOS 5-7 grade  
6:30pm LOGOS dinner & 8-12grade  
6:30pm Knitting group  
7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, November 29**

7:30am **Setup for 2018 to 7pm Holiday Market**  
8:45am Morgen Bells  
7:30pm SWCC Concert

**Friday, November 30**

9am-5pm **Holiday Market**  
Noon Church closes  
6:00pm Staff Xmas Party

**Saturday, December 1**

9am-5pm **Holiday Market**

**Sunday, December 2**

9:00am Advent craft workshop for everyone  
9:00am Adult Education Support Group  
9:30am Chancel Choir  
10:15am Worship  
11:15am Fellowship Time  
11:30am Children's Musical rehearsal & lunch

**Make plans to volunteer and shop at the 2018 Holiday Market!**

The annual market is slated for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 2018. In its ninth year, the event is part of the annual Salisbury House *Holly & Ivy Tour* (Nov. 30 & Dec. 1). The Holiday Market is FREE and open to the public! Currently we have a tour bus coming from Missouri!

**Invite your friends and family!**

Yard signs, posters, fliers and postcards are available in the church office and East Parlor. Share them with your friends and family. Don't forget to 'like' our Facebook page; click on the event or the QR code here to 'share' or tell us you're going! Feel free to contact Communications Director **Kim Coulter**, at 515-279-3658 or [kcoulter@dmcpc.org](mailto:kcoulter@dmcpc.org), for help on sharing.

**We need volunteers and soup makers?**

If you'd like to volunteer for a 2-hour shift market experience, contact volunteer coordinator **Jean Hamilton**, at 515-282-2638 or [jehtml5@aol.com](mailto:jehtml5@aol.com). Join our experienced crews and help with set-up or clean-up.

**Central is famous for our soup luncheon.**

Each year, Holiday Market shoppers can shop from over 55 vendors and enjoy a delicious soup lunch for \$5! This year, we have four easy recipes: Mushroom Barley, Herby Chicken Rice, Italian Sausage and Chili. You can help by making some on your own. Recipes are in the East Parlor or contact **Laura Covill**, at 515-491-6494 or [laura.covill@dmu.edu](mailto:laura.covill@dmu.edu).

**Don't forget the Holly & Ivy tour!**

Our partner event the *Holly & Ivy Home Tour*, showcases the Salisbury House & Gardens and along with private homes in the South of Grand neighborhood, all transformed in holiday grandeur Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. You can **purchase tickets at** [www.salisburyhouse.org](http://www.salisburyhouse.org) or call 515-274-1777.

**SWCC Chamber Singers Christmas Concert is Thursday, November 29**

The Southwestern Community College Chamber Singers will present their annual Christmas concert, Thursday, November 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Central's sanctuary. The SWCC Chamber Singers feature the amazing voices of students, from across the U.S. and Canada, who have come to Creston to attend the college's School for Music Vocations. This year, they will perform masterworks by J.S. Bach, Shaw, Hogan, Rachmaninoff and Mattson, as well as pieces written by director Ryan Howe. The public is invited to attend. A free-will offering will be accepted at the concert.

**Nomination forms are available at the church**

Please submit names of church members (please include yourself if you are interested) you feel should be considered by the Nominating Committee for: Board of Deacons, Ruling Elder, Foundation Board and the Nominating Committee. Forms are available at the church or email suggestions to Office Manager **Sheri Egge**, at [segge@dmcpc.org](mailto:segge@dmcpc.org).



### Please vote online now!

Everybody Wins! Iowa has been nominated by the West Lakes Veridian Credit Union branch to participate in their "Spark the Spirit" Campaign, which puts them in the running to win a prize of up to \$5,000.

From now until November 25th, you can vote daily for Everybody Wins! Iowa as your favorite local organization (this is the partner group for Central's Tuesday night Power Read program.)

They are competing against seven other local organizations and they can really use our support! Prize money received will directly benefit the kids who read with us in our Power Read program.

### Like us on Facebook

Please like and share our posts and events!

Go to:

[www.facebook.com/centralpresdm/](http://www.facebook.com/centralpresdm/)



### Donations for poinsettias and holiday decorations now being accepted

Your contribution to the holiday decoration fund will help us purchase: outdoor Christmas planters; poinsettias for the Sanctuary, Narthex, East Parlor and 39th Street Lobby (December 16–30); fresh greenery and floral arrangements on the reredos (December 16, 23 & 24). Order forms are available in the Narthex, 39th Street Lobby and church office. Complete and return to the offering plate or office by Monday, Dec. 10.

