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**20th Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**Sept. 10, 2021 10:15 a.m.**

**Scripture readings:**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and  
Mark 10:17-31

**Sermon:** *Threading the Needle*  
The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar

**Hymns:**

645 *Sing Praise to God,  
Who Reigns Above*  
697 *Take My Life & Let It Be*  
738 *O Master, Let Me  
Walk with Thee*

**Assisting in Worship:**

**Liturgist:** Brian Kramer  
**Crucifer:** John Lowe  
**Director for Choir:** Susan Voss  
**Organist:** Linda Bryant  
**Music:** Chancel Choir  
**Accompanist:** Sue Hudson  
**Children's Time:**  
Sheryl Puderbaugh  
**Hosts:** Barb & Ray Getting  
and Kathy & Joe Haines  
**A/V/G:** Ben Patzlaff,  
Kevin Klimowski and  
Marvin Minor

**The flowers** in the chancel  
are given by **Mary Booth** in  
memory of **Dr. Jerry J. Booth.**

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Central's Fall Harvest!



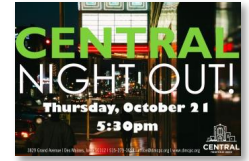
Finance Director **Marc  
Michaelsen** to retire  
and **Nancy Bassett**  
becomes interim.



New supplemental  
directories may be  
picked up on Sunday,  
October 10.



Violinist Linda Swanson  
will give a recital on  
Sunday, October 17 at  
2pm in the Sanctuary.



Central Night OUT! is  
back—signup for one  
of six restaurants in  
the Narthex or online.

**There is still time to RSVP for our Fall Harvest Celebration!**

All are invited to Central's annual Fall Harvest Celebration, Sunday, October 10, 3:00-6:00 p.m. Join us for a church-wide afternoon of fun for all ages at **Connie Klug & Paul Tavernier's Party Barn**, 19947 E. Panther Creek Road, in Adel. (Come anytime after 3:00 p.m., dinner is at 5:00 p.m.)

**The fun activities include:**

- Hayrack rides at 3:15 and 4:00 p.m.
- Pumpkin decorating and catapulting
- Cake walks at 4:30, 5:00 and 5:30 p.m.
- Apple grab and Scavenger hunt, Face painting and Guessing contests
- Music by *DJ Kenji Nakata*
- Catered dinner (no cost) prepared by the *Southern Iowa Cooks*, including turkey and dressing casserole, sweet potatoes, Waldorf salad, homemade apple and pumpkin pies and hot-mulled cider. Mac and cheese and chicken tenders for kids.



The event is sponsored by the Stewardship Team. The campaign theme is *Coming Together As One*. Please RSVP to [ksanford@dmcp.org](mailto:ksanford@dmcp.org) or 515-279-3658.

**Memorial services this week**

**Wendell J. Harms**, passed away Sept. 13, 2021. Condolences may be sent to **Lois Harms** and the family, at 2502 NE 98th Place, Ankeny, IA 50021.

- Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, 5:00-7:00 p.m. – *Visitation in the Sanctuary & East Parlor*
- Friday, Oct. 8, 2021, 11:00 a.m. – *Memorial Service in the Sanctuary*
- Friday, Oct. 8, 2021, 12:00 p.m. – *Luncheon in Fellowship Hall*

**To view the Memorial Service live online, go to:**

- Central's YouTube channel: [youtu.be/bqh5yT9xtRQ](https://youtu.be/bqh5yT9xtRQ)
- McLarens Resthaven Chapel Facebook: [www.facebook.com/McLarensResthaven](https://www.facebook.com/McLarensResthaven)
- On the obituary page, click see more, then scroll down to *View Livestream* link, at: [www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/west-des-moines-ia/wendell-harms-10356133](https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/west-des-moines-ia/wendell-harms-10356133)

**Patsy R. Wallace**, passed away Jan. 11, 2021. Click link to read the obituary:

[www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/west-des-moines-ia/patsy-wallace-9994169](https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/west-des-moines-ia/patsy-wallace-9994169)

- Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, 11:00 a.m. – *Memorial Service in the Sanctuary*
- Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, 12:00 p.m. – *Luncheon in Fellowship Hall*

**Upcoming @Central****Thursday, October 7**

- 7:30am Business & Finance Committee Mtg.  
 8:45am Morgen Bells rehearsal  
 5–7pm W. Harms Visitation

**Friday, October 8**

- 11:00am Wendell Harms Memorial Service  
 12:00pm Lunch  
 12:00pm Office closes

**Saturday, October 9**

- 11:00am Patsy Wallace Memorial Service  
 12:00pm Lunch

**Sunday, October 10**

- 9:00am Education hour  
 9:30am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 10:15am Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream  
 11:15am Fellowship Time  
 3–6pm Fall Harvest Celebration @Adel

**Monday, October 11**

- 6:00pm Board of Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, October 12**

- 10:00am Staff meeting  
 7:00pm Communications Committee

**Wednesday, October 13**

- 10:00am *Book of Galatians* Bible Study  
 5:15pm Central Kids  
 5:15pm Middle School Youth Group  
 6:00pm *You Are What You Love* Book Study  
 6:30pm Knitting into the Mystery  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, October 14**

- 8:45am Morgen Bells rehearsal

**Friday, October 15**

- 12:00pm Office closes

**Sunday, October 17**

- 9:00am Education hour  
 9:30am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Church staff news**

Last month, Finance Director **Marc Michaelsen** announced his upcoming retirement. He has served at Central in that capacity since August 2016, and has been a valuable part of our church staff. He has graciously offered to continue on to assist with the transition to a new staff person.

We are pleased to announce that we have hired **Nancy Bassett** as our Interim Finance Director. Many of you know Nancy, as she is a life-long member of Central and has served on our staff before. Nancy is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a degree in accounting. After passing the CPA exam, she worked for Meredith Corporation for several years. From 2000 to 2010, she worked at Central as our church's Finance Director, so she already knows this position inside and out. For the past 11 years, she has been working down the street at Plymouth United Church of Christ as their accountant. That is a part-time job which she will continue to do, even as she takes on this new part-time position at Central.

Nancy may be reached at [nbassett@dmcpc.org](mailto:nbassett@dmcpc.org) or 515-279-3658. She will generally be in the office in the afternoons. She and Marc will work together on the transition in the coming weeks.

The Session intends to post the Finance Director position and conduct a search. Nancy has agreed to serve in this interim role through January 2022.

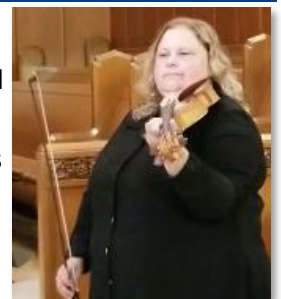
**Youth groups plan spooky outing**

Both the middle school and high school youth groups will have a spooky outing Friday, October 15! All students in grades 6–12 are invited to Sleepy Hollow Scream Park and the ticket cost is covered! Please RSVP to **Ben Patzlaff**, at 515-279-3658, if your student will be going and if they need a ride. We will be carpooling from the church.

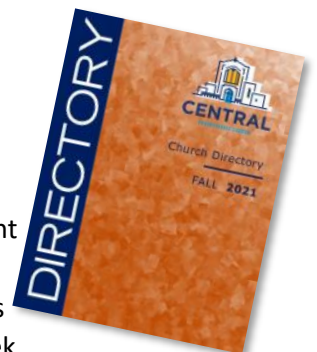
**Violinist Swanson to give recital October 17**

**On Sunday, October 17, at 2:00 p.m., Violinist Linda Swanson** will present a Violin Recital in the church sanctuary. Linda has been a regular soloist for many of the worship services at Central and this will give the congregation and friends the additional opportunity to hear her perform.

A wide variety of composers and styles will be played during the performance including: Beethoven, Bach, Debussy, Cassado, Saint-Saëns and others. Linda is a member of the Des Moines Symphony in addition to teaching privately. We welcome her to Central for this afternoon recital.

