



THIS WEEK @ CENTRAL

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CONNECTING FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY
YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW

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September 29, 2024, 10:15 AM
The Nineteenth Sunday
After Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 124; and
Mark 9:38—50

Sermon: "Whoever is not
against us is for us."
Rev. Gary Hanson

Hymns:

667 *When Morning Guilds
the Sky*

465 *What a Friend We Have
In Jesus*

320 *The Church of Christ in
Every Age*

Assisting in Worship:

Guest Pastor: **Gary Hanson**,
Exec. Director, CROSS Outreach

Liturgist: **Dennis Atherton**

Crucifer: **John Lowe**

Music Director: **Rich Dewein**

Organist: **Lois Harms**

Music: **Chancel Choir**

Children's Time:

Garrison Hazen

Hosts: **Ray & Barb Getting,**

Laura Kutz and Lisa Modlin

Audio: **Kevin Klimowski**

Editing: **Matt Van Winkle**

Video: **Jann Freed**

The chancel flowers have
been given on September 29, in
honor of the anniversary
of **David and Lynda Pitts**
from their children and
grandchildren.

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

Hosted by: **Lynda Pitts**

Stewardship Fall Festival—"ONLY AT CENTRAL"

Sunday, September 29, 3:00—5:30 PM,

The Klug-Tavernier Party Barn

19947 E Panther Creek Rd, Adel IA 50003

This year's theme will be "Circus—Circus" with a Beef Brisket, Cake Walk, Cotton Candy, Games & Music, Popcorn, Sno-cones, and Wagon Rides.



This year's **Cake Walk** will include Circus themed cakes!

And new this year—a brand new **Noah's Ark Scavenger Hunt** that is sure
to delight everyone, as you search for the missing animals;

Daniel in the Lion's Den Ring Toss game;

Moses in the Basket; and **David and Goliath Sling Shot** game!

Dinner will include Beef Brisket sandwiches, scalloped potatoes,
apple salad and pumpkin pie —water, coffee, apple juice and warm cider.

We'll start off with sliced apples, cheese and crackers.

Reservations are not required, so please come. Everyone is Welcome!

Join us for the Party of the Year!

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

Volunteers Needed for After Worship Treats

If you would like to volunteer to provide treats for After Worship Fellowship, please sign up in the East Parlor, or you may call the Church Office at 515-279-3658, or email office@dmcp.org.

Oct 6—Jann Freed & John Fisher

Oct 13—Marti Wade & Ben Ullem

Oct 20—Mary Alice Baker and Joan Middleton

Oct 27—Worship & Stewardship Committees
(Reformation & Stewardship Sunday)

Nov 3—

Nov 10—Ashley Pitts

Nov 17—

Nov 24—

Dec 1—

Dec 8—

Dec 15—

Dec 22—

Youth Group Service Project—Meals from the Heartland

Central’s Youth volunteered this past weekend at Meals from the Heartland. A big thank you for all their hard work helping make a difference and representing Central in such a positive way!

A special thank you to our youth volunteers, **Polly Eubank, Tucker Eubank, Carmen Getting, Sofia Getting, Sam Richards, Noah Varghese**, and our parents, **Mike Richards, Jenny and Siju Varghese**.



If you would like to volunteer or donate, you can visit [Meals from the Heartland](#) for more information.

Our Guest Pastor

Gary Hanson, Executive Director, CROSS Outreach, and an ordained pastor, has graciously agreed at the last minute to fill in, this **Sunday, September 29, at 10:15 AM**, which we so appreciate. Please help us welcome him back to Central’s pulpit.



Pastor Sarai suffered a fall this past Sunday, in the sanctuary, following worship service, and has suffered a serious knee injury. As a result, we have had to call in a replacement pastor for this week. Pastor Sarai **WILL** be teaching **Adult Bible Study**, on Sunday, either in person or via Zoom, so do not miss her class on **The Making of Biblical Womanhood** at 9:00 AM. Our prayers are with Pastor Sarai as she recovers.

The French Collection—Guest Recital Featuring Dr. John Sherer

Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Join us as we welcome organist **Dr. John Sherer** to Central Presbyterian, hosted by the *Central Iowa Chapter American Guild of Organists* on **Sunday, October 15 at 7:00 PM**. Pieces presented will include a Prelude to a Te Deum; March on Handel’s *Lift Up Your Heads*; Prelude, Fugue & Variation; Fantasia in E-Flat Major; and Symphony No. 6 in G Minor. **Admission is Free**. Refreshments provided.



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Knitting into the Mystery

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM
Room 112

The knitters will resume their schedule for the 2024–2025 church year Wednesdays, on a weekly basis. Start time remains 6:30 PM in Room 112, meeting every week. Invitation to join this group is open to all levels of talent, all ages, any gender.

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 volunteers to lead each month. We would ask when groups sign up that one person act as lead to organize the group. If you are willing to help, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CentralShelterMealVolunteers>. You can also contact Deacon, **Ashley Pitts** to volunteer to lead a group, or contact the church office for more information.

