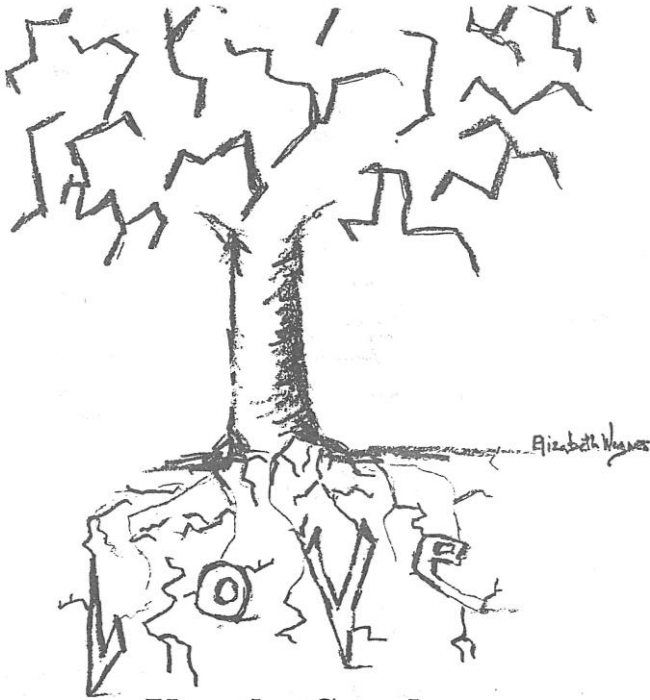


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# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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June 9, 2024 | 10:15 AM



—Elizabeth Jean Wagner (1999)



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 a **Community Connection card** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You can also scan the following **QR Code** on your smart phone:



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:* Dr. Jim Hayes,  
Executive Director, Des Moines  
Pastoral Counseling Center

*Liturgist:* Sarah Egge

*Hosts:* Lynn & Linda Bridie,  
Tina Dahl, and Mary Jean Paschen

*Music Director/Accompanist:*  
Rich Dewein

*Organist:* Lois Harms

*Music:* George Wilkening

*Audio/Editing:* Ben Patzlaff

*Video:* Matt Van Winkle

## The flowers in the chancel have been given by

Randy & Mary Gordon in  
memory of their dear daughter  
Elizabeth Jean Wagner.

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:* Connie Klug and  
Paul Tavernier

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

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart  
God of Grace*

Gilbert M. Martin  
Robert A. Hobby

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We wait for you, O God,  
more than those who watch for the morning.  
We wait for your steadfast love,  
more than those who watch for the morning.  
We wait for you to lift the lowly,  
more than those who watch for the morning.  
We wait for your unexpected grace,  
more than those who watch for the morning.  
Let us sing of God's holy ways,  
the glory of the one for whom we wait.

### ◆ HYMN 307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Steadfast God,  
you constantly surprise us  
with unprecedented grace  
and unexpected redemption,  
forgiving us when we least deserve it,  
showing love to those we most despise.  
Enliven us to keep watch  
for your love at work in those we demonize,  
for your power in those we look down upon,  
and for your deliverance from all the ways  
that we try to make you conform

to the structures and systems we have built.  
All this we pray through Jesus Christ,  
who called us to a new way of being. 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.**

# **WORD**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1  
*pew Bible, NT p. 159*

## **ANTHEM**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

George Wilkening  
arr. by Chris Rice

## **GOSPEL READING**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Mark 3:20–35  
*pew Bible, NT p. 32*

## **SERMON**

*Don't Drink the Water?*

Jim Hayes

## ◆ **HYMN 517**

*Here, O Our Lord, We See You*

MORECAMBE

# RESPONSE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy:  
Hear our prayer.

### LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

### EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

### OFFERTORY

*Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm* Robert A. Hobby

### ◆ DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### ◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# SENDING

### ◆ HYMN 804

MARION

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

### ◆ BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*God of Grace*

Paul Manz

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# Events

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## **Habitat for Humanity Faith Build**

*Saturday, August 3, 8:15 AM—1:00 PM*

Habitat is hosting a Faith Build with several area congregations. Central has signed up for a crew of six for August 3rd. **Mark Schmidt** will lead the charge, and **Ben Ullem** is also on the team. We need **four more volunteers** for an 8:15 AM—1:00 PM shift of indoor work. We need to submit our roster of volunteers next Monday, June 10. Please let us know if interested. No experience necessary. Just bring a great attitude to serve! *Contact Todd Mattison, Mark Schmidt, or Ben Ullem.*

## **Vacation Bible School**

*July 8—12, 1:00—3:30 PM, Fellowship Hall*

This summer, Central Presbyterian Church will offer Vacation Bible School Monday—Friday, July 8—12. Our theme will be "Seekers in Sneakers: Discover Jesus!" This is an interactive Vacation Bible School where children use their investigative skills to discover Jesus. Geo-caching activities will challenge children to dig into the Bible to find the way to Jesus. This journey of discovery has many twists and turns, so children will learn to ask questions, work together, shine their light in the world, gain insight from the Bible, and trust Jesus. Through worship and drama, Bible study, art, and science explorations, and active games, children are invited to follow the example and teachings of Jesus in every place and every part of life. So, grab your water bottle, your Bible, and your friends, because this is going to be a great adventure!

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** Contact the church office for more information at [office@dmcp.org](mailto:office@dmcp.org) or call 515-279-3658.

