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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.

The church office will be closed at Noon, Thursday, Dec. 24 through Monday, Dec. 28 and reopen on Tuesday Dec. 29.



Fifth Sunday of Advent
Dec. 27, 2020 10:15 a.m.

Scripture: Psalm 100 and Luke 2:41–52

Sermon: *A Day's Journey*
The Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope

Hymns:
147 *The First Nowell*
128 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*
143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Participating in Worship:
Liturgist: **Beth Triebel**
Music Director: **Rich Dewein**
Organist: **Lois Harms**
Special Music by the Hudson family: **Sue Hudson, Tom Hudson & Carol Hudson Biel**
Audio: **Ben Patzlaff**
Video: **Matt Van Winkle**
Editor/Graphics: **Kim Coulter**

NOTE: There will be no virtual coffee hour after worship. But everyone is welcome to come for a drive-by “Farewell” for Rev. Annika. You may also pick up your poinsettia flowers from 2–3 p.m.

Top stories...



A *Service of Lessons & Carols* will be on Dec. 20. Don't miss this virtual choir experience!



You can watch the Christmas Eve service on Facebook & YouTube at 7:00pm, Dec. 24.



We have an update on our *Good Stewardship* campaign. Please pledge now for 2021.



Watch the children's Christmas Pageant on Wed., Dec. 23, 7:15pm.



Mark your calendar for a drive-by farewell for Rev. Annika on Sunday, Dec. 27, from 2–3 p.m.

Join our “Farewell Drive-by for Rev. Annika” on Sunday, December 27

Come to Central's East Parking lot from 2:00–3:00 p.m., Sunday, December 27, 2020 to say farewell to the **Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope**. She will be stepping down as parish associate to take a new position with our new Tri-Presbytery in January 2021. Please use the Grand Avenue entrance that afternoon for the drive-by. You may park your car to talk with Annika, but please wear your mask and keep a social distance. A few of the World & Community Concerns Committee members will be on hand to sell Our Sister Parish's *Don Justo Coffee with Dignity* for those who may need coffee.




A Savior is Born!
Join us **Christmas Eve!** Thursday, December 24
Outdoor Services 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. Save-a-seat now! New 4:00 p.m. service added
Online Service 7:00 p.m.
SIGN UP! SignUpGenius

Join us online at **7:00pm, Christmas Eve**

Three outdoor, in-person services will be held on the south patio and front lawn at 4, 5 and 6 p.m., Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve. These services are 20–25 minutes long and include familiar carols including Silent Night, the reading of the Christmas story, a prayer and candlelighting.

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CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24

- 12:00pm Office closes
- 4:00pm Outdoor Service
- 5:00pm Outdoor Service
- 6:00pm Outdoor Service
- 7:00pm *Christmas Eve Service* LIVESTREAM

CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY

Friday, December 25

Church Offices closed

Sunday, December 27

- 10:15am Worship LIVESTREAM
- 2–3pm *Farewell Drive-by* for Rev. Annika
- 2–3pm Don Justo Coffee on sale
- 2–3pm Poinsettia pickup at church

DESIGNATED STAFF HOLIDAY

Monday, December 28

Church Offices closed

Wednesday, December 30

- 7:00pm Nominating Committee meets

Thursday, December 31

12:00pm Office closes

NEWS YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY

Friday, January 1, 2021

Church Offices closed

Sunday, January 3

- 10:15am Worship via LIVESTREAM
- 12:15pm Stewardship Team meets

Monday, January 4

- 4:00pm Communications Committee meets
- 5:00pm High School Youth Group

Tuesday, January 5

- 10:00am Staff meeting
- 7:00pm Christian Education Committee meets

Wednesday, January 6

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study
- 4:30pm Worship Committee meets
- 5:15pm Central Kids & MS Youth

Note: Attendance is limited. Wearing masks and social distancing are required. If you plan to come, you must register in advance using our SignupGenius link:

www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4AADAE28A2FA7-christmas or contact the church office, 515-279-3658.

