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15th Sunday after
Pentecost

September 13, 2020
10:15 a.m.

Scripture: Matthew 16:13–20

Sermon: *Here’s the Church,
Here’s the Steeple...*

The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar

Hymns:

450 *Be Thou My Vision*
649 *Amazing Grace,
How Sweet the Sound*
606 *Praise God from Whom
All Blessings Flow*

Participating in Worship:

Music Director & Organist:
Rich Dewein
Liturgist: **Rev. Dr. Annika
Lister Stroope**
Musical Offering: **Julie Larson**
A/V: **Kim Coulter**
<https://dmcpc.org/watch-live/>

Top stories...



Today is the last day to RSVP for Worship in the Park, Sept. 13, 2020.



If you are unable to attend the Worship in the Park service, it will be recorded in the sanctuary for viewing Sunday on Facebook & YouTube.



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



Volunteers can sign up for an interfaith panel build, Fall 2020.



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@dmcpc.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**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

6:00pm High School Youth Group Meet & Greet @Central

Monday, September 14

4:00pm Communications Cmte. meets

6:00pm Deacons meet

Wednesday, September 16

10:00am Bible Study

5:15pm Central Kids program begins

5:15pm Middle School Youth Group begins

6:30pm *Knitting into the Mystery* begins

6:30pm Youth Handbells rehearsal & fun

Friday, September 18

12:00pm Office closes

Sunday, September 20

9:00am *The Lord's Prayer* Bible Study

10:15am Worship online

Monday, September 21

6:30 p.m. International Day of Peace Virtual Prayer Service
Live on Facebook

Wednesday, September 23

10:00am Bible Study

5:15pm Central Kids

5:15pm Middle School Youth Group

6:30pm Youth Handbells

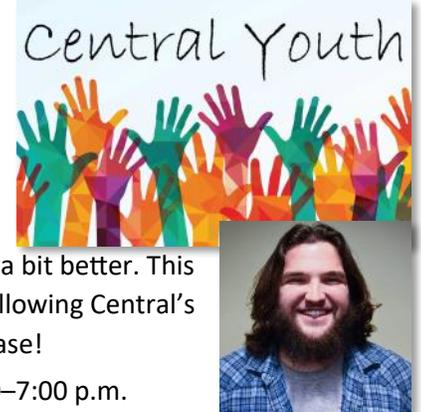
Friday, September 25

12:00pm Office closes

Youth are invited to a *Meet & Greet* with Youth Ministry Director Ben Patzlaff

Ben Patzlaff met the Middle School on Wednesday evening at the church and he would now like to meet the 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. This *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:** Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

**Knitting into the Mystery begins again on September 16**

I have it on good authority that we will be able to resume our usual gatherings beginning Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Please keep in mind good sense health precautions and wear a mask. We will be able to sit together – within the 6-foot guidelines. We can celebrate the new normal with long overdue blessings and visions. We will meet every two weeks, unless another wave of pandemonium descends.

You will notice as you enter our niche in the 39th Street Lobby, there have been some shuffling of seats to protect our participants and the knitted wares have been covered to protect future recipients.

Don't be shy. Come and reunite with what is truly good about 2020 and Central Presbyterian Church. See you soon... Love, – *Sandy Dahl*

**Sunday Adult Education class begins Sunday, September 20, at 9am via Zoom**

The **Rev. Annika Lister Stroope**, parish associate for adult education and mission, will lead a multi-week series on the Lord's Prayer. We will look closely at various translations of the Lord's Prayer across Christian traditions and ask some hard questions about what the Lord's Prayer calls us to do in our current reality. What does God's kingdom on earth look like amid a global pandemic? What does forgiveness and being forgiven mean within systemic racism? How does the prayer paint a portrait of God in light of Jesus' life amid disease, racism, and violence?

We will meet using Zoom meetings. So, grab a cup of coffee or your morning juice and join us for the discussion, Sunday, September 20, 9:00 a.m.

- **To join by video**, using your computer, tablet or smart phone, use this URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85709103669>
- **To join by telephone conference call**, dial 1-312-626-6799 US (Chicago), at the prompt, enter Meeting ID: 857 0910 3669 followed by the # sign.

**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.

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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/. 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, 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.

Thank you!

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 the urgent work of peacemaking is essential to the survival and well-being of humanity. *This event is co-sponsored by Central Presbyterian Church.*



Habitat for Humanity's Interfaith Build needs volunteers, November 2020

The Thrivent Financial Interfaith Build starts now through December in the metro area. Over 12 other Des Moines congregations are participating to date. Thrivent provides half of the cost of one, new Habitat for Humanity (HFH) home, and the churches combined work to raise the balance. Thrivent has been a major donor and partner with HFH across the country for years. In 2019, during the same event, 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.

