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**CENTRAL**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## It's Time to Celebrate 175 Years!

### Central's 175th Anniversary Celebration June 10-11, 2023

June is finally here and with it the 175th Anniversary Celebration of Central Presbyterian Church. We hope you can join us at the events happening that weekend and celebrate Central's 175 years of continuous ministry in Des Moines. Among the special guests joining us will be former pastors Carl Cooper, Karen Chakoian, Jim Wallace, and Jan Scott.

### 175th Anniversary Dinner & Program Saturday, June 10, 5:00 PM, Wakonda Club, 3915 Fleur Drive

Saturday night's program includes a social hour with music, dinner, remarks by former pastors, and a video about our church's rich history.

**Reservations for dinner are still being accepted.** RSVP today by contacting the church office at 515-279-3658.

*Complimentary valet parking will be available.*

### 175th Anniversary Worship Celebration Sunday, June 11, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary

The festive worship service will include music by the Chancel Choir and Morgen Bells, and Karen Chakoian preaching.



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## Worship Schedule Sundays, 10:15 AM

**June 4, 2023**

**Trinity Sunday**

*Communion*

*Scripture:* Genesis 1:26-31

Matthew 28:16-20

*Liturgist:*

**Kate Selden-Egge**

*Communion Preparation:*

**Jeff Green, Mary Jean**

**Paschen, Laura Payne**

*Music:* TBA

*Hosts:* **Karen Henderson,**

**Mary Alice Baker, Lynn &**

**Linda Bridie**

*A/V:* **Ben Patzlaff** and

**Matt Van Winkle**

**June 11, 2023**

**The Second Sunday**

**after Pentecost**

*175th Anniversary*

*Celebration*

*Guest Preacher:*

**Karen Chakoian**

*Scripture:* TBA

*Liturgist:* **David Boyd**

*Music:* **Chancel Choir,**

**Morgen Bells**

*Hosts:* **Ted Brown, John**

**Fisher, Ray & Barb**

**Getting**

*A/V:* **Matt Van Winkle**

and **Marvin Minor**

## Music Program Update

Culmination- “the highest or climatic point of something, especially as attained after a long time.” We are about to experience the culmination of a year’s music activities as we will celebrate the 175th anniversary. It has been a pleasure to plan the many music performances to help in this celebration.

Music has had an important part in the worship at Central. Many things point to this fact. Having the quality of the 43-rank Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ in the sanctuary helps to lead the congregation in the singing of hymns. A few years ago, the AGO held their convention in Des Moines and the Central Presbyterian organ was presented in an evening concert. The purchase of the Whitechapel Handbells is an additional indication of the importance of music. The dedicated people in the Chancel Choir and their commitment to weekly rehearsals and Sunday morning services is an additional indication of music importance. We also enjoy the music of the Children’s Chorus and RingTones during worship.

So it was only fitting that we began a “concert a month” back in December, which has led us to the culmination on June 11th. During the service, the Morgen Bells will present the commissioned work by Mike Mazzatenta and will be premiered during the offertory. This work, “Reflect and Rejoice,” was commissioned in honor and recognition of Sue Hudson, in her founding and directing the Morgen Bells for many years. The Chancel Choir has been working on the Randall Thompson choral work, “The Last Words of David,” a powerful work using the text from 2 Samuel xxiii, 3, 4. I hope that those who attended the many concerts and performances have enjoyed the music here at Central. It is now time for the choir to take a much deserved break and recharge for the activities being planned for next year. I am looking for anyone who would like to present a selection (vocal, instrumental, etc.) in the anthem spot during the service. If you would like to help us, please contact me and I will help schedule you for a Sunday.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve the congregation at Central.

See you in church,

— *Rich Dewein*

## Summer Rehearsals for Chancel Choir and Morgen Bells

In preparation for the 175th Anniversary Celebration, there will be a rehearsal for the Morgen Bells on Wednesday June 7 at 6:15 PM as they prepare the Michael Mazzatenta handbell piece commissioned for Sue Hudson.

The Chancel Choir will also be rehearsing June 7 at 7:30 PM to prepare their pieces for the 175th Anniversary Celebration.