Understanding Your Grief

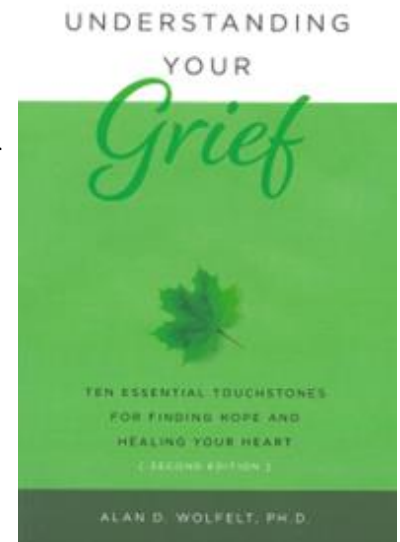
Tuesdays, 3:30 PM, Room 201—Beginning October 1

Central's Parish Associate, **The Rev. Don Elly**, will be teaching a program entitled *Understanding Your Grief* this fall. This group aims to support those who have faced a loss at some point in their life that has just stuck with them. Together, we can help each other walk through the journey of grief which we encounter.

Books and journals will be provided.

Class will be held in person, in Room 201 and available via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89119474190>, Meeting ID: 891 1947 4190.

Note: Although this class was offered in the spring, and has now been renamed to match the book, Pastor Don encourages those who've attended the first class to continue on with the series. It will continue to offer insightful content and support. Everyone is welcome!



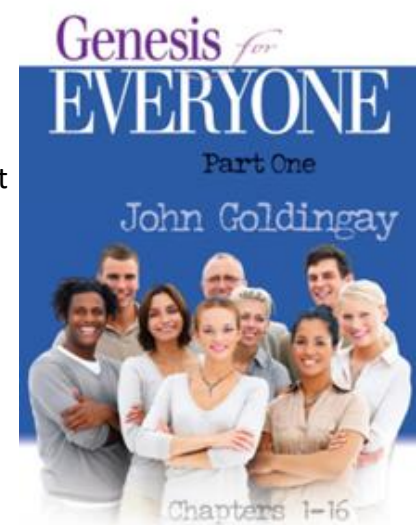
Bible Study—New Series: Genesis for Everyone

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, Room 201 – beginning October 2

Join **The Rev. Don Elly**, parish associate, as he begins the next bible study focusing on the book of Genesis, beginning **October 2**, at **10:00 AM** in **Room 201**. The Bible Study class will take a break this week, September 25, and resume classes next week with an exciting new series.

John Goldingay, an internationally respected Old Testament scholar, authors this ambitious series, treating every passage of Scripture from Genesis to Malachi, addressing the texts in such a way that even the most challenging passages are explained simply and concisely. The book of Genesis is a lively read featuring familiar biblical tales such as the creation of the world, Adam and Eve and the forbidden fruit, Noah and the flood, Abraham and Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, the Tower of Babel, and Sodom and Gomorrah. While readers may know the *facts* of these stories, Goldingay's work will instill in them a deeper understanding of their spiritual and theological significance.

Books are provided and classes will be available via Zoom.



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Pedalin' Presbyterians— The Best Ride by a Dam Site

*Sunday, October 6
4:30 PM, River Place
at Hickman Road*

Pedalin' Presbyterians plan to take on a potentially challenging route when we ride to Saylorville Dam. The activity takes place **Sunday, October 6.** We'll gather at 4:30 at River Place on Hickman Road. The route crosses the Des Moines River and then joins the Neal Smith Trail north to the Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center (water fountain and bike tools) and the dam. We'll return eight miles to our start. A rough section of the trail by Route 80 has been considerably improved. Note that the hill by the dam is rather steep and twisty. It's perfectly acceptable to skip the hill and see the dam from below. Afterwards, riders are invited to All Pho You (4120 University) or another restaurant to refresh and replenish.

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Sunday, September 29

- 9:00 AM The Making of Biblical Womanhood (Room 201)
- 10:15 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Sunday School—K through 5th Grade (Room 102)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 3:00 PM Stewardship Fall Festival (Klug-Tavernier Party Barn)
- 5:30 PM 19947 E Panther Creek Rd, Adel IA 50003)

Monday, September 30

Tuesday, October 1

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 101)
- 6:00 PM Christian Education Committee (Room 201)

Wednesday, October 2

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 201)
- 4:15 PM Worship Committee (Room 201)
- 5:00 PM Morgen Bells Rehearsal (Room 208)
- 5:15 PM Central Kids & Youth Group arrival (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM Children's Chorus rehearsal (Room 4)
- 6:30 PM RingTones rehearsal (Room 208)
- 6:30 PM Knitting into the Mystery (Room 112)
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Cownie Chapel)

Thursday, October 3

Friday, October 4

- 11:00 AM Centering Prayer (Cownie Chapel)
- 12:00 PM Office Closes

Saturday, October 5

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