**2021 Church directories to be available October 10!**

Central's Communications Committee is preparing to release a supplemental directory with updated addresses and phone numbers of our members and friends of Central. It will contain pictures of 27 new members since the printing of the last directory in 2017. To pick up your family's copy of the latest print edition come to the Narthex, Sunday, October 10, or you may pickup your copy at the Fall Harvest Celebration. The directories are also available for pick up in the church office during the week.





**Giving is easy!**

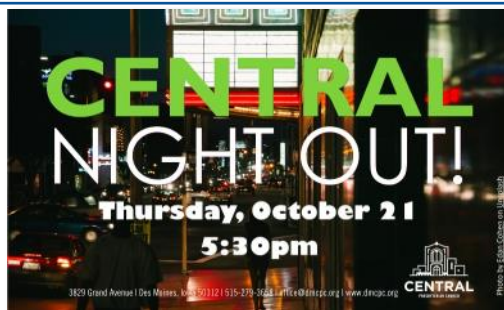
Your giving, our unity and work, all are making an impact. You give and important things happen. Lives are changed.

**Ways to give:**

**To start giving** your pledge or contribution using Electronic Funds Transfer, go online to: [dmcp.org/give](http://dmcp.org/give). You can choose to make a gift by credit card or bank account transfer in the *Engage* tool. If you need assistance, contact Finance Director [Marc Michaelsen](#), at 515-279-3658.

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

[Engage with Central](#) today—it is a giving tool and a **photo and address 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.



Central NIGHT OUT! is October 21 The Membership Committee is holding another opportunity for you to dine and meet Central members and friends! Everyone is invited to a *Progressive Party in the East Village!* Starting at 5:30 p.m., we plan to mingle with beverages at the Iowa Taproom. After the initial get-together,

we will progress and walk, if you choose, in smaller groups to one of six restaurants: Open Sesame, Clyde’s, Zombie Burger, Lucca, HoQ and Iowa Taproom. (Each is limited to 6 participants per site, to obtain outdoor or social distance table seating.) Join our members and friends for an evening of fellowship and food! Please sign up for a restaurant in the Narthex or online, at <https://tinyurl.com/CentralNightOut-October>.

**Welcoming a Refugee Family**

**It is official!** Central is sponsoring a refugee family. They will be arriving in the next few months from Democratic Republic of Congo, Afghanistan, Burma or Eritrea. We don’t know exactly when our family will arrive, but we are now shifting into high gear to gather furnishings for their apartment.



Our Refugee Task Force met recently with two representatives from United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) to learn more about what to expect. Several people have volunteered to coordinate our work and have divided up tasks to accomplished. They will need the help of many persons to do the work which will be necessary. The Task Force members include: **Barb Schmidt**, chairperson; **Laura Bandstra**, World & Community Concerns chairperson; **Sheryl Puderbaugh**, Adult Education & Mission Director; **Todd Mattison**; **Roger Dahl**; **Joanne Locke**; **Annie Brandt**; **Karen Henderson**; **Sheri Egge**, **Bob Egge** and **Rev. Wallace Bubar**.

Amgad Beblawi, Mission Executive for the Tri-Presbyteries, attended our recent meeting, hoping to learn from what our church is doing, as other Presbyterian churches are interested in sponsoring refugees. The need is great to help the many refugee families arriving in the U.S. and we’re proud that Central is stepping up to help in their resettlement.

**Here is how you can help!** Think about the extra furniture, kitchenware, cleaning equipment, etc. that you have in your home going unused. There are several “hands on” ways that you may be able to be of assistance. Go to “Signup Genius” on the internet to see how you can help.

- *Cleaning supplies/toiletries* <https://tinyurl.com/centralcleaning-toiletries>
- *Kitchen supplies* <https://tinyurl.com/centralkitchensupplies>
- *Household items* <https://tinyurl.com/centralhouseholditems>
- *Furnishings* <https://tinyurl.com/centralhomefurnishings>
- *Volunteer set-up teams* <https://tinyurl.com/centralvolunteersignup>



If a phone call is easier than dealing with the internet, give [Barb Schmidt](#) a call at 515-277-7075, to share what you would like to donate or what work you are interested in volunteering to do.