## Handbell Commision to be Premiered on Sunday June, 11

On Sunday, June 11, the Morgen Bells will premiere a new handbell composition by Michael Mazzatenta, entitled "Reflect and Rejoice." The piece was commissioned by Central Presbyterian Church in honor of Sue Hudson's long tenure as director of the Morgen Bells.

## Pastor on Vacation

Wallace Bubar will be on vacation from June 25-July 1. In case of pastoral emergency during this time, please notify the church office and contact Medea Saunders at 515-279-3658 ext. 4 or [msaunders@dmcpcc.org](mailto:msaunders@dmcpcc.org).

## Service of Testimony & Storytelling

*Sunday, June 18, 10:15 AM*

We are continuing the summer tradition that began several years ago, and are looking for some storytellers! This service will include three or four brief stories from church members. A good story should come from your own personal experience, have some spiritual element, and be no longer than five minutes. It could be uplifting, or poignant, or funny. It could be a profound experience you had growing up. It could be about a person who touched your life in a significant way. It could be a time when you came to see God in a new way. If you are interested in participating and sharing your story, contact Wallace Bubar at [wbubar@dmcpcc.org](mailto:wbubar@dmcpcc.org) or 515-279-3658.

## Hymn Sing: Vote For Your Favorite Hymns!

For 51 Sundays out of the year, you sing the hymns that the pastor and music director choose. On Sunday, August 13, you get to decide what hymns to sing. We are including a hymn sing in the worship service that day. This is your chance to vote for your three favorite hymns you'd most like to sing. We'll include the top ten in the service. (Please note: all selections do need to be from our *Glory to God* hymnal.)

To cast your vote, take a photo of the QR code to complete the survey with your smartphone, or go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HymnSing2023>. Copies of the survey will also be available in the Narthex.



June 18, 2023

***The Third Sunday  
after Pentecost***

*Service of Testimony and  
Storytelling*

*Scripture: I Peter 3:15-  
16a*

*Liturgist: Mike Bassett*

*Music: TBA*

*Hosts: Scott Bandstra,  
Matt & Carmen Getting  
and Susan Hemminger*

*A/V: Ben Patzlaff*

June 25, 2023

***The Fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost***

*Guest Preacher:*

**Medea Saunders**

*Scripture: TBA*

*Liturgist: George*

**Wilkening**

*Music: TBA*

*Hosts: Rob Hopson &  
Laura Payne and Joe &  
Kathy Haines*

*A/V: Matt Van Winkle  
and Marvin Minor*

## Worship Online with Us

Watch Central's livestreamed worship service each Sunday at 10:15 AM on—

Facebook:

[facebook.com/centralpresdm](https://www.facebook.com/centralpresdm);

YouTube: [youtube.com/channel/UCyK7Nj-8sU4MttDnAnNR3Yw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyK7Nj-8sU4MttDnAnNR3Yw);

or on the church's website:

<https://dmcpc.org/watch-live/>.

## Congratulations, Class of 2023!

### High School:

**Lily Henderson**, daughter of Chris and Karen Henderson, graduated from Johnston High School. Lily lettered in Johnston academics and audition choirs. Her high school activities included Student Council, National Honor Society, Silver Cord, Best Buddies, Junior/Senior Board, Show Choir, and Tennis. The past two summers, she has been a lifeguard.



Lily was baptized at Central and has enjoyed growing up in the church and getting to know members of all ages. She has been involved in Sunday school, Children's Chorus, youth group, attending and helping with VBS and other church events. She has great memories of being involved in the Christmas Pageants and the youth ski trips. Many years ago, Lily played the role of Baby Jesus. Lily has volunteered for many years with Meals from the Heartland, Young Women's Resource Center, Johnston Partnership Food Pantry, and Central Iowa Shelter & Services.

After graduation, Lily will attend the University of Missouri. She plans to major in Health Sciences and is leaning towards Speech Language Pathology.

### College:

**Rhys Eshelman** graduated from the University of Iowa in December 2022, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Computer Science.

**Finn McNally** graduated from Iowa State University in May, with his Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism.