In response to COVID-19, Greater Des Moines' HFH has implemented many health protocols for volunteers to minimize contact and ensure the health and safety of our volunteers and staff. This list will be given to you upon signing up to volunteer and you'll need to complete a short health survey two days before your shift, which our staff members are also asked on a daily basis.

Based on initial responses from the message below for Thrivent Faith Build participants, the two dates Central Presbyterian Church has committed a team of seven volunteers on:

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 or Friday, November 20, 2020

If you are interested in volunteering for the Interfaith Build, please contact Central member **Todd Mattison**, at todd.mattison@gmail.com or 515-201-0474, and include the date(s) that works for your schedule. If you are interested in preparing lunch either day, let Todd know. We will likely have some Thrivent funds to purchase groceries for brown bag lunch or catering. Most importantly, sign yourself up using this link: [Faith Build Registration](#). It has the Central Presbyterian Church dates, and then you will receive detailed communications from HFH. *If we receive more than enough interest on these two dates, we may create a Central build day in late 2020/early 2021. Thank you for your consideration and interest!* Please feel free to forward this invite to friends and family.



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, September, 27, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.! (Pictured at left: *Annika Lister Stroope, Susan Stroope and Vianne Stroope-West.*)



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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 to sign up or send your entry fee and t-shirt size to: Our Sister Parish, Inc., P.O. Box 71632, Clive, IA 50325.

For those who are unable to participate that day, you can always sign up and when you receive your t-shirt(s), take a selfie of your exercise or activity and send your photos to **Kim Coulter**, at kcoulter@dmcpc.org. 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@dmcpc.org.

Deaths



*“It is with a heavy heart that we share about the passing of our father **William “Bill” R. King**. Our dad came into the world on Feb. 8, 1939, and left this world on Sept. 3, 2020. He was the son of Helen and Rufus King and the brother of Joan Alsager. He grew up on the south side of Des Moines attending Lincoln High School and Park Avenue Church. He was an avid basketball player and very active in the school and church choirs. He headed*

*off to Iowa State University and then to the University of Iowa to complete his Law Degree. It was during this time that he fell in love and married **Karen (Knutson) King** and the two eventually made their way back to Des Moines. Our amazing dad raised four girls and was always outnumbered. He managed this brilliantly with a large dose of grace and a larger dose of humor.*

“Our dad was so many things to so many people. He spent his career as an attorney with the Davis Law Firm in Des Moines. He was active at Central Presbyterian Church serving as a soloist and choir member, a youth group leader and Sunday school teacher. We were lucky to call him our dad. He is the reason that it feels comforting to have sports on in the background on the weekends and why the mountains have always been a spiritual place for each of us to spend time. He brought music into our lives with his beautiful voice, our many trips to the opera, the symphony, musicals and when mom got her way, Neil Diamond concerts. He was a thoughtful listener and a voice of reason when we needed one. He could play a mean game of Yahtzee and Cribbage and had a playful competitive streak. He had many places and activities that brought him joy including, grilling on the deck, walking around Gray’s Lake, gardening, fishing in Canada with friends, bird watching, hiking in the mountains, relaxing by the ocean, eating his mother’s oatmeal cookies, spending time with his dogs and spending time with his grandchildren.

“One of his favorite past times was any chance to cheer his favorite teams in college football and basketball. There are many important holidays in the year but the College Football Playoffs and March Madness were included as some of his personal favorite holidays. We will think of him fondly during these times and the joy these times brought to him. Go Hawkeyes!

“We would like to offer a special thank-you to the staff who loved and cared for our dad at Calvin Community. Your tireless work during these trying times has not gone unnoticed.

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“Thank you Dad, for teaching us to be kind, to treat others as we would want to be treated, to adore and protect our children, to remember the importance of voting and standing up for what is right and for loving us and our families so completely. We will miss you.”

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Bill King is preceded in death by his wife of 57 years Karen King. Their son Jeff, his parents Helen and Rufus King and his sister Joan. Their beloved family dogs Duchess, Fritz, Maggie and Buffy.

Bill King is survived by his four daughters and their families: Julie King and husband Matt Mercer and their children Taj, Kiane and Mariana. Kristin King and her children Emma, Jake and Will Hamilton. Megan Hunicke and her husband Brian and their daughter Merrin. **Jenny Fenton** and her husband **Dave** and their children **Calvin, Sawyer** and **Carson**. He was also survived by his beloved niece Debbie Behle and her family Uwe, Anna and Eric.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Michael J. Fox Foundation and help us find a cure for Parkinson’s Disease. You can make donations on the website www.michaeljfox.org or by phone: 1-800-708-7644. You can also send a check to: Michael J. Fox Foundation, PO Box 5015, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014.

*All our love –
Julie, Kristin, Megan and Jenny*