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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.

4th Sunday of Advent

Dec. 23, 2018, 10:15 a.m.

Scriptures:

Micah 5:2-5a and
Luke 1:39-45

Sermon:

*There's Something
About Mary*
Rev. Wallace Bubar

Hymns:

102 *Savior of the Nations,
Come*
90 *Wait for the Lord*
129 *Lo, How a Rose E'er
Blooming*
132 *Good Christian Friends,
Rejoice*

Music:

Chancel Choir and the
Morgen Bells handbell choir

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Join us Christmas Eve at 5pm for an instant children's pageant or at 7pm for a traditional service with candlelight and communion.



Get ready to live your compassion journey. A new *JustFaith* course is scheduled to begin in January at Central.



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



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.*

Women at the Well worship visit cancelled

The January 17 worship opportunity at the Mitchellville women's prison has been cancelled. Recent changes to the prison's rules included the elimination of guest



clearance for the worship service at this time. Our World & Community Concerns Committee will attempt to organize another visit in 2020. *Women at the Well* is a United Methodist congregation located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville, Iowa. For more info, see www.womenatthewellumc.org/.

Canned pears or puff ball mushrooms are food pantry's 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!

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Thank you for turning in your pledge cards!

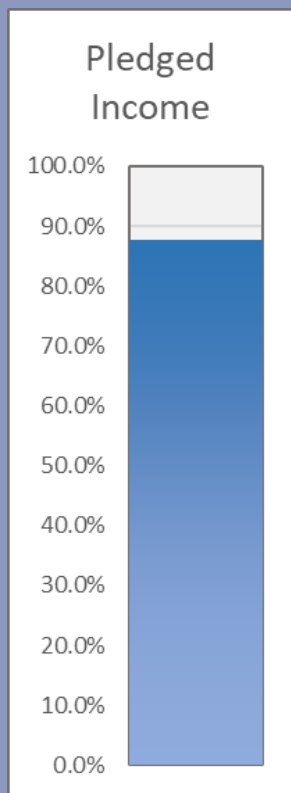
For 2018, the congregation pledged a total of \$510,000 toward the church operating budget. As we look toward 2019, we are setting a goal of \$550,000 in pledged income. This will enable us to continue to grow and expand our ministries.

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



Giving Easy with EFT

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.dmpcc.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!**



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. 19, 2018.
Thank you for your support and prayers.*

Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center offers two new classes

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, you will begin to identify the next steps in our life’s journeys, whether its “retirement,” “reirement,” or something yet to be defined. This class is part of the Center’s *Redefining Aging Initiative*. **Class Times:** Fridays, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.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.



Dying Well: Exploring the Spirituality of Dying

Through stories and experiences you 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. **Class Times:** Mondays, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (noon), Jan. 21–Feb. 18, 2019. Learn more or register here: www.dmpcc.org/dyingwell. Cost is \$289; **registration deadline is Jan. 4, 2019**. Both classes are held at the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center, 8553 Urbandale Ave., Urbandale, Iowa 50322.



Make your reservations now for annual youth ski trip January 19–20

Middle school, senior high and parents are invited for the ski trip to Afton Alps, Minn. Cost is \$180; includes two meals, lodging, transportation, lift tickets and ski rentals. Contact Christian Education Director **Greg Halterman**, at 515-279-3658 or ghalterman@dmpcc.org.

Upcoming @Central**Friday, December 21**

9:30am Fulk Visitation
 11:00am Fulk Memorial Service
 Noon Church closes

Saturday, December 22

11:00am Edwards Memorial Service
 12:00pm Edwards Reception

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

Tuesday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAYHOLIDAY
 Church Closed

Wednesday, December 26

DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
 Church Closed

Thursday, December 27

8am–4pm Church is open

Friday, December 28

Noon Church closes

Sunday, December 30

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

Monday, December 31

Noon Church closes

Tuesday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY
 Church Closed

Wednesday, January 2

10:00am No Bible Study
 5:00pm No LOGOS
 7:30pm No Chancel Choir

Sunday, January 6

9:00am Sunday School
 9:00am Education Hour
 9:30am Chancel Choir rehearsal
 10:15am Worship
 11:15am Fellowship Time

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.

Winter 2019 SCHEDULE – Des Moines Area – JustFaith Offerings

Living Compassionately: Caring for the Poor

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

or

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

Living Justly: Caring for Each Other

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

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

or

Wednesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Feb. 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



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