### Intergenerational Advent craft workshop is December 2 at 9:00 a.m.

On Sunday, December 2, at 9:00 a.m., in Fellowship Hall, join the Christian Education (CE) Department for an Advent Craft Workshop! We will have ceramic ornaments to paint, provided by "Whatta Dish" in Valley Junction. Families will also have an opportunity to make an Advent wreath to help prepare hearts and minds for the coming Messiah. The children will start at 9:00 a.m. in their respective classrooms to learn the meaning of Advent, then we will transition to Fellowship Hall to share a continental breakfast and usher in the 2018 Advent season. All crafts are compliments of the CE Department.

### Children and youth present annual musical!

On December 9, during worship, the children will present *Light of the World*, by Mark Patterson. This musical pageant combines original songs and familiar carols from around the world to tell the Christmas story. Through narration, drama and song, choristers share how Jesus came to be the "Light of the World" over 2,000 years ago. The narration begins with the story of creation, turns to the prophetic words of Isaiah and then recounts the events of Jesus' birth. Throughout the musical, a single burning candle symbolizes the light of Christ. At the end, all are invited to take the light into the world.



### Sign up for the 2019 annual youth Ski Trip

Middle school, senior high and parents are invited for the ski trip, Jan. 19–20, 2019, to Afton Alps, Minn. Cost is \$180 and includes two meals, lodging, transportation, lift tickets and ski rentals. Make reservations by contacting Christian Education Director **Greg Halterman**, at 515-279-3658 or [ghalterman@dmcpc.org](mailto:ghalterman@dmcpc.org).

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**  
Friday, December 14

We'll meet at 5:30 p.m. at the church to carpool.

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**CENTRAL**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Light in Dark Corners**

Christmas is a season of joy and celebration. Everywhere we turn, we meet cheerful greetings and happy faces. But sometimes Christmas only emphasizes our personal sadness or grief. These are times to admit our yearning for consolation. **Sheryl Puderbaugh**, Central’s semi-nary intern, will lead our adult education class on Sundays, December 2, 9 & 16, 9:00 a.m., in Room 201. We’ll discuss our feelings of loss, depression, anxiety and other emotions that keep us from fully experiencing the joy of Christmas. We will discover Scriptures that bring hope and comfort to all, while sharing words of encouragement in order that we may find light in the midst of dark corners and experience the light, joy and hope of God.

**Blue Christmas Service**

Come and join us on Sunday, December 9, at 5:00 p.m., in Cownie Chapel, where we’ll share Scripture, prayers and music as we celebrate God’s Christmas presence with us, even if we are mourning, struggling or experiencing sadness. We will celebrate the God, who came to earth as a baby in a humble stable, and will “bear our griefs and carry our sorrows” (Isaiah 53:4-6). Everyone is welcome.

St. Paul Presbyterian Church offers alternative gifts St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 6426 Merle Hay Road in Johnston is hosting the fourth annual [Johnston Alternative Gift Market](#) on Saturday, December 1, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. *Honor those who have enough by giving to those who have too little!* Come shop for your loved ones, purchase a “gift” from over a dozen local and international non-profits. Each gift includes a beautiful holiday card with a gift description from the non-profit to send to those honored by your gift.



Take note of these fall activities @Central:

- Nov. 22 & 23**..... **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, Church office is closed**
- Nov. 25..... 4pm ..... Hanging of the Greens
- Nov. 29..... 7:30am–7pm . Holiday Market 2018 Set-up
- Nov. 29..... 7:30pm..... SWCC Chamber Choir Concert
- Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 ...9am–5pm.... Holiday Market 2018
- Dec. 9 ..... 10:15am..... Children’s Christmas Musical
- Dec. 9..... 5pm ..... Blue Christmas service
- Dec. 16 ..... 4pm ..... Service of Lessons & Carols
- Dec. 24 ..... 5pm & 7pm... Christmas Eve services
- Dec. 25** ..... **CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY Church office is closed**



**170 YEARS**  
*Honoring the Past,  
Serving the Present*

**Pledged income**

Goal: \$550,000 **Received: \$387,355**

**Participation (households)**

Goal: 170 **Received: 106**

**New pledges**

Goal: 14 **Received: 6**

**\$170 giving increase challenge**

Goal: 156 **Received: 41**

*As of Tuesday, November 20*

*You can make your pledge online by going to [www.dmcpc.org/give](http://www.dmcpc.org/give).*

*Thank you.*

