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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.

3rd Sunday of Advent

Dec. 16, 2018, 10:15 a.m.

Baptism

Scriptures:

Zephaniah 3:14–20 and
Luke 3:1–18

Sermon:

Highway Maintenance
Rev. Wallace Bubar

Hymns:

96 *On Jordan's Bank
the Baptist's Cry*
90 *Wait for the Lord*
492 *You Belong to Christ*
106 *Prepare the Way, O Zion*
87 *Comfort, Comfort Now
My People*

Music:

Chancel Choir

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



Lesson & Carols
service is set for
Sunday, Dec. 16



Join us for Christmas Eve! Either a service with an instant children's pageant or a traditional service with communion.

170 YEARS
*Honoring the Past,
Serving the Present*

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

Do you like to sing carols?

On Friday, Dec. 14, 2018, the Board of Deacons and the Worship Committee are bringing an old tradition of Christmas caroling back to Central! Meet at the church by 5:30 p.m., to carpool. All ages are welcome to join in caroling for our members who are homebound and in retirement homes. The evening will end with holiday treats and fun.



Join us Sunday, December 16, for annual *Service of Lessons & Carols*



The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first celebrated at King's College, Cambridge on Christmas Eve, 1918. The nine Scripture lessons are those traditionally used at the festival and move from the season of Advent into Christmastide with carols and hymns accompanying each lesson. A wide variety of musical styles will be included in this year's presentation by Central's musicians and singers.

Musicians and singers include the Chancel Choir, under the direction of **Rich Dewein** and **Lois Harms**, accompanist. Central's Morgen Bells, under the direction of **Sue Hudson**. Vocal soloists include: **Miguel Vargas**, **Beth Triebel** and **Susan Voss**. And **Joe Wandro**, string bassist, will join us. **Kevin Klimowski** will be our narrator and **Pastor Wallace Bubar** will participate with prayers and a welcome. Plan to come early at 3:30 p.m. when the prelude music begins. You will enjoy the love and caring of each piece as it fits into the Christmas story. There will refreshments served in the East Parlor following the performance. Childcare will be available in the Nursery.



Come to Central, Christmas Eve Monday, December 24!

5:00 p.m. Family Service: A joyful service for children, youth, and their families, including an "instant Christmas pageant," with no lines to memorize and no rehearsals to attend. Just show up and join the fun!

7:00 p.m. Traditional Service: A candlelight service of Christmas music led by the Chancel Choir and with a Christmas reflection by the pastor and communion. *Childcare is available in the Nursery for both services.*

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Your giving, our unity and work, all are making an impact. You give and important things happen. Lives are changed. **To start giving** your pledge or contribution using Electronic Funds Transfer, go online to: <https://wp.dmcpc.org/give>. Choose "one-time" donation or "recurring ongoing gifts" for monthly or annual web giving. **You can now use the new I Give Electronically card in the pew holders when the offering plate is passed. Thank you!**

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.

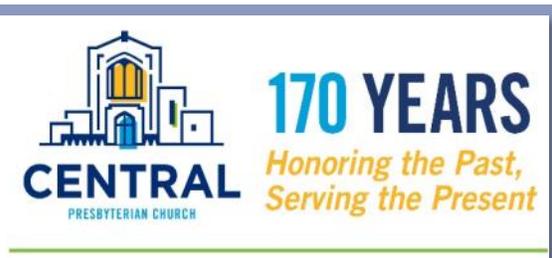
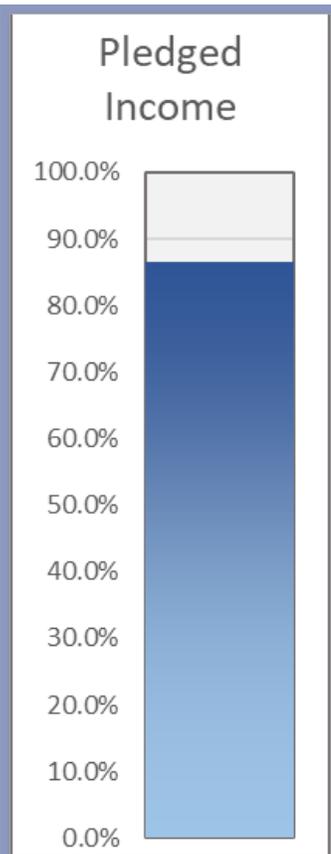
Sign up for the 2019 annual youth Ski Trip

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.

