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14th Sunday after  
Pentecost

September 6, 2020  
10:15 a.m.

**Scripture:** Psalm 133 and  
Genesis 45:1–15

**Sermon:** *In the Beginnings:  
Behind the Scenes of History*  
**The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar**

**Hymns:**

687 *Our God, Our Help in  
Ages Past*  
686 *God of Our Life*  
65 *Guide Me, O Thou  
Great Jehovah*

**Participating in Worship:**

Music Director: **Rich Dewein**  
Organist: **Lois Harms**  
Handbells: **Beth Triebel**  
Cover Artwork:  
**Macy Goodwin**  
A/V: **Kim Coulter**  
<https://dmcp.org/watch-live/>

Top stories...



Youth are invited to meet  
new Youth Ministry  
Director **Ben Patzlaff**.



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



Sign up with Presbyteri-  
ans to help Cedar Rapids,  
Saturday, Sept. 5.



Join in raising funds  
for Our Sister Parish,  
Sunday, Sept. 27.



Volunteers can sign  
up for an interfaith  
panel build, Fall 2021.



Worship in the Park is  
Sunday, September 13, 10:15am

Join us as we kick off the fall with an outdoor  
worship service and picnic, with activities for  
children and youth. Sylvan Theater in  
Greenwood Park, 45th Street, south of the Des  
Moines Art Center.

- A box lunch will be catered by *Palmer's Deli & Market* and available upon arrival at the park:

**Adults:** \$10, sandwich options: ham, turkey, roast beef or veggie. Boxes include sandwich, chips, fruit salad and brownie. Also included: fork, napkin, mayo and mustard packet. Bottled water will be provided.

**Children:** \$5, sandwich options: turkey or PB & J. Boxes include sandwich, fruit cup and cookie. Also included, fork, napkin, mayo and mustard packet. Bottled water will be provided.

- Reservations are required to attend the event, as spots are limited due to the Parks & Recreation Department's COVID-19 protocols. RSVP to the church office at 515-279-3658 or [ksanford@dmcp.org](mailto:ksanford@dmcp.org) by Thursday, September 10, to let us know that you are coming, and please indicate your sandwich preference.
- Social distancing. We request that you remain at least 6-feet apart from each other at all times. Seating will be available on every other bench.
- Face masks for those age 2 and up are required whenever social distancing is not possible, as per the mayor's recent public mask mandate. You must wear a mask upon arrival and at check-in, and whenever unable to maintain 6-foot distance from others.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be provided, as well as individual sanitizing wipes packets for each worshiper.
- No congregational singing will take place.
- Transportation from the church will not be available.
- An online worship service will be available on Facebook and YouTube for those unable to come to the park or those in higher-risk groups who are more comfortable staying home. In the event of rain, the service will not take place in the park; just stay home and worship with us online.
- If you have COVID-19, or have been around someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days, or have any symptoms of COVID-19, please stay at home.

**Upcoming @Central**

**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**

10:00am *Book of Philippians Bible Study*

4:30pm Worship Cmte.

5:30pm Building & Grounds Cmte.

6:00pm *Meet & Greet Middle School Youth Group*

**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 Worship in the Park*

**Monday, September 14**

4:00pm Communications Cmte. meets

7:30pm *Mission Monday Group Study*

**Wednesday, September 16**

5:15pm Central Kids program begins

5:15pm Middle School Youth Group begins

**Friday, September 18**

12:00pm Office closes

**Sunday, September 20**

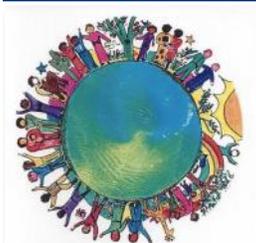
9:00am *The Lord's Prayer Study with Annika Lister Stroope*

10:15am Worship online

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!

- **Middle School Event:** Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
- **High School Event:** TBD



International Day of Peace is Monday, September 21

The Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace invites you to an interfaith prayer service for peace to mark International Peace Day, Monday, September 21, 2020. This virtual observance will be livestreamed on the Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace Facebook page at 6:30 p.m. The theme of the online service is “Shaping Peace Together”, featuring artist Ted Lyddon Hatten, director and campus minister for the Drake Wesley Foundation and harpist Kristin Maahs, instructor at Grinnell College and Iowa State University.

