
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 20, 2019 | 10:15 AM



Women
AT THE **WELL**



CONNECTING **FAITH,**
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

Welcome to Central

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along to the person seated next to you.

Have a prayer request? Interested in getting involved in the church? Want to serve on a committee? Like to update your contact information? Please use a Community Connection card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

Worshipping with young children? Worship is for all ages, but should your child become restless, there is childcare for children up to age 5 provided in our nursery, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. The nursery is located in the education wing on the first floor. Children's worship books with Bible stories, crayons, and pencils are available in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins, hymnals, and personal hearing units are available. Please speak to one of the hosts if you have special needs.

Assisting in worship today:

Liturgist: Kate Selden-Egge

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Lee Roorda Schott

Audio: Dennis Moore

Hosts: Mary Alice Baker, Mike Hamilton, Mary Jean Paschen, Kent Zimmerman

Driver: Joanne Locke

Deacons Flower Delivery: Kathy Haines

Please enter the Sanctuary in a spirit of reverence, as we prepare for worship. Be sure to silence all cell phones.

The flowers beautifying the Sanctuary are given by Steve & Dawn Roberts, Charles W. Roberts and Jane G. & Paul Anderson in memory of Jane W. Kammeier, who died January 31, 1976.

Please join us for Fellowship Time: 11:15 AM, in the East Parlor. Host: Angela Lehmann, Christian Education Committee.

◆ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*The Lord Is My Shepherd
God of Grace*

Alice Jordan
Robert A. Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP

by Ruth C. Duck

We are here to praise God
because Jesus Christ has set us free to live.

**We are here because in Christ
we are forgiven and made whole.**

We are gathered because Jesus Christ has united us
into one family of faith.

**We will witness to the good news:
Jesus Christ frees and unites.
Praise God! Alleluia!**

◆ HYMN 307

CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

PRAYER OF THE DAY

by Ruth C. Duck

God of grace and glory,
we thank you that you judge us
not by the perfection of our actions,
but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.
Help us, as individuals and as a congregation,
to trust you and follow where you lead,
that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth.
Amen.

CANTICLE 175

LAFFERTY

Seek Ye First (verse 1)

GREETING

The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the wisdom of God,
and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Ezekiel 34:11–16
OT, p. 759

ANTHEM

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them – they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame;

Chancel Choir
Daniel L. Schutte

I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 15:1–12
NT, pp. 67–68

SERMON

Leaving the Ninety-Nine

Lee Schott

◆ **HYMN 415**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God:
Your mercy is great.

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

David Paxton

◆ **DOXOLOGY 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

◆ **HYMN 187**

BRADBURY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

◆ **BENEDICTION**

◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

Worship Next Week: The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 27, 10:15 AM

Scripture readings: Jeremiah 1:4–10, Luke 4:21–30

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, Room 112

The group is using the *Horizons* Bible study, *God's Promise: I Am with You*.

LOGOS Programs for Children & Youth

Wednesdays

The heart of the new LOGOS year is how much God loves children. Through the Old Testament stories of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses and a few others, the children will learn how God loves and cares for children from all different walks of life. We will also continue visits to Calvin Community and other service projects. Kinship is still the cornerstone of our Wednesday nights and to get involved or learn more about it, please consult Greg Halterman, Christian Education Director at ghalterman@dmcpc.org or 515-279-3658.

Grades K–4: 5:00–7:00 PM

Grades 5–7: 6:00–8:00 PM

Grades 8–12: 6:30–8:00 PM

January 23 Guest Night

January 30 Pajama Night

Sunday School

Sundays, 9:00 AM

The children begin the year with a message from the prophet Jeremiah that God will always take care of them. From there they will witness Jesus' baptism in the Jordan which marks the beginning of his ministry of service. They will see Jesus turn water into wine then hear from the apostle Paul as he explains the many different gifts we all bring to make the church work. The outcome will be that we are all called in some way to serve the church and others.

Adult Education in January: A Christian Response to Incarceration and Reentry

Sundays, 9:00 AM, Room 201

The current statistics are astounding. The crime rate is now lower than it's been in 30 years, but our prisons are more overcrowded than ever. At mid-year 2005 more than half of all jail and prison inmates had a mental health problem, 70% are functionally illiterate, and roughly 35% were under the influence of drugs or alcohol when they committed their crimes. Many were also victims of homelessness, sexual assault or poverty. But when they complete their prison or jail time, what are their chances of success outside the walls? The January adult education series will reflect critically on this country's practice of incarceration and ask whether there are better ways to seek justice for offenders and offer support for their reentry.

January 20 Women at the Well – One Christian Response

1:00–4:30 PM Join Women at the Well for an afternoon of additional learning around issues of justice and incarceration:

1. *Reentry Team Training*, led by Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister of Reentry and Congregational Care.
2. *Welcoming Home: How the Church Makes Room for Those Affected by Incarceration*, led by Rev. Lee Roorda Schott.