**Tyler Modlin** will graduate with a Liberal Arts degree from DMACC as an Accounting Specialist, and is currently looking for a job in the accounting field.

**Jane Romp** graduated summa cum laude from Tufts University in Boston in May, with a triple major in Political Science, Civic Studies, and Sociology. During her time at Tufts, she organized around voting rights and performed research on electoral and social movement systems for Framingham State and Oxford University. On campus, she was involved in JumboVote, Mock Trial, Model UN, the COFFEE Student Interfaith Coalition, and the University Chaplaincy. Jane is planning to pursue law school.

**Lauren Stetson** graduated from the University of Iowa in May with a degree in Exercise Science and in Psychology. She will attend Creighton University to obtain her Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

### Graduate School:

**Brianne Puderbaugh** graduated from Drake University in December with a Masters degree in Teaching.

## Party on the Patio!

Thursday June 15, July 20 and August 17, 5:00—7:00 PM, East Patio

Party on the Patio is back! On the 3rd Thursday of each summer month refreshments are served on the East Patio. Join us for fellowship with friends from Central.



## Pedalin' Presbyterians Bike Ride

Monday, May 29, 4:00 PM, Neal Smith Trail

The Pedalin' Presbyterians are back! Church members have been doing organized rides approximately every month during warmer weather. This year's initial ride will take place Memorial Day, May 29, at 4:00 PM. The ride will total approximately 16 miles along the Neal Smith Trail. The starting point will be near North High School, where there is ample parking south of the school by Birdland Pool. The trail is wooded with moderate hills, and runs along the Des Moines River. The trail surface is blacktop. Following our return to North High, those interested in dining can meet at All Pho You, 4120 University Avenue, or another mutual choice. For questions, contact David Simpson.

## Spring Clean-up Day

A big thank you to Connie Boesen, Lora Deege, Ray Getting, Kathy Haines, Lauren Holderness & J.D. Davis, Todd Mattison, Marvin Minor, Gary Modlin, David Boyd, Joanne Locke, Ashley Pitts, Mark Schmidt, and Wallace Bubar for their help earlier in May with our Spring clean-up; and thank you to Tim Clark, J.R. Dennis, and Mark Schmidt for cleaning out the garage.



## In the Congregation

**Elizabeth Smith** recently competed in the United States Master's Swimming (USMS) National Championships held in Irvine, California. Her 1650-yard time was 26:08.64, which earned her 2nd place at the national meet and broke the Iowa 70-74 age record by 3 minutes. She swam 4 other races which all placed in the top 10 for the meet and they were all personal bests for her and new Iowa records. She is also ranked in 6th place for the US Master Short Course Yard season.

## Fellowship Time Hosts

June 4: **Paul Tavernier & Connie Klug**

June 11: **Randy & Mary Gordon**

June 18: **David Simpson & Holly Klotz**

June 25: **Rob Hopson & Laura Payne**

July 2: **John Fisher & Jann Freed**

July 9: **Mark & Barb Schmidt**

July 16: **Jeri Kanellos and Ann Conover**

## Knitting into the Mystery

The knitting group will take a summer break over the next few months. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of the ministry this year in providing prayer shawls to those in need.

## Ways to Welcome the Stranger

*Sunday, June 4,  
11:30 AM, Room 201*

On March 5, the World and Community Concerns Committee held an informational event featuring refugees and the local agencies supporting them. We are following up with a meeting for interested Central members immediately after church next week. The program is short. Five minutes on addressing immediate needs and five more on a larger Tri-Presbytery effort for congregations to work cooperatively. Please come and sign up for anything that interests you. Know that you will be extending a welcome to new metro residents.

## Deacons Make Gift to Eat Greater Des Moines

Central's Board of Deacons has made another significant gift as a part of our church's mission "tith" from last year's easement agreement with 3801 Grand. They have chosen to give \$3,250 to Eat Greater Des Moines (EGDM), a ten year-old non-profit based in Des Moines.



EGDM works in our community to increase access to food to those in need, mitigate food waste, and advocate for local, regional, and statewide improvements to our food system. With the generous gift of \$3,250 from Central Presbyterian Church, EGDM will be able to install an additional two community fridges in the Des Moines area and make advancements to their warehouse infrastructure. Currently, the EGDM Community Fridge network is 42 fridges strong but will soon facilitate a whopping 44 fridges thanks to the congregation's donation.

