

THIS WEEK @ CENTRAL

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CONNECTING FAITH,
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

March 19, 2023

10:15 AM

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Psalm 23
John 9:1-41

Sermon:

Seeing and Being Seen
Rev. Medea Saunders

Hymns:

- 263 *All Hail the Power of
Jesus' Name*
451 *Open My Eyes That I
May See*
649 *Amazing Grace, How
Sweet the Sound*

Assisting in Worship:

Guest Preacher:

Medea Saunders
Liturgist: Lynn Bridie
Crucifer: John Lowe
Children's Time:

Medea Saunders
Music Director: Rich Dewein
Pianist: Zoe Abrahamson
Organist: Rich Dewein
Music: Chancel Choir
Hosts: Scott Bandstra, Kevin
Klimowski, Brian Kramer,
Joan Middleton
Audio: Ben Patzlaff
Video: Matt Van Winkle

The flowers in the
chancel are given by
Lynda Pitts in memory of
her husband, David Pitts.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall
after worship for Fellowship
Time hosted by: Michael &
Leighton, Maggie, Sam and
Fletcher.

Des Moines Vocal Arts Ensemble: *Sing and Ring — Sounds Abound*

Sunday, March 26, 4:00 PM, Sanctuary



Central is hosting another concert at the end of March as one of several concerts to celebrate the church's 175th anniversary. The Des Moines Vocal Arts Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Timothy A. McMillan will be presenting *Sing and Ring—Sounds Abound*.

This concert is a ticketed event and tickets may be purchased at <https://dmvae.org/tickets/>. \$20 for adults and \$5 for students.

Easter Flowers and Dedications

To contribute toward Easter flowers and have your floral dedications included in the Easter bulletin, please complete the order form found on the brochure racks or in the church office.

Contributions of \$25 or more are welcome.

Mail the [Easter Flowers Order Form](#), along with payment, to the church office no later than **Friday, March 24, 2023**. Please make checks payable to Central Presbyterian Church and indicate "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Or use the online giving tool at: dmcpcc.org/give/ and select "Easter Flowers." All designations will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin April 9.

Fellowship, Faith & Film

Sunday, March 19
5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Join us this Sunday as we watch the 2006 documentary, *Stone in My Heart*. This film depicts the complex life of Sitting Bull, an important leader of the Sioux Nation. This film coincides with the World & Community Concerns Committee's plan to visit the Dakota Presbytery and begin to form relationships with Native Americans living on the reservations in South Dakota.

Join us as we view this film and its commentary on faith. Refreshments will be served.

Pastor on Vacation

Wallace Bubar will be on vacation in Texas from March 13—19. In case of pastoral emergency during this time, please notify the church office and contact Medea Saunders at 515-279-3658 Extension 4 or msaunders@dmcpcc.org.

Church Office Hours

Monday–Thursday
8:00 AM–4:00 PM,
Friday 8:00 AM–12:00 PM

One Great Hour of Sharing

We are now halfway through our 2023 Fishing Derby for OGHS so it's time to hear from another expert on how to feed fish... The Lumpsucker!

To watch Central's worship service online Sunday morning, go to our [Watch Live](#) webpage.



Have any of you ever been fishing and managed to catch something that looked completely strange to you? I get that a lot whenever someone catches a fish like me (small, ugly, and not very tasty.) Most times, fish like me get thrown back because people are looking for something that is worth keeping.



Imagine you caught a fish and when you looked in its mouth, you found money! That's exactly what happened to Peter when Jesus told him to go cast a line into the Sea of Galilee in order to pay the temple tax. How can you pay the temple tax with a fish? Jesus told Peter that the first fish he catches will have a coin in its mouth to pay the temple tax for both of them. And sure enough, the first fish that Peter caught had a four drachma coin that paid the tax for both Jesus and Peter at Capernaum. (Matthew 17: 24-27). Fish have been a source of wealth throughout history. Whether they are cod, salmon or tuna that today help the economies of countries like Norway, Canada, Japan, and the United States or all the way back to Biblical times.

This upcoming Palm Sunday, fish will again become a source of nourishment and sustenance for people through the work of Presbyterian Mission and our collection during One Great Hour of Sharing. That can only happen however if you keep feeding those fish! Just as Peter was amazed with a fish that could hold a coin in its mouth, imagine what we will all feel like when we see all of the pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars and checks that our fish can hold!

Easter Baskets

During this Easter season the Deacons are asking for your help with an offering to raise funds for our Shelter Meal Program. For years, once a month, Central Deacons have coordinated, prepared and served dinner at CISS. Over the years, the number of guests we are feeding has increased significantly and the cost of food has also increased.

While these factors have increased, our budget has not. We need to help raise additional funds to continue this program that helps so many in our community. A total \$3,000 donation from the Easter offering would fully fund the program for the rest of the year. Just a \$20 gift donation would be enough food to feed 10 people. Please consider contributing to this cause. You can donate on Centrals giving website www.dmcpc.org/give or by check with "Easter Baskets" in the memo line.

This Week @Central**Sunday, March 19**

- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Room 201)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 5:00 PM Fellowship, Faith & Film (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 20

- 5:30 PM Session (Room 201)

Tuesday, March 21

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 201)

Wednesday, March 23

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 201)
- 5:15 PM Central Kids (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:15 PM Middle School Youth (Room 5)
- 6:30 PM Morgen Bell Rehearsal (Room 208)
- 7:00 PM Book Study (Room 201)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Cownie Chapel)

Sunday, March 26

- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Room 201)
- 9:15 AM Sunday School (Room 101)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 3:00 PM Middle & High School Youth—Get Air (North Parking Lot)
- 4:00 PM Des Moines Vocal Arts Ensemble Concert (Sanctuary)