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**The Peace & Global Witness Offering was October 3**

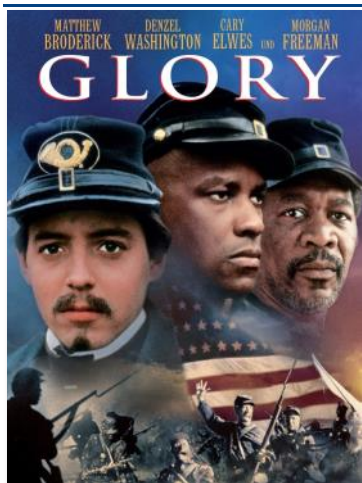
This annual offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world. Together we are building God’s household of peace where everyone is welcome; where all can find compassion, peace and justice.

Offering envelopes are available in the church office or you may give online, at [dmcp.org/give](http://dmcp.org/give).

- 25% of this Offering will stay with your congregation for our own ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation.
- 25% of this Offering will go to joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region.
- 50% of this Offering supports programs and ministries working actively for peace and justice around our nation and the world.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE?** On Sunday, October 17, following worship, there will be a representative from USCRI in the Fireside Room, to share more information and answer any questions you may have. This would be a good opportunity to sign up to volunteer to help. Sandwiches from Jimmy Johns will be served. Our meeting will last about an hour. You will not want to miss this opportunity!

**THANK YOU!** If you are unable to attend the meeting or donate items needed or your time, we can still use your help by remembering us and the refugees in your prayers. Helping refugees settle in Des Moines is not new to our congregation. In 2017, the congregation of Central stepped up to resettle two refugee families and with your help we can do it again! See you on October 17, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room at Central!



*Next Fellowship, Faith & Film is October 24*

This fall, adult education will continue our journey thru Fellowship, Faith & Film by offering monthly movie classics and good discussion. On Sunday, October 24, at 3:00 p.m., we will watch *Glory*. The fall series explores the issue of race in American culture by looking at “how we got here,” and how did racism develop in a land which was created on the principle that all persons are “created equal.”

We hope you can come to Central’s Fellowship Hall to enjoy a good movie and discussion with your friends! Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

Don’t forget to invite a guest and join us at the movies!

*6th Annual Trunk or Treat is October 27*

Have you thought of your car/trunk theme yet for Central’s Trunk or Treat? What about your costume? On Wednesday, October 27, children will start at 5:15 p.m. with games and fun, followed by *Trunk or Treat* held outdoors in the east parking lot from 6:00–6:30 p.m. This is a great way for all age groups to enjoy the Halloween festivities. If you plan to decorate your trunk/truck, get here early as space is limited!



*Fellowship Time is in need of host volunteers*

We would like to continue our after worship fellowship time and are in need a few volunteers to serve treats each Sunday. It’s easy! Hosts need to organize the snacks and set them out, and serve the coffee or refreshments of your choice (you will be reimbursed for your costs).

Our resident caretaker will set up tables and chairs (in case of rain or cold weather, we’ll use Fellowship Hall), help move things from the kitchen and help clean up afterwards.

**A signup sheet is on the Narthex Welcome table**, or contact the church office at 515-279-3658, to get signed up for a December date.

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Center for Social Ministry offers faith-inspiring programs

The Center for Social Ministry is excited to be offering the following JustFaith Ministries programming locally this fall:

- [Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response](#)
- [Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege](#)
- [Faith and Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice, and Restoration](#)
- [JustEngagement: The Power to Change](#)
- [Hunger: A Faith & Justice Response](#)

View an online catalog at [csm.coursestorm.com](http://csm.coursestorm.com). You may register for any classes, simulations or other events. Hopefully you'll find classes just right for your faith journey!