More information on the EGDM Community Fridge program can be viewed at [eatgreaterdesmoines.org](http://eatgreaterdesmoines.org). You can also follow the organization on Facebook and Instagram. If you're feeling even more motivated, you can become a Food Rescue Hero by downloading the Eat Greater Des Moines app in the Google Play or Apple App Store.



# Habitat for Humanity Panel Build

Thank you to everyone who came out to volunteer for this year's panel build on Saturday May 20. It was a great day and a lot of good work was done. These panels will be used to build a house at 1172 14th Street, Des Moines. When the walls are ready to go up, we will have additional volunteer opportunities for the home. All volunteers from the panel build will also be invited to the homeownership celebration when the family is closing on the home!



From Habitat's Volunteer Engagement Coordinator Kait Kelly, "Thank you for not only building walls, but also building hope and a stable future for a local family. Both the financial and volunteer support make a big difference to our work of providing a "hand up" through affordable housing. God bless!"



## OUCH— Overcoming Unintentional Chronic Health

Thursdays, 6:00–7:00  
PM, Room 206

Matt Getting is starting a support group for those suffering from chronic illness and their families in coping and managing illness in a compassionate, empathetic, safe space using ethical and empirically proven strategies.

## Central Iowa Shelter & Services

Did you know that Central helps to feed 250 homeless individuals every month? We are looking for volunteers to sign up to help prepare and serve the meals. If you are willing to serve this way, please sign up at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/CentralShelterMealVolun>



## Summer Youth Mission Trip

July 23-28, Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA



The Summer 2023 Youth Mission Trip is a go! So far we have seven students and three adults headed to Camp Hebron, in Halifax, PA. The group will spend the week of July 22-28 serving local mission organizations in the area and enjoying night life at the Christian summer camp. We are looking for a great week of learning, fellowship and fun!



# Central Youth Groups

## Central Kids and Youth Group Picnic



## June Children & Youth Activities Schedule:

<i>Sunday, June 4</i>	11:30 AM	Vacation Bible School volunteer training in Fellowship Hall
<i>Sunday, June 4</i>	12:00 PM	Vacation Bible School decoration meeting in Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be served.
<i>June 12-June 16</i>	1:00-400 PM	Vacation Bible School



## Vacation Bible School

June 12–June 16, 1:00—4:00 PM

We have had a great response for Vacation Bible School already! So far we have 33 children, 17 youth, and 12 adults signed up for the week. Our theme is "Pets Unleashed: Where Jesus Cares Fur You." We will have all of the traditional VBS fun, including crafts, music, games, snacks, memory verses and Bible stories. We will be hosting animal experts from the Blank Park Zoo (and their furry, feathery, scaly friends), and making two animal themed service projects for the ARL.

Students in Kindergarten to 5th grade are welcome to participate and students in 6th-12th grade are welcome to volunteer and help for the week. Particularly, we are looking for one more adult group leader. There will be a volunteer training on Sunday, June 4 after worship. You can register by [clicking here](#) and filling out the form. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information contact me, Medea Saunders at [msaunders@dmcp.org](mailto:msaunders@dmcp.org), or call the Church Office at 515-279-3658.

## Summer Bible Study with Don Elly: The Gospel of Light, Life and Love

Wednesdays, starting June 7, 10:00 AM, Room 201

During the months of June and July, Don Elly will lead the Wednesday morning Bible study group. The focus will be on the Gospel of John, continuing the study that the group has been doing the past couple of months.

Don is a retired minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). A graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary, he was ordained in 1968. He has served as an associate pastor, pastor, and interim pastor of several congregations in the metro area, including Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fort Des Moines Presbyterian Church, and Union Park Presbyterian Church. For 26 years, he served as a hospital chaplain/counselor at UnityPoint Health. During the summer of 2021, he served as Central's interim sabbatical minister. Don currently leads the "Happy Hour" Bible Study Group at West Des Moines United Methodist Church. We're looking forward to welcoming him back to Central.