Adult education class: *Light in Dark Corners*, concludes December 16th



Thanks to all who attended the Blue Christmas Service Sunday evening. Nearly 20 individuals came for this moving service with candlelight and meditation. We acknowledged our sorrows and concerns, celebrated the coming of Christ and allowed God to be with us. Don't forget, this coming Sunday we will conclude our adult education series – *Light in Dark Corners*. Join us to discuss how we can assist each other when we walk through dark times, especially during the Christmas season. We meet from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in Room 201 at Central. **Sheryl Puderbaugh**, Central's seminary intern will lead our discussion about feelings of loss, depression and anxiety 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.



Pledged income
Goal: \$550,000 **Received: \$475,671**

Participation (households)
Goal: 170 **Received: 136**

New pledges
Goal: 14 **Received: 7**

\$170 giving increase challenge
Goal: 156 **Received: 56**

Score card results as of Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

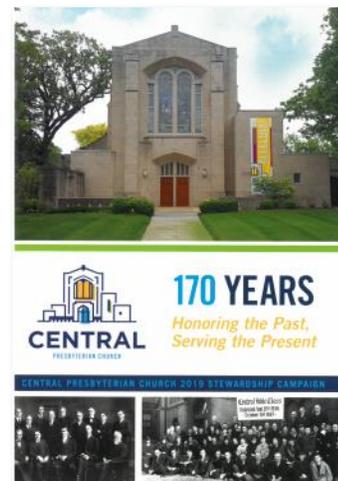
Thank you for turning in your pledge cards!

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.

Our stewardship effort is continuing and all are invited to turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible.

Thank you.



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Upcoming @Central

Friday, December 14

Noon Church closes
 5:30pm Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 16

9:00am Light in Dark
 Corners class
 9:30am Chancel Choir
 10:15am Worship
 11:15am Fellowship Time
 11:30am Nominating Cmte
 2:30pm Music rehearsals
 3:30pm Prelude begins
 4:00pm Lessons & Carols

Monday, December 17

5:30pm Session meets

Tuesday, December 18

9:30am Staff meeting
 5:00pm No Power Read

Wednesday, December 19

10:00am Bible Study
 6:00pm LOGOS Middle
 School Xmas Party
 7:30pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 20

8:45am Morgen Bells
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Friday, December 21

Noon Church closes

Sunday, December 23

9:00am Morgen Bells
 rehearsal
 9:30am Chancel Choir
 10:15am Worship
 11:15am Fellowship Time

Monday, December 24

Noon Church closes
 5:00pm Family Service
 7:00pm Traditional Service

Canned pears or puff ball mushrooms are the food pantry item of the month!
We have also learned that can openers are needed when pantry clients do not have access to an opener. Please help our deacons fill the 39th St. Lobby grocery cart!

Interested in truly living compassionately? JustFaith classes start in January

JustFaith is designed for people who want to live more simply, love more compassionately, and make a difference by responding to the needs of the world. This small group program will help you explore today’s issues through the lens of your faith and formulate a personal/group response. Through prayer, engaging reading, thought-provoking dialogue and relationship building, you’ll share a journey of faith that invites you to consider how you can “be the change” in our world.



JustFaith is made up of three stand-alone, 8-week sessions that can be taken individually or together, in any order. The three sessions in the program are:

- *Living Compassionately: Caring for the Poor* ([Click to view or download a flier](#))
 Participants focus on poverty, consumerism, and the Gospel call to care for the poor.
- *Living Justly: Caring for Each Other* ([Click to view or download a flier](#))
 Inspired by a deeper understanding about issues of racial and economic justice, participants will develop new levels of passion, compassion and patience for the ongoing work of social justice.
- *Living Simply: Caring for the Earth* ([Click to view or download a flier](#))
 Participants embrace the invitation to care for the earth while they learn more about the intersection between poverty and environmental stewardship.

Each 8-week session contains:

- Reading 1–2 books and viewing several videos
- A retreat experience*
- An encounter or immersion experience*
- An opportunity for action

*Please note, both retreat and immersion experience are outside the regular meeting times.

