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# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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August 27, 2023 | 10:15 AM



CONNECTING **FAITH,**  
**FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY**

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# Welcome to Central

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**An online worship service** is available on Facebook and YouTube for those unable to worship in person.

**If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out the Community Connection card** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You can also use the following **QR Code**:



Open the camera on your smart device. Point the camera at the QR code. Tap the banner that appears. Complete the contact form, and "Submit."

**Childcare for children up to age 5** is provided in our nursery until 11:30 AM. The nursery is located in the education wing on the first floor. Children's worship packets are available in the Narthex.

**Large print bulletins, hymnals, and personal hearing units** are available. Please speak to one of the hosts if you have special needs.

## **Assisting in worship today:**

*Guest Preacher:* The Rev. Dr.

Annika Lister Stroope

*Liturgist:* Brian Kramer

*Hosts:* Ray & Barb Getting and Joe & Kathy Haines

*Children's Time:* Medea Saunders

*Music Director:* Rich Dewein

*Organist:* Lois Harms

*Music:* Barb Brown, Kristin Johnson, Lisa Modlin, Beth Triebel, Patty Will, Brandt Williamson

*Audio:* Kevin Klimowski

*Video:* Matt Van Winkle

*Editing:* Ben Patzlaff

## **The flowers in the chancel have been given by**

Siju & Jenny Varghese in memory of Siju's mother, Lilly Varghese, on the anniversary of her death.

**For online giving,** go to [www.dmcpc.org/give](http://www.dmcpc.org/give).

**Please join us for fellowship and refreshments** following the service in the East Parlor.

*Hosted by:* Lynn Mankins.

**Be sure to silence all cell phones.**

◆ = All who are able, please stand.

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# The Worship of God

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Finlandia*

Prelude on *St. Thomas*

arr. by Diane Bish

Paul Karvonen

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 113

Praise the LORD!

O servants of God, praise the name of the LORD!

**Blessed be the name of the LORD**

**from this time on and forevermore.**

The LORD is high above all nations;

and God's glory above the heavens.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.**

### ◆ HYMN 612

KREMSEK

*We Praise You, O God*

### ◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord God Almighty,**

**you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory,  
to serve you in freedom and in peace.**

**Give to the people of this land a zeal for justice  
and the strength of forbearance,**

**that we may use our liberty**

**in accordance with your gracious will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ◆ CANTICLE 581

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

*Glory Be to the Father*

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Medea Saunders

## WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138  
*pew Bible, OT p. 540*

### ANTHEM

*The Solid Rock*

Handbell ensemble  
arr. by Jason W. Krug

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

I Peter 2:12-17  
*pew Bible, NT p. 206*

### SERMON

*Christian Independence*

Annika Lister Stroope

### ◆ HYMN 310

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

ST. THOMAS

## RESPONSE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

*It Is Well With My Soul*

Handbell ensemble  
arr. by Jason W. Krug

◆ DOXOLOGY 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

◆ HYMN 340

*This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

◆ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Voluntary*

John Stanley

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## Upcoming Events

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### Blessing of the Backpacks

*Sunday, August 27, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary*

Join us this morning for a special blessing of the backpacks (book bags, briefcases, totes, diaper bags etc.) Children and adults of all ages are invited to bring their bags to the front of the church to be blessed with a prayer as we celebrate this special time of year and many new beginnings.

### **Summer Bible Study: “The Gospel of Light, Life, and Love”**

*Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, Room 201*

This summer, retired Presbyterian minister Don Elly is leading the Wednesday morning Bible study group. The focus is on the Gospel of John. The Bible study continuing through the month of August.

### Bounce Back Sunday – Volunteers Needed!

*Sunday, September 10, 11:15 AM, South lawn*

Bounce Back to Church Sunday will be celebrated on September 10, after worship with a Carnival in the church yard. Volunteers are needed to supervise the Bounce House, Ring Toss Game, Corn Hole Game, Tic Tac Toe Game, Milk Jug Game, Face Painting and Photo Booths. Volunteers are also needed to prepare and serve Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Sno-cones and Hot Dogs.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, please contact Medea Saunders at [msaunders@dmcp.org](mailto:msaunders@dmcp.org), or call the church office at 515-279-3658.