If you prefer staying home, there will be an **online service at 7:00 p.m. on both Central's Facebook page and our YouTube channel** (click the underlined links to view the livestream premieres) featuring a Christmas reflection by the pastor, and carols and anthems by the virtual Chancel Choir and Morgen Bells.

Nomination Forms are available online

Please submit the names of Central Presbyterian Church members (please include yourself if you are interested) that you feel should be considered by the Nominating Committee for Board of Deacons, Ruling Elder, Foundation Board, and the Nominating Committee. Forms are available online and in the church office or you may email your suggestions to Office Manager **Kimberly Sanford**, at ksanford@dmcp.org.



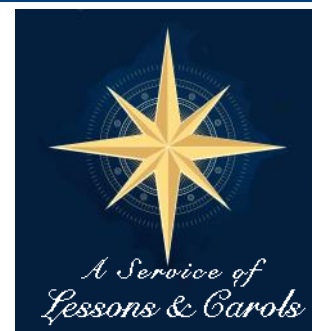
To view the special Stewardship videos, click the links below:

- **Reformation/Heritage Sunday** – [Celebrating our 50-year members at Central](#)
- **All Saints' Sunday** – [Commemoration of Those Who Died In the Faith](#)
- **Stewardship Sunday** – [GOOD STEWARDSHIP Video](#)

To watch the *Service of Lessons & Carols* go online

This year, at Central, our Chancel Choir, Morgen Bells and many other participants brought an online virtual service to you! **To watch this service online, use the links below:**

- [Central's Facebook page](#)
- [Central's YouTube channel](#)



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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.



Engage with Central today— it is a giving tool and a photo directory all rolled into one. This online tool works great with smart phones, tablets or computers! **If you need instructions** to create your login account, contact Communications Director **Kim Coulter**, at 515-279-3658 or kcoulter@dmcpc.org.

Like us on Facebook

Please like and share our posts and events! Go to: www.facebook.com/centralpresdm/.



Watch the children's Virtual Christmas Pageant tonight

This virtual pageant premiered on Central's Facebook page and YouTube channel, Wednesday, December 23, at 7:15 p.m. To watch this pageant, go online using the links below:

- [Central's Facebook page](#)
- [Central's YouTube channel](#)



Central's Advent Offering was December 13

This annual offering has long been the tradition at Central; sharing our gifts with those struggling with the basic needs of daily existence. Current total giving is \$1,005.00. You may send your offering to the church office with "advent offering" in the memo, or go online to www.dmcpc.org/give and select a Recurring or one-time Giving Portal. This year, we will be supporting:

- **First Arabic Outreach Center** – An extension of First Arabic Church, the Outreach Center serves members of the Muslim and Christian Arabic speaking communities. The Center has provided critical translation and information about COVID-19 and more.
- **Our Sister Parish** – For over 25 years the Presbytery of Des Moines has partnered with the Salvadoran Pastoral Team to assist the people in the poor villages around Berlín, El Salvador. With an emphasis on building long term relationships, OSP supports health, education, water quality, solar panels and community betterment.



مركز التواصل العربي
ARABIC OUTREACH CENTER



A Christmas Greeting from Pastoral Team in El Salvador

Happy Christmas everyone! Below is the translation to the attached message from the Pastoral Team. PLEASE share with your committees and congregations (original text was translated as follows):

Let's celebrate a new Christmas with the commitment to make this world a better place. We thank God for allowing us to be alive and healthy in this year which has not be easy for everyone, but it is thanks to Him that we always move forward to continue building the kingdom of God.



As a Pastoral Team we want to thank you for all the gifts that you have shared with us and the communities this year and at that the same time we wish you a happy Christmas and a year with many blessings for each of you and your families.

The best gift this Christmas should be Christ living in our hearts.

– Sincerely, the Pastoral Team of Berlín and your communities