Dates and times are arranged by your facilitator and discussed at the first session.

All sessions are open to everyone!
 Each session of the JustFaith program is individually priced at \$80 per person.
[Register Online](#)
[Registration Form \(printable\)](#)
[Program Flier](#)

Winter 2019 SCHEDULE – Des Moines Area – JustFaith Offerings

Living Compassionately: Caring for the Poor

Sundays, 5:30–7:30 p.m., January 27–March 17, at Central Presbyterian Church

Thursdays, 6–8 p.m., January 24–March 14, at Immanuel United Methodist Church

Living Justly: Caring for Each Other

Mondays, 6:30–8:30 p.m., January 28–March 18, at Windsor Heights Lutheran Church

Tuesdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., January 29–April 2, at Des Moines Valley Friends House

Wednesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m., February 6–April 3, at St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church

Living Simply: Caring for the Earth

Thursdays, 6–8 p.m., January 24–March 14, at Urbandale United Church of Christ

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**New class at DMPCC!
 Dying Well: Exploring the
 Spirituality of Dying**

Through our stories and experiences we can find purpose, meaning and our life’s legacy to transform our spiritual existence to the end to make death a purely sacred process. This class is designed to create a sense of community and to engage on a deep personal level to talk about dying. [Learn more.](#)

Class Times: Monday mornings, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Jan. 21–Feb. 18, 2019. Learn more and register here: www.dmpcc.org/dyingwell. Cost is \$289; registration deadline is Jan. 4, 2019. Classes are held at the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center, 8553 Urbandale Ave., Urbandale, Iowa 50322.

Women at the Well mission extends invitation to Central members

Women at the Well is a United Methodist congregation located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville, Iowa. They worship on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Place Chapel. Our World & Community Concerns Committee has organized an opportunity for Central members to visit the prison, attend a worship service, and learn more about this ministry, **on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, 6:30 p.m.** We are limited to 10 guests (women or men), who must be 18 years old, in good physical health and must complete an application in advance to get security clearance. The application requires the following info: full legal name on driver’s license, date of birth, Social Security number and they must answer this question: *Do you have a relative or close acquaintance incarcerated at the Mitchellville Women’s Prison? If so, what is the woman’s name and your relationship?* If you would like to attend this special service, please contact **Laura Bandstra** by December 23, at 515-480-2902 or lamesband@msn.com. Laura will forward your information in an encrypted email to the United Methodist contact. For more information on this important ministry, see www.womenatthewellumc.org/.



**New retirement class offered by the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center
 Time to Retire or Rewire?: A Support Group for Career Women Considering “Retirement”**



Women of the Baby Boomer generation are entering new territory. More women of this generation have had careers outside the home than in any previous generation. As these women reach the traditional age of “retirement,” they have questions, concerns and dilemmas, but few role models. In this support group for career women, we will begin to identify the next steps in our life’s journeys, whether its “retirement,” “rewirement,” or something yet to be defined. This class is part of the Center’s *Redefining Aging Initiative*.

Class Times: Fridays from 10:30 a.m.—Noon, Jan. 18–March 8, 2019. Learn more or register here: www.dmpcc.org/retireorrewire. Cost is \$250 for the 8-week course and scholarships are available. Classes are at 8553 Urbandale Ave., Urbandale, Iowa 50322.



Take note of these winter activities @Central:

- Dec. 16 4pm Service of Lessons & Carols
- Dec. 22 11am..... Jim Edwards Memorial service
- Dec. 24 12pm, Noon Church office closes
- Dec. 24 5pm & 7pm..... Christmas Eve services
- Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY Church office is closed
- Dec. 26 Day After CHRISTMAS Church office is closed
- Dec. 31 12pm, Noon Church office closes
- Jan. 1, 2019.....NEW YEAR’S DAY HOLIDAY ... Church office is closed
- Jan. 6 9am..... Sunday School classes meet again
- Jan. 6 5pm Souper Suppers meal with Baptists
- Jan. 8 5pm Power Read meets again
- Jan. 9 5pm LOGOS meets again
- Jan. 9 6:30pm..... Knitting into the Mystery meets
- Jan. 13 5pm Shelter Meal served at CISS