### Pastor Away on Family Leave

Wallace Bubar is away on family leave through September 2. In case of pastoral emergency, please notify the church office and contact Don Elly at 515-419-1527 or [donrelly@outlook.com](mailto:donrelly@outlook.com).

The Great Central Presbyterian Church Treasure Hunt  
Friday-Saturday, September 22-23



**NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS!** Central Presbyterian **now has a storage unit in the northeast corner of the church parking lot** ready to receive your generous donations!

Central will accept gently used household items, furniture, crafts, toys, holiday decorations, vintage-only clothing, small appliances, pictures, books and games.

We need volume and quality items that will generate a good price for a great cause! **All proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity!**

When delivering donations to the church, **please check in with the church office for access to the storage unit.** Access will be **available during office hours only**, unless prior arrangements have been made with one of the committee members listed below. Please do NOT leave donations outside the storage unit at any time. All donations delivered to the church must be checked in with the office and loaded into the unit on arrival, which we greatly appreciate.

**Need help with a large item?** Please contact a member of the committee to request assistance.

**Volunteers are needed to help sort, price ahead of the sale in mid-August.** Let us know if you are available to help.

*Contact Committee Members for more information:*

- Susan Voss      515-314-2814      vsusan@msn.com
- Connie Klug      515-707-4757      connieklug@gmail.com
- Jann Freed      515-360-5691      jann.freed55@gmail.com

Central would like to thank the UNITS of Central Iowa, a portable storage and delivery service. The owner is a big supporter of HFH so when he learned that all the proceeds from our Church Treasure Hunt will go to HFH he was more than willing to help us out.

## Shelter Meal Help Needed

Central provides the evening meal at Central Iowa Shelter and Services on the 13th of every month. Currently we are in need of Team Leads to recruit and guide our volunteers each month. If you are interested in serving as a Team Lead, contact **Tyler Reihmann** or the Church Office, to select a volunteer month and then go ahead and start recruiting your team. Each Team Lead should sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CentralShelterMealVolunteers>. If you need help with the sign up, the Church Office can help you with that as well. Contact us at [office@dmcpc.org](mailto:office@dmcpc.org) or call 515-279-3658.

## Coming to Central This Fall

### Adult Forum

*Sunday, September 10, 9:00 AM, Fireside Room*

Kicking off a new series with special guest **Amgad Beblawi**, Mission Executive for the Presbytery of Des Moines. Join us for refreshments, fellowship, conversation, and learning about how we at Central are engaged in mission.

### Community Conversations

*Tuesday, September 12, 11:30 AM, Fellowship Hall*

A new program is coming this fall! A monthly lunch and conversation for church members as well as our neighbors. Each month, we'll invite a well-known speaker from the community to share with us, to inspire, educate, inform, and enlighten. Lunch will be catered. Our special guest on September 12 will be **Dr. Richard Deming**, medical director of the MercyOne Cancer Center and founder of Above + Beyond Cancer.

### Confirmation

*Sunday, September 17, 6:30 PM*

Beginning a 12-session program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to learn more about their faith and become church members. Using a new curriculum, "Big God, Big Questions: Confirmation for a Growing Faith."



## **Stewardship Fall Harvest Festival**

*Sunday, October 8, 3:30 PM, Party Barn in Adel*

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Paul Tavernier and Connie Klug are again hosting this great event with food, music, games, and activities for the whole family.

*The event will feature:*

- ◆ New Themed Scavenger Hunt! New Hiding Places!
- ◆ Pumpkin Decorating
- ◆ Cake Walks
- ◆ Guess the Weight of the Pumpkins
- ◆ Guess the Number of Gummy Worms in a Jar
- ◆ Hayrack rides
- ◆ Home Cooked Harvest Dinner
- ◆ Live Entertainment

Transportation will be provided to and from Central Presbyterian Church for those needing a ride. Sign up will be available in the East Parlor and church office if you need transportation.

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## This Week @ Central

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Sunday, August 27

10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

11:15 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)

Tuesday, August 29

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 112)

Wednesday, August 30

10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 201)

5:00 PM Morgen Bells Rehearsal (Room 208)

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Cownie Chapel)

Friday, September 1

12:00 PM Church Office Closed

Sunday, September 3

10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

11:15 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)

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## Mission Statement

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We strive to be a Christian congregation  
dedicated to a strong tradition of worship,  
committed to spiritual inquiry and growth,  
caring for one another,  
and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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