**Habitat Faith Build is December 18**

The World & Community Concerns Committee is planning for Central members and friends to participate in another Thrivent Faith Build, on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021. **Ten volunteers will be needed.** This is the program we have participated in previously, where many area congregations join in the build of a home. Questions? Contact Central member **Todd Mattison**, who is a board member of the Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity, at 515-201-0474. Or you may [sign up online](#). Anyone can volunteer on other days on the calendar too if this works for them. You may check out the link to see what the schedule looks like.



**It's not too late to join an adult education study or class!**

Our **Director Adult Education and Mission Sheryl Puderbaugh, M.Div.**, offers three study options this fall:

**SUNDAY Adult Education Class – *The Case for God***

**9:00 a.m., Rm 201/ZOOM Meetings**

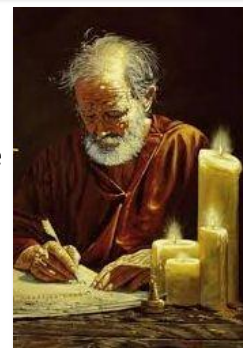
Join us and discover the sound science and logic that supports the existence of God. Come with your questions, doubts and arguments; discover evidence that supports your faith in God.



**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS – *The Book of Galatians***

**10:00 a.m., Rm 201/ZOOM Meetings**

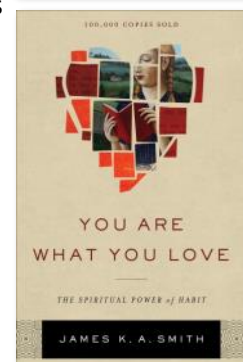
The churches in Galatia were facing the same theological crisis that we continue to face today. How is it that we are justified, that we are made free in Christ? Come and explore this question and the answer Paul provides.



**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS – *You Are What You Love***

**6:00 p.m., Rm 201/ZOOM Meetings**

Consider how we balance the priorities of our lives as we explore this book by James K. A. Smith. We learn that who and what we worship fundamentally shapes our hearts. We all have good intentions, but are not often aware of how culture shapes us. Our hearts are taught to love rival gods instead of the One for whom we were made. Through our discussion, we will explore how we can transform our lives and our loves.



**Use ZOOM to join a class from the comfort of your home...**

For those unable to be physically present, all of our adult education classes and studies are live on ZOOM. Meetings ID and instructions are here:

- **Join ZOOM by video**, using a computer, tablet or smart phone: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83856698301>
- **Join by telephone** (audio only), dial 1-312-626-6799, enter Meeting ID: 838-5669-8301, #.

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**NOTE:** Church doors remain locked. If you need to access the building during office hours, please use the north door and press the video intercom button and you will be let in. If you have difficulty, call the church office, at 515-279-3658.

Take note of these upcoming fall activities...

- Fall Harvest Celebration – Stewardship Kick-off Event .... Sunday, Oct. 10..... 3:00–6:00 p.m.
- Violin Recital with Linda Swanson ..... Sunday, Oct. 17..... 3:00 p.m.
- Central NIGHT OUT! .....Thursday, Oct. 21 ..... 5:30 p.m.
- Reformation Sunday, recognizing 50-year members ..... Sunday, Oct. 24..... 10:15 a.m.
- Fellowship, Faith & Film* afternoon movie..... Sunday, Oct. 24..... 3:00 p.m.
- Trunk or Treat.....Wednesday, Oct. 27 ..... 6:00 p.m.
- Youth Sunday ..... Sunday, Oct. 31..... 10:15 a.m.
- Fellowship, Faith & Film* afternoon movie..... Sunday, Nov. 21 ..... 3:00 p.m.
- Advent Workshop..... Sunday, Nov. 28 ..... 9:00 a.m.
- Holiday Market setup ..... Thursday, Dec. 2 ..... 7:30 a.m.– 7:30 p.m.
- Holiday Market..... Friday, Dec. 3 ..... 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Tree Lighting..... Friday, Dec. 3 ..... 5:30 p.m.
- Holiday Market.....Saturday, Dec. 4 ..... 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- Lessons & Carols Service ..... Sunday, Dec. 19 ..... 3:00 p.m.
- Children’s Christmas Pageant..... Sunday, Dec. 19 ..... 6:30 p.m.