## **Pastoral Care**

For pastoral care needs, please notify the church office and contact The Rev. Sara Rice at 515-279-3658, ext. 102 or [srice@dmcp.org](mailto:srice@dmcp.org).

## **An Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)**

(Members: Laura Bandstra, Roger Dahl, Jann Freed, Carmen Goodwin, Jeff Green, Dan La Pole, and Jennifer Stetson)

*...let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.*

*Romans 12:2*

This past May 29<sup>th</sup>, our interim pastor, Sarai Rice, shared her expertise with the PNC through a presentation entitled “Recent Trends in Congregational Behavior.” Some of the trends she shared include:

- From 2007-2019, there is a downward trend of Christians as a percentage of the US population.
- The fastest growing group is called NONES (not affiliated with any religious group).
- 40% of Millennials (born 1981-1996) are unaffiliated with any church.
- In 2014, only 11% of Millennials identified as mainline Protestant.
- The median age of those who attend church is growing older. \
- The partisan divide visible in the surrounding culture is replicating itself in the church.
- “Active membership” is no longer defined by regular attendance at worship service.
- Congregations do not necessarily identify with a particular denomination or church building.
- Growing congregations tend to be new, independent of any denomination, entrepreneurial in their outlook about growing membership and structurally designed to change rapidly.

**These changes indicated to your Pastor Nominating Committee that there will be a great need for a new pastor who is aware of**

these trends and will work innovatively and creatively with all of us to continue growing in our faith and ensuring the ongoing prosperity of Central Presbyterian Church.

The PNC is meeting with Session on June 5th to gather additional input in a manner like the focus groups that will be held in June. We want and need your input and perspective! For your voice to be heard, please try to attend one of the one-hour focus groups listed below.

Sign-up sheets are available in the East Parlor.

- *Sunday, June 9 @ 9:00am*
- *Thursday, June 13 @ 7:00pm*
- *Wednesday, June 19 @ 11am*
- *Sunday, June 23 @ 9:00am*

We will continue to keep you informed through TWAC, Sunday bulletins, and the monthly Cent-inel.

### **Bible Study: The Book of Romans**

*Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, Room 201*

Join the Bible Study class as they cover The Book of Acts, led by Don Elly, each Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM. Join us in person or on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81369903809>, Meeting ID: 813 6990 3809.

### **Summer Office Hours**

Central's Church Office will be open from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM on Fridays during the months of June, July, and August. If you require assistance at any time, please email the office manager, Kimberly Sanford at [ksanford@dmcpc.org](mailto:ksanford@dmcpc.org) or call the church office at 515-279-3658.



## **TORNADO ASSISTANCE FOR GREATER GREENFIELD COMMUNITY**

Tragedy struck many communities recently including Greenfield. Greenfield is the site of a now closed Presbyterian church. The former church building was a gift to the Greater Greenfield Community Foundation. In 2023 over 800 events were held in the building. Now the building is being used to support tornado recovery. A mission group from Texas has parked their trailer at the former church and their people are providing free meals in Greenfield. Community foundation officials advise us that the community has enough items for now. What they would really value are our prayers and financial support. Please pray for all those impacted by tornados.

If you would like to offer direct financial support to Greenfield, which will go to Greenfield area residents affected by the tornado, please send your contribution to the Greater Greenfield Community Foundation, a 501c3. The board of the foundation, together with community members, will decide how to distribute funding in the community to directly help residents. The foundation address is PO Box 13, Greenfield, Iowa, 50849. Donations may also be made on-line at <https://tinyurl.com/GreenfieldCommunityFoundation>.

## **Centering Prayer**

*Fridays, 11:00 AM, Cowrie Chapel*

Centering Prayer is a receptive method of Christian silent prayer which deepens our relationship with God, the Indwelling Presence--a prayer in which we can experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. In the practice, you choose a sacred word as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within. During the 20 minutes of silence, as you engage with your thoughts, you simply return ever-so-gently to the sacred word. The silent period ends with a group prayer.

If you're interested in learning more about the practice, you may consult [www.contemplativeoutreach.org](http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org), or join us at 11:00 AM on Fridays in the Chapel. All are welcome!

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# This Week @ Central

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## **Sunday, June 9**

- 9:00 AM PNC Focus Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

## **Monday, June 10**

- 9:00 AM ChicoMetrics exercise group (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM Deacons (Room 201)
- 7:00 PM ALANON (Room 206)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

## **Tuesday, June 11**

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 112)
- 3:30 PM Coping with Loss (Room 206)
- 5:00 PM Communications Committee (Room 201)

## **Wednesday, June 12**

- 9:00 AM ChicoMetrics exercise group (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 201)
- 5:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee (Room 201)
- 5:30 PM PNC (Room 206)

## **Thursday, June 13**

- 5:30 PM CROSS Outreach (Room 112)
- 5:30 PM Shelter Meal (CISS)
- 7:00 PM PNC Focus Group (Fellowship Hall)

## **Friday, June 14**

- 9:00 AM ChicoMetrics exercise group (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM Centering Prayer (Cownie Chapel)
- 12:00 PM Church Office Closes

## **Saturday, June 15**

- 9:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Room 201)

## **Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day**

- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

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*Children's Music Director*

**Maria Sharpe**  
*Custodian*

**Beth Triebel**  
*The RingTones Director*

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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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