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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.

NOTE: Church doors remain locked. If you need to access, please use the north door and press the video intercom system button and you will be buzzed in. If you have any difficulty, call 515-279-3658. We ask that anyone coming into the church maintain safe “social distancing” during this time of heightened concern about public health.

12th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 23, 2020 10:15 a.m.

Scripture:  
Psalm 149 and  
Genesis 29:15–28  

Sermon:  
In the Beginnings:  
Love and Marriage  
The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar

Hymns:  
630 Fairest Lord Jesus  
693 Though I May Speak  
366 Love Divine,  
All Loves Excelling

Participating in Worship:  
Music Director: Rich Dewein  
Organist: Lois Harms  
Vocal Duet: Selina Orman and Annie Banda  
Cover Artwork:  
Abigayle Reihmann

Top stories...

Send in your photos of anyone going back to school this fall!  
The August 23 online service will have recognition of Lou Peters and students, https://dmcpc.org/watch-live/.  
Another Mask Giveaway is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 5–7pm, at Central.  
Join Central’s AMOS Listening Campaign, Sunday, August 30.

Blessing of the Backpacks is August 23—there is still time to send photos!  
Students (and teachers) are getting ready to head back to school in a few weeks. Everyone’s anxious and uncertain how things will go. We figure they could all use some special prayers this year.

Central will include a Blessing of the Backpacks in our online worship service on Sunday, August 23, at 10:15 a.m. and there is still time to send photos of your—student(s) at any level (college, or grad school), teachers, professors, administrators, substitutes, support staff and aides. Remember to include something related to their education or their work—a backpack, a school t-shirt, a pencil pouch, a laptop or a briefcase. Send your photos to Kim Coulter, at kcoulter@dmcpc.org, by Thursday, August 20. These photos will be included in the online worship service as a collage or slideshow. Seeing their faces will help the congregation pray as we get ready to send them back to school with God’s blessings.

News from Lou Peters  
Director of Youth Ministry Lou Peters, was married to Kristin (Wolf) Peters on Saturday, August 8, in a ceremony in Newton. Lou was ordained as a minister in the Lutheran Church (ELCA) on Sunday, August 16 and has announced he will be taking his first pastoral position at Fairbanks Lutheran Church in Alaska.

His final day at Central will be Sunday, August 23. We will include a recognition at the 10:15 a.m. online Worship service and a drive-by farewell party will be held from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., in the East Parking Lot at Central that same day.  
The search for a new youth ministry director is well underway. There have been a number of applicants, and two interviews conducted thus far. You can expect to hear an announcement about the position very soon.

Bike donations and bike stuff to be collected August 22  
A bicycle drive will be held for the Des Moines Bicycle Collective. This is a non-profit organization that accepts anything related to bicycles to recondition for giveaways, to sell, or to recycle. Central member Carl Voss was one of
the founders of the Collective. The Collective keeps bikes out of the landfill by recycling and providing bikes to children and adults who cannot afford to purchase one. Volunteers and staff take the bikes completely apart and rebuild them with needed new parts. Bikes that cannot be reconditioned are scrapped for recycling. So, bring your unused bikes, accessories, parts, tools, car racks, or biking clothes to help the Bicycle Collective and keep that much out of the landfill.

Join the bike drive on Saturday, August 22, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at the home of Mark & Barb Schmidt, 125 42nd Street, Des Moines. Questions? Call Barb Schmidt, 515-277-7075 or 515-707-0167

Iowa Mask Brigade Giveaway is coming
Wednesday, August 26, 5–7 p.m.
Next Wednesday, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., there will be a mask giveaway for Central members, friends and neighbors in the east parking lot at Central. Volunteers and members will be on hand to bring a tray of masks to your car for easy selection. The ‘car hops’ plan to have 600 of the Olsen masks available in both men, women and kid’s sizes, and 100 of the new ‘light’ disposable masks (see picture above). All will be able to choose one mask and you may pick up one for a friend. You may also pick up extra filters. Each mask is individually bagged with multiple filters and extenders, so everything is safely packaged (Note: kid’s packs will not contain filters.). Also, shoppers may pick up one for a friend. All are available at no charge; a free-will offering is encouraged for the COVID-19 mission fund of the church. If you have questions, contact Connie Klug, at 515-707-4757 or ck4525@att.com.

Join the Listening Campaign
Sunday, August 30, 6–7:30 p.m.
On Sunday, August 30, 6:00–7:30 p.m., join us for a listening campaign to give members of Central an opportunity to weigh in on how we as a moral community should respond to the economic ramifications of the pandemic. The discussion will be facilitated by Central member Susan Stroope. For more info, go to www.amosiowa.org.

- To join the Zoom Meeting by video and audio online, click here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85914581256
- To join by telephone conference call, dial 1-312-626-6799, at prompt, enter Meeting ID: 859 1458 1256 followed by the # sign.
Giving is easy!
Even though our building may be closed the ministries of the church continues. Ways to give:

Send a check to: Central Presbyterian Church, Attn: Marc Michaelsen, 3829 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312.

Or give online at: dmcpc.org/give/. You can choose to make a gift by credit card or bank account transfer. If you need assistance, contact Finance Director Marc Michaelsen, at mmichaelsen@dmcpc.org or 515-279-3658.