January 27 Restorative Justice: A Second Christian Response

Fourth Fridays

Fourth Fridays is a terrific way to stay connected, re-connect or just have a fun night of good food and good discussion. Anyone can sign up to host a fourth Friday at your home or at the Halterman/Vargas home. Christian Education Director Greg Halterman will provide the pizza and salad and the host provides the beverages and dessert. Fourth Fridays takes place year-round and is available for anyone who wishes to participate. Sign up online at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0848a9aa22a2fc1-fourth.

Chili Chow Down & Potluck

Sunday, January 27, 11:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Dust off the crock pot, prepare the family's secret chili recipe or bring your favorite dish! Hawaiian or Texan, chicken or traditional – all chilis are welcome at Central's Chili Chow Down. If you are bringing chili, please contact Ted Brown, chili lineup coordinator at 515-577-3623. If you're not sharing chili, please bring corn bread, crackers, relish, salad or dessert for the potluck lunch.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 17, 11:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Lunch (catered by Becky Smith) will be served, with a free-will offering received. The annual meeting will include a slideshow of 2018 highlights. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Hear the report of the Nominating Committee/elect officers:

Ruling Elders, Class of 2022

Joanne Haakinson	Chris Henderson	Cynthia Lidgett
Beth Triebel	Kent Zimmerman	

Board of Deacons, Class of 2022

Karin Eshelman	Charlie Flippen	Lynn Mankins
Randi McNally	Dan Tripp	Katie Waggett

Board of Deacons, Class of 2020 (unexpired term)

Hillary Fort

Nominating Committee

Molly Clause	Barb Getting	Kate Mead
Joan Middleton	Emily Rademacher	Carl Voss

- Vote on the Pastor's 2019 Terms of Call

The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar
Moderator

Mary Eggers McCarroll
Clerk of Session

Drake University Basketball Game Outing

Sunday, February 24, 2:00 PM, at the Knapp Center

Come enjoy a fun afternoon with your friends from Central and cheer on the Drake Bulldogs Women's basketball team against the Indiana State Sycamores. We've reserved a block of tickets at \$10/ticket. Reserve your ticket by calling the church office at 515-279-3658 or segge@dmcp.org.

El Salvador Medical Delegation Papusa *Lunch and Learn*

Sunday, February 10, 11:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

The members of the Our Sister Parish Medical Delegation will be at Central on February 10. We'll hear from them during the 10:15 AM worship service and then the congregation is invited to a "lunch and learn" in Fellowship Hall. We'll dine on a papusa lunch, while members of the October 2018 Medical Delegation talk about the mission in El Salvador and their experiences during the weeklong medical delegation trip. A slide show presentation will be shown and we'll also learn about a possible Central delegation going to El Salvador this summer.

Mike and Kathy Bassett were part of the October delegation, which included: three physicians, a chiropractor, a physical therapist, three nurses and four support staff. They were joined in El Salvador by a Salvadoran doctor, six translators, the Our Sister Parish Pastoral Team and drivers. They consulted with nearly 700 patients during 4 1/2 days of clinics.



170 YEARS
*Honoring the Past,
Serving the Present*

Pledged income

Goal: \$550,000

Received: \$522,803

Participation (households)

Goal: 170

Received: 154

New pledges

Goal: 14

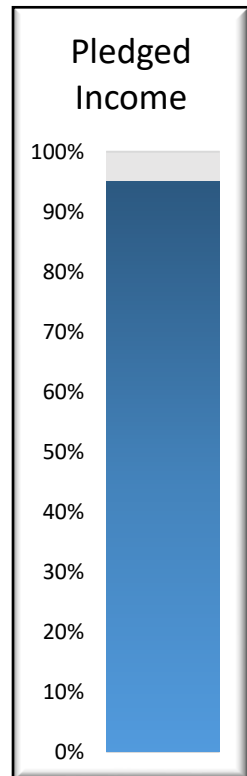
Received: 9

\$170 giving increase challenge

Goal: 156

Received: 62

Totals as of Thursday, January 17, 2019



This Week at Central

Sunday, January 20

- 9:00 AM Education Hour
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 1:00 PM *Women at the Well* Workshops (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:00 PM Youth Ski Trip Returns

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - Church Office Closed

- 5:30 PM Session (Room 202)

Tuesday, January 22

- 5:00 PM Power Read

Wednesday, January 23

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)

Wednesday LOGOS

Grades K-4: 5:00-7:00 PM

Grades 5-7: 6:00-8:00 PM

Grades 8-12: 6:30-8:00 PM

- 6:30 PM Knitting into the Mystery (39th St Lobby)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Room 208)

Thursday, January 24

- 8:45 AM Morgen Bells (Sanctuary)

Friday, January 25

- 12 Noon Church Office Closes

Saturday, January 26

- 10:00 AM Visitation (East Parlor)
- 11:00 AM Funeral Service Frede Keegan (Sanctuary)

Sunday, January 27

- 9:00 AM Education Hour
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Chilli Chow Down (Fellowship Hall)

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Mission Statement

We strive to be a Christian congregation dedicated to a strong tradition of worship, committed to spiritual inquiry and growth, caring for one another and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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