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Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**1st Sunday after
Christmas Day
Dec. 30, 2018, 10:15 a.m.**

Scriptures:

I Samuel 2:18–20, 26 and
Luke 2:41–52

Sermon:

The Wonder Years
Rev. Wallace Bubar

Hymns:

143 *Angels, from the
Realms of Glory*
113 *Angels We Have
Heard on High*
145 *What Child Is This*
136 *Go, Tell It
on the Mountain*

Music:

Carol Hudson Biel and Sue
Hudson, pianists with
Tom Hudson, cellist

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Central's Women at the Well
worship visit is cancelled. But
workshop and speaker are still
scheduled for Jan. 20, 2019.



Join our new Souper
Supper on January 6
to discover other
communities of faith.



A new *JustFaith* course
is scheduled to begin
January 27, at Central.



Don't forget your pledge card for the
Sunday offering plate. Or the Church
office is open Monday, December 31,
from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. *Thank you!*

Women at the Well worship & workshop planned for January 20

On January 20, the *Women at the Well – One Christian
Response*, will be the topic for worship and our Adult
Education opportunity and workshop.



10:15 a.m. The Rev. Lee Roorda Schott preaching

1:00–4:30 p.m. Women at the Well workshop of additional learning around issues of
justice and incarceration. We'll gather in Fellowship Hall for
refreshments and then break into two groups:

- **Reentry Team Training**, led by Pastor Paul Witmer, Minister of Reentry and Congregational Care. This training will prepare participants to work as part of a team with women coming out of prison, accompanying them during that first year.
- **Workshop "Welcoming Home: How the Church Makes Room for Those Affected by Incarceration,"** led by Pastor Lee Roorda Schott. We'll consider how the church can become supportive community for those who themselves or in their families are dealing with incarceration. Will we make room for this kind of diversity? What will that call from us? How will it enrich us?

REMINDER: 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!

New Souper Supper, a community of faith program, is Sunday, January 6



Sponsored by the World & Community Concerns Committee, Central's Souper Supper welcomes our friends from the Corinthian Baptist Church of Des Moines as we get to know other communities of faith and build relationships with them. Join us on Sunday, January 6, at 5:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Please come, share a salad or dessert and join in the conversation!

Upcoming @Central**Friday, December 28**

Noon Church closes

Sunday, December 30

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**

8am–4pm Church is open

Thursday, January 3

8am–4pm Church is open

Friday, January 4

Noon Church closes

Sunday, January 6

9:00am Education Hour

9:30am Chancel Choir
rehearsal

10:15am Worship

11:15am Fellowship Time

5:00pm Souper Supper

Monday, January 7

4:30pm Worship Cmte

7:00pm Communications
Cmte meets**Tuesday, January 8**

9:00am Staff meeting

5:00pm PowerRead

6:00pm Human Resources
Cmte meets7:00pm Christian Educ.
Cmte meets**Wednesday, January 9**

10:00am Bible Study

5:00pm Buildings &
Grounds Cmte

5:00pm LOGOS

6:30pm Knitting group

7:30pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 107:00am Business &
Finance Cmte

8:45am Morgen Bells

5:30pm World & Commu-
nity Concerns
Cmte meets**Friday, January 11**

Noon Church closes

Wednesday Bible Study resumes in the New Year!

Adult Bible study resumes Jan. 9, 2019—The group is using the *Horizons* Bible study, *God's Promise: I Am with You*. See you on Wednesdays, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 112.

Wednesday LOGOS program for children & youth begins a new year!

No LOGOS on January 2, but we will resume on Wednesday, January 9. For more information or to volunteer, contact Christian Education Director Greg Halterman at ghalterman@dmcpc.org or 515-279-3658.

Sunday School for children, youth & adults resumes next Sunday

Classes resume on Sunday, January 6, at 9:00 a.m.

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@dmcpc.org.

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.
- *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 about the intersection of 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

JustFaith



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](#)

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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. As our stewardship effort continues, all are invited to turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible. *Thank you!*



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.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!*

JustFaith Offerings, CONTINUED...

experiences 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

Pledged income	
Goal: \$550,000	Received: \$485,723
Participation (households)	
Goal: 170	Received: 142
New pledges	
Goal: 14	Received: 7
\$170 giving increase challenge	
Goal: 156	Received: 60

*Score card results as of Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018.
 Thank you for your support and prayers.*

Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center offers two new classes

Time to Retire or Rewire?: 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 your 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.



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DMPCC new classes offered, CONTINUED...

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.



Take note of these winter activities @Central:

- Dec. 31 12pm, Noon..... Church office closes
- Jan. 1, 2019.....NEW YEAR’S DAY HOLIDAY.. Church office is closed**
- Jan. 69am Sunday School classes meet again
- Jan. 65pm Souper Supper meal with Baptists
- Jan. 85pm Power Read meets again
- Jan. 95pm LOGOS meets again
- Jan. 9 6:30pm..... Knitting into the Mystery meets
- Jan. 135pm Shelter Meal served at CISS
- Jan. 146pm Board of Deacons meet
- Jan. 19–20..... Youth Ski Trip to Afton Alps, Minn.
- Jan. 20 10:15am..... Guest preacher Dr. Lee Shott
- Jan. 20 12:00pm..... *Women at the Well* workshop & lunch
- Jan. 21 BIRTHDAY of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY**
Church office is closed
- Jan. 21 5:30pm..... Session meets
- Jan. 2611am Frede Keegan Memorial service
- Jan. 27 11:30am..... Chili Cook Off and Potluck lunch
—Fellowship Hall

*Happy
New Year!*



from your staff:



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