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13th Sunday after
Pentecost

August 30, 2020 10:15 a.m.

Scripture:

Psalm 17 and
Genesis 32:22–31

Sermon:

*In the Beginnings:
Wrestling with God*
The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar

Hymns:

12 *Immortal, Invisible,
God Only Wise*
735 *I Need Thee Every Hour*
451 *Open My Eyes,
That I May See*

Participating in Worship:

Music Director: Rich Dewein
Organist: Lois Harms
Harpist: Laura Erickson
Cover Artwork:
Macy Goodwin

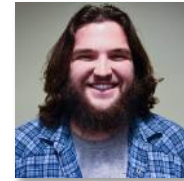
Top stories...



Join Central’s AMOS
Listening Campaign,
Sunday, August 30.



The August 30 online service will have
introduction of youth director and
AMOS, <https://dmcpcc.org/watch-live/>.



Help us welcome new
Youth Director **Ben Patzlaff**
to the staff at Central!



Save the date for the
next Worship in the
Park, Sept. 13, 2020.

Join the Listening Campaign Sunday, August 30, 6–7:30pm



Join the AMOS CCC Campaign to reflect on lessons from history and the 1930s New Deal, share stories about the pressures facing our communities today, and build our capacity to create more just communities in the months and years to come.



Contact AMOS at
amosiowa@gmail.com
with questions and
to schedule a virtual
workshop for your
neighborhood association,
congregation or
community organization.

www.amosiowa.org

AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) is a growing broad-based organization of 39 faith and community organizations throughout Central Iowa. We seek to channel individual action into a responsible and powerful organized force for the common good.

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On Sunday, August 30, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., join the Central congregation 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.

Upcoming @Central**Friday, August 28**

12:00pm Office closes

Sunday, August 30

10:15am Worship online

6:00pm AMOS Listening Campaign
via Zoom Mtg.**Monday, August 31**7:30pm Mission Monday
Group Study**Wednesday, September 2**10:00am Book of Philippians
Bible Study6:00pm Troubling Passages of Scripture
Study**Friday, September 4**

12:00pm Office closes

Sunday, September 6

10:15am Worship online

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**Monday, September 7**

Church Office is closed

Tuesday, September 8

7:00pm Christian Education Cmte. meets

Wednesday, September 9

4:30pm Worship Cmte.

5:30pm Building & Grounds Cmte.

Thursday, September 10

7:30am Business & Finance Cmte. meets

5:30pm World & Community Concerns Cmte. meets

Friday, September 11

12:00pm Office closes

Sunday, September 13

10:15am Worship online or in the Park

Monday, September 14

4:00pm Communications Cmte. meets

7:30pm Mission Monday Group Study

Wednesday, September 16

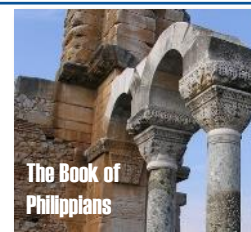
6:00pm Troubling Passages of Scripture

Christian Education summer classes nearly completed

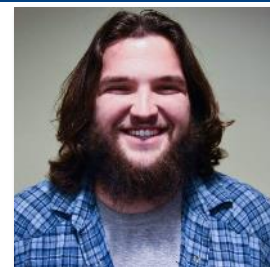
Bible Study on *The Book of Philippians* – Join the **Rev. Wallace Bubar** for the last class of the Book of Philippians study on Wednesdays, Sept. 2, 2020, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. To join by computer, tablet or smart phone, click this [ZOOM link](#). Or join by telephone; dial 1-312-626-6799, use Meeting ID: 813 4636 0933 #.

Troubling Passages of Scripture study is complete – If you have suggestions for a future topic or study that **Sheryl Puderbaugh** could lead, please contact Sheryl about the possibilities. You can reach her at 515-314-6334 or htnhnd2002@aol.com.

Mission Monday class discusses *Racial Justice Challenge* – Join the **Rev. Annika Lister Stroope**, for the last class on our Racial Justice discussion, Monday, August 31 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.

**Meet Central's new Youth Ministry Director Ben Patzlaff!**

Ben is originally from Platte, South Dakota. He graduated from Northwestern College in Orange City, where he majored in Christian education/youth ministry. He has several years of experience in youth ministry as both a volunteer and as a paid staff person. During college, Ben spent his summers working with A Christian Ministry in the National Parks in Virginia and counseling students at a Christian summer camp. After graduating, Ben spent some time abroad in Romania working with students at an outdoor education camp as a mentor. He then returned to Orange City, and served as the director of youth ministries at American Reformed Church while also being the kitchen manager at Townsquare Coffeehouse.



Ben is beginning seminary this fall, taking classes remotely at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich. He is a member of the Reformed Church in America, a denomination in full communion with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Ben recently moved to Grimes to be closer to Sydney, his fiancée, whom he is marrying in October. He loves good music, good food, good coffee, and good company and is extremely excited to be a part of Central's ministry.

Ben's first official day on the job was Monday, August 24. He is planning a couple of get-to-know-you events in the next couple of weeks for youth and their families. Look for more information on those coming soon.