We continue to raise our prayers that war is not the answer and that the urgent work of peacemaking is essential to the survival and well-being of humanity. *This event is co-sponsored by Central Presbyterian Church.*



Committee on Ministry Preparation update on Sheryl Puderbaugh

On Saturday, August 29, the Des Moines Presbytery approved the recommendation from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Which coincidentally I just happen to chair!), to certify **Sheryl Puderbaugh**, seminary intern at Central (2018–2020), as ready for examination by a presbytery for ordination, pending a call. Basically, this means that Sheryl can submit her Personal Information Form (PIF) to our denomination's call system. Or, you could say it's just another step in the process we Presbyterians require to do things “decently and in order”! Congratulations to Sheryl!

– David Boyd,  
Central member

From Todd Mattison—Habitat for Humanity volunteer dates for 2021

Hello Central friends, I want to share a volunteer opportunity with the Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity (HFH) as part of the Thrivent Financial Interfaith Build. Over 12 other Des Moines congregations are participating to date. Thrivent provides half of the cost of one new HFH home, and the churches combined work to raise the balance. In 2019, Central participated with volunteers for three days and donated \$2,000 toward the project. It was fun, rewarding, and a great way to serve our brothers and sisters who are our neighbors.

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To address the coronavirus during volunteering, HFH health protective measures and safety they have implemented new instructions and rules for all volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, you will receive both the rules and a health survey two days before your shift, which their staff members are also asked to take on a daily basis:



Central plans to pursue a Panel Build for Fall of 2021 and we have two dates selected for volunteers to sign up. Both the World & Community Concerns Committee and Pastor Wallace, are in favor of this plan. The two dates are:

**Wednesday, September 11, 2021 or Friday, September 20, 2021**

To sign up to volunteer; please contact Central member **Todd Mattison** with any questions you might have and include the dates that work for your schedule. We also could use volunteers to prepare separate, simple, bag lunches. Please feel free to forward this information to friends and family. For more information, contact **Todd** at [todd.mattison@gmail.com](mailto:todd.mattison@gmail.com) or 515-201-0474.

**Join all-day mission in Eastern Iowa this Saturday, September 5**

As part of our ongoing recovery efforts in the wake of the derecho storm, the Presbytery of East Iowa is coordinating a 1-day mission experience for Presbyterian volunteers from the entire state to gather and work alongside one another as we try to make a difference. **The event will take place on Saturday, September 5, of Labor Day weekend.** We will gather at [Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center](#), 120 E. Boyson Rd., Hiawatha, IA 52233, just outside Cedar Rapids city limits.

**Schedule:**

- 9:00 a.m. – Welcome, blessing of day’s work, and distribution of PDA t-shirts
- 12:00 p.m. – Lunch to be provided by the Sisters
- 3:45 p.m. – Work ends as we gather for closing reflection and prayer

For more information or to register, please contact Kirstin Hutson, [kristin.e.hutson@gmail.com](mailto:kristin.e.hutson@gmail.com).



**Join the Holy Walkamolies Run/Walk/Roll to support OSP**

Churches around the presbytery have sent nearly \$20,000 to partner communities for emergency food relief due to the COVID crisis and flooding from tropical storms. For this we are so grateful!



Meanwhile, the Pastoral Team and Pastoral House continue the work they do 24/7, 365 days a year. For this, general funds keep our partnership consistent and faithful.

You, too, can help support this fund by participating in the Our Sister Parish Holy Walkamolies Run/Walk/Roll on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020!

Join Central members and friends at 5:00 p.m., in the east parking lot, as we get out in God’s creation by walking, biking or using another activity to raise funds for OSP. Registration and entry fee is \$35 per adult or \$10 children (under 13 years), and includes a Walkamolies t-shirt. Go to: [www.oursisterparish.org](http://www.oursisterparish.org) to sign up or send your entry fee and t-shirt size to: Our Sister Parish, Inc., P.O. Box 71632, Clive, IA 50325. Thank you.

*(At right: Annika Lister Stroope, Susan Stroope and Vianne Stroope-West.)*

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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:** [dmcpc.org/give/](http://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](mailto:mmichaelsen@dmcpc.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@dmcpc.org](mailto:kcoulter@dmcpc.org).

*Thank you!*

**Look for recent improvements and remodeling updates at Central**

A few changes will greet you the next time you are in the building.

In 2019, the Building & Grounds Committee approved the installation of new elevator mechanics. The last week, we finished the reconditioning, painting and panel installation of the elevator’s internal walls.

NOTE: To comply with social distancing recommendations, elevator use is limited to one person within the elevator at a time during the pandemic, thank you.

Another remodeling improvement at Central last month are the larger sinks and faucets that were installed in the 39th Street Lobby restrooms. Long-time Central member Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski and Kevin Klimowski have generously funded this project.

Thank you for supporting Central!