## Adult Education

### Wednesday

*Morning Bible Study:*  
**The Gospel of Light, Life and Love**

10:00 AM, Room 201  
In this study, we will continue going through portions of the Gospel of John each week studying to see what it has to teach and continuing the work the group has been doing over the past several months.



## LSI Community Garden in Drake Neighborhood

In celebration of the 175th Anniversary of Central, a sub-committee of the Board of Deacons met to decide how to support God's desire for us to care for our bodies and spirits in healthy ways in our community. One of the best ways to fulfill this is in helping families grow fresh food.

An opportunity arose to support a new garden project with LSI in the Drake neighborhood. As of 2022 LSI had 20 gardens in the Central Iowa area. These gardens accommodated 198 gardeners who produced 77,430 pounds of produce for their families. This new garden will have approximately 20 plots for use by refugee clients and neighborhood residents.

Look for opportunities to come to be involved in this new community partnership in the months to come!



## Presbyterian Mission Delegation

You are invited to join Presbyterians from across Iowa on a mission delegation to the U.S.-Mexico border. This delegation is planned in partnership with Frontera de Cristo, one of five Presbyterian Borderlands Ministries. Those who go will worship with, learn from, and be in mutual mission with brothers and sisters in Lirio de los Valles Presbyterian Church in Agua Prieta, and experience life and ministry along the US-Mexico border.



Lodging will be in dormitory rooms at Lirio de los Valles Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$800 per person plus airfare. Partial scholarships are available. You can register by going to <https://presbynciowa.org/frontera-de-cristo-application/>. If you have any questions you can contact Presbytery Mission Executive Amgad Beblawi.

## Cross Outreach Names New Director



The CROSS Outreach Board is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Gary Hanson as the new executive director of CROSS Outreach. Hanson, an ordained Reformed Church of America pastor, comes to the position after many years of ministry. He has served congregations in northern Iowa, Pella, and most recently Meredith Drive Reformed Church in Urbandale. In addition to his faith-based background, Hanson will build on his years of experience working within the local nonprofit community. The Wisconsin native is married to Margo, and they have two daughters.

You will have an opportunity to meet Gary at an open house on Wednesday, June 28, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, on the East Courtyard at Central Presbyterian Church.



# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Noon: Office closes	3
4 10:15am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Time 11:30am Vacation Bible School Volunteer Training 11:30am World and Community Concerns - Ways to Welcome the Stranger	5	6 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Christian Education Committee Meeting	7 10:00am Bible Study 4:30pm Worship Committee Meeting 6:15pm Morgen Bells 7:30pm Chancel Choir	8 7:30am Business and Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm World & Community Concerns Committee Meeting	9 Noon: Office closes	10 175th Anniversary Celebration  4:30 PM Nursery & Youth Movie Night 5:00 PM 175th Anniversary Celebration Program
11 175th Anniversary Celebration  10:15am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Vacation Bible School Decoration Meeting	12 1:00-4:00 PM Vacation Bible School 6:00pm Deacons Meeting	13 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00-4:00 PM Vacation Bible School 4:30pm Shelter Meal service (CISS) 6:00pm Communications Committee Meeting	14 10:00am Bible Study 1:00-4:00 PM Vacation Bible School 5:00pm Building and Grounds Committee Meeting	15 1:00-4:00 PM Vacation Bible School 5:00 PM Party on the Patio	16 Noon: Office closes 1:00-4:00 PM Vacation Bible School	17
18 Father's Day 10:15am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Time	19 5:30pm Session Meeting	20 10:00am Staff Meeting	21 10:00am Bible Study	22	23 Noon: Office closes	24
25 10:15am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Time	26	27 10:00am Staff Meeting	28 10:00am Bible Study 5:30 PM CROSS Outreach Open House for Executive Director Gary Hanson	29	30 Noon: Office closes	



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family and youth director**  
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## Upcoming Events

175th Anniversary Weekend	Saturday—Sunday, June 10—11
Vacation Bible School	Monday—Friday, June 12—16
Party on the Patio	Thursday, June 15
Service of Testimony & Storytelling	Sunday, June 18
Youth Mission Trip	Saturday—Friday, July 22—28