Youth are invited to a *Meet & Greet* with youth ministry director Ben Patzlaff

Ben would love to get a chance to meet the Middle School and High School students before our regular programming kicks off in mid-September! This will be a time of fellowship, fun and getting to know each other a bit better. Each *Meet & Greet* event will take place on the East Patio following Central's guidelines for outdoor gatherings, so bring a mask, please!



- **High School Event:** Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- **Middle School Event:** Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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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: dmcp.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@dmcp.org or 515-279-3658.

And start using [Engage with Central](#) today—as a giving tool, it works great with smart phones, tablets or computers! **If you need instructions** to create your login account, contact Communications Director **Kim Coulter**, at kcoulter@dmcp.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!*

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! If your family would like to access the VBS links to the virtual videos and activities, contact Randi McNally at 515-279-1027 or rmcnally@dmcp.org.



Worship in the Park 2.0

On Sunday, September 13, 10:15 a.m., we'll have another worship service outdoors, followed by a catered lunch. Location again will be the Sylvan Theater in Greenwood Park, just off 45th Street, south of the Des Moines Art Center. Save the date! More details coming soon!

Thanks to all who donated to the Deacons' flower vase closet



The Deacons want to thank everyone who sent in vases this past month. Many thanks to **Ruth Schanke** and **Joanne Locke** who helped coordinate the vase donations at Scottish Rite Park (**Photo on left:** Wesley Acres vase donations.)

If you have vases that you no longer need or want, consider bringing them to the church. 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.

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@dmcp.org.

Births

Cooper & Alex Hubbell, along with brothers **Harry and Max** welcomed **Miles Walter Hubbell** on August 20, 2020. Alex says, "He's absolutely adorable and the big boys couldn't be happier to have him around. 2020 has certainly been a crazy year but little Miles has been an amazing bright spot in all the chaos." Grandparents are **Debbie & Mike Hubbell**.



Deaths

Paul W. Husby, 89, died in his sleep of complications from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease on the morning of August 19, 2020. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Iles, Westover Chapel, 6337 Hickman Rd., Des Moines, on Thursday, September 3, 2020, followed by a 12:30 p.m. burial at Iowa Veterans Cemetery, 34024 Veterans Memorial Dr. in Adel.

He was born on October 23, 1930 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to C. Ester and Roy O. Husby. Like so many children born into the Great Depression, Paul grew up learning to be

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a modern renaissance man. Hunting, carpentry, plumbing, electrical and automotive maintenance were all skills he learned in addition to an impressive focus on academics. In fact, Paul and his siblings were the first generation of Husbys in the U.S. to attend college.

Paul majored in mathematics at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, where he was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He had to get special permission from the dean of students to take as many credits per semester as he wanted, while also tutoring other students. In 1951, Paul left South Dakota and moved to Des Moines where he married, Jeanne Frahm, and together they raised three children. He also started work in the drafting department of Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company.

At PDM, Paul developed the math test that all applicants to the drafting department were required to pass before being hired. He often said, “If you already know how to do the math, we can teach you how to draw it.” That philosophy served him well, and he rose to manager of the drafting department, eventually retiring from PDM in 1999, after 47½ years. Paul’s coworkers said one of the things they missed most after he retired were the puns and jokes they referred to as “Husbyisms”.

In addition to a successful civilian career, Paul also had a distinguished military career. He and his older brother Milton both loved the USA and her Navy. When Milton was drafted during World War II, Paul was too young to serve, but he enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1949. He served stateside as an electronics technician, rewiring ships in port, installing radio arrays, and teaching other technicians. Though he retired from service in 1990, Chief Petty Officer Husby remained an active member of the Navy Fleet Reserve Association until recently.

For many years, Paul combined his Navy and PDM skill sets in local community theater, designing and building sets as well as programming and running lights for dozens of shows at the Des Moines Community Playhouse, Drama Workshop, and Theater Fabulous.

A member of Central Presbyterian Church in Des Moines since February 17, 1956, and deacon for many years Paul was always helping out when and where he could. Repairing doors, assembling the set and operating the spotlight for the children’s Christmas pageant were just some of the ways he volunteered his time and skills. In fact, after Paul and Jeanne divorced, it was through a combination of Central and the Playhouse that Paul met Janet Stewart, who he married in 1973.

Even in the Midwest, you can’t keep a sailor on dry land. In the 70’s Paul turned the driveway into a shipyard and built the first of two boats he kept at Lake Rathbun in southern Iowa. He also joined the Rathbun Yacht Club, where he did the drafting and volunteered as a foreman for the construction of the Yacht Club’s Clubhouse.

He is survived by his wife (Janet), children (Paula, Laura, and Philip), five grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, brothers Milton (Mary) and Ralph (Sheryl) and a brother-in-law Allan. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Lila.

The name Paul comes from a Latin word that translates into English as “modest” or “humble.” In spite of his many achievements in life, those words described him perfectly. Though he lived a life of service to others, he was never a fan of awards or accolades. If he helped you remodel your bathroom, or built a table for you, Paul would let you reimburse him for materials, but not for his time. As he always said, “That’s what neighbors are for.”

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Central Presbyterian Church.

Obituary: www.ilesfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Paul-Husby/Des-Moines-Iowa/1877805

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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.

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.



Blessing of the Backpacks images from August 23, 2020 Worship service