And start using Engage with Central today—as a giving tool, is works great with smart phones, tablets or computers! If you need instructions to create your login account, contact Communications Director Kim Coulter, at kcoulter@dmcpc.org.

We are mindful that many are suffering from the economic consequences of this Coronavirus crisis. If you are concerned about finances and are not able to give, we understand and care more about you than your donation. Please let the church know how we can be of help. Thank you!

Christian Education classes continue in August via Zoom

Bible Study on The Book of Philippians – Join the Rev. Wallace Bubar as we explore this Book of Philippians in depth, on Wednesdays, until Sept. 2, 2020, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. To join by computer, tablet or smart phone, click this ZOOM link. Or join by telephone; dial 1-312-626-6799, use Meeting ID: 813 4636 0933 #.

Troubling Passages of Scripture study continues through Summer – On Wednesday evenings, join Sheryl Puderbaugh in this study group to discuss more passages in the Bible. To join by computer, tablet or smart phone, click this ZOOM link. Or join by telephone; dial: 1-312-626-6799, use Meeting ID: 439 794 721 #.

Mission Monday class discusses Racial Justice Challenge – Join the Rev. Annika Lister Stroope, for mission and adult education topics like the recent Synod’s Racial Justice Challenge class. Our discussion is Mondays at 7:30 p.m. using this ZOOM link. Or join by telephone; dial: 1-312-626-6799. Use Meeting ID: 889 4365 1882 # and when prompted use this Password: 644387.

A Virtual Vacation Bible School is now complete

Our Children’s Ministry Director Randi McNally has created a virtual VBS for Central’s children to participate in activities that explore five topics to get students ready for school: Friendship, Courage, Patience, Accepting Others/Accepting Ourselves and Taking Responsibility. She has compiled activities, stories, songs, games and crafts that can be done from home and are appropriate for a range of ages—there is something for everyone! Each day, a new link was shared by email with the agenda. If you’re family would find the VBS links to the virtual videos and activities helpful or fun as your kids get ready to return to school, in whatever form that may be, please feel free to contact Randi McNally at rmcnally@dmcpc.org or 515-

Did you know: flower vases can be repurposed

Each week, the chancel flowers from the Worship service at Central are collected by our Deacons and then taken to those who may need cheering up or to local retirement centers to brighten their lobby atmosphere. (Photo on left: Several vases donated by Wesley Acres.) If you have vases that you no longer need or want, consider bringing your vases to the church and donating them to the Deacon closet—filled with vases of all sizes! Or if you’d like a Deacon to pick up a box full of vases, contact Lynn Mankins, at 515-988-5154 or lmankins@gmail.com. Thank you.

SOME GOOD NEWS!

God is still in charge, The sun still rises in the east.
And Central’s knitters are still producing! Please consider choosing from our bounty of prayer shawls, lap robes and baby blankets for someone you know in need. The knitting rack with these items is now located in the 39th Street Lobby for your selection needs. If you need help acquiring one, contact the church office or call Sandy Dahl, at 515-306-0779.
In the congregation...

We are happy to share news from the congregation and our members. Please contact the church office staff with your information at 515-279-3658 or ksanford@dmcpo.org.

Deaths

Sondra Susan McAllister, 85, passed away May 28, 2020. Due to COVID-19 safety delays, her urn was privately buried at Glendale Cemetery on June 3, 2020. A Celebration of Life has now been scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 31, at Iles Dunn’s Chapel, 2121 Grand Ave., Des Moines.

Sondra was born on Dec. 24, 1934, to the late Al and Louise Wensel in Mason City. She taught Family & Consumer Science from 1958 until 1994. Sondra was a long-time member of Central Presbyterian Church. Following retirement, she actively volunteered for various organizations in the Des Moines area. She moved to Scottish Rite Park in 2013 where she met and reunited with many wonderful friends.

Sondra is survived by her son, David (Jamie) McAllister of Redfield; her daughter, Melissa (Dan) Cleven of West Des Moines; her brother, Don (Debby) Wensel of Des Moines; four grandchildren, Katie McAllister, Emilie (James) Carey and Daniel Cleven, Elizabeth Cleven; and great-granddaughter, Ellie Carey.

In lieu of Flowers, you may want to consider donating to the ARL, Planned Parenthood. An expanded obituary may be found at www.ilesfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Sondra-S.-McAllister/Des-Moines-Iowa/1874465

Central Iowa Organ Scholarships are now available!

Last fall the America Organists Guild of Central Iowa, established an Organ Scholarship, details are on their website: www.ciaago.org/cia-organ-scholarships. This new scholarship development is one of many around the U.S. to seek ways young musicians and adult pianists can enroll in lessons close to their home community and local church. A gift of $400 provides 10, 60-minute lessons for example.

We know that the pandemic restrictions present challenges to church musicians and budgets as it is. Yet we urge everyone to keep the faith and optimism strong. Thank you for your awareness, advocacy and mentoring to foster interest in organ scholarship opportunities in Central Iowa. (See flier above.)

– Lois Harms, organist at Central Presbyterian Church