

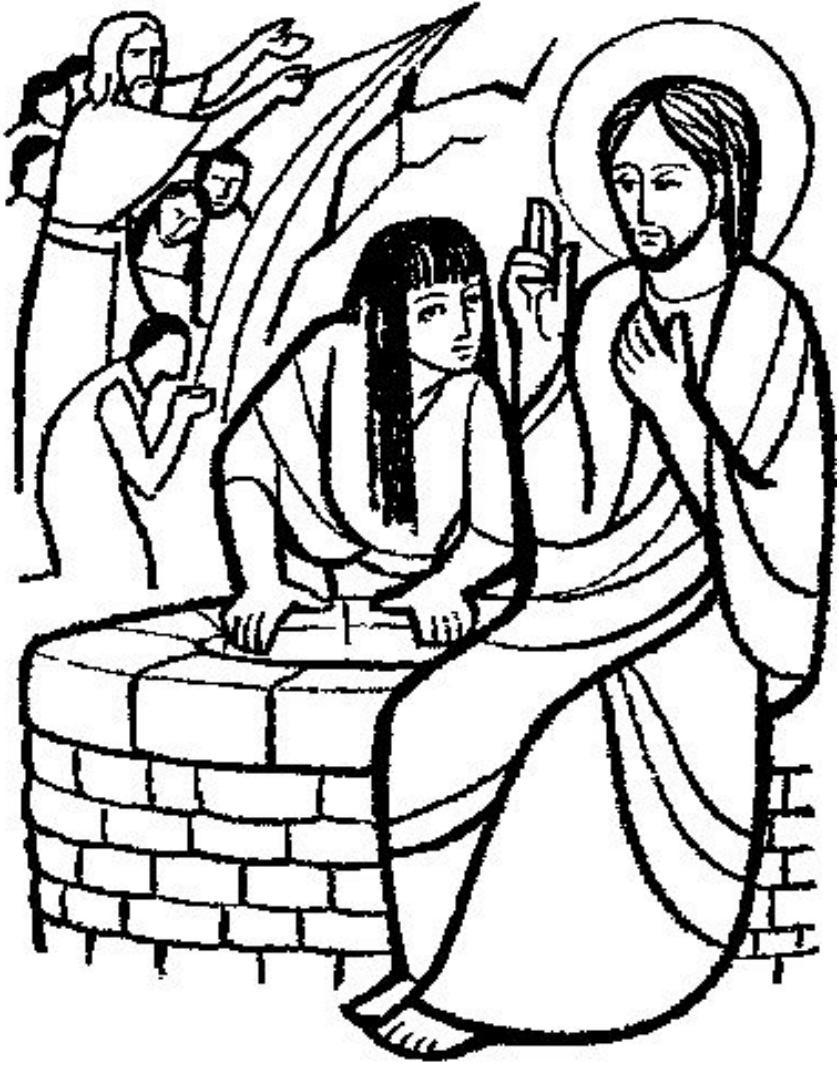
# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**10:30 am**

\* = Please stand as able

## **GATHERING**

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Prelude ***The Southeast of Saline  
Tour Choir***

Welcome &  
Announcements *Pastor David Haley*

\*Call to Worship *Cynthia Barron, Leader*

God, meet us at the wells  
**where we are lonely  
where we are forgotten  
where we are hurt by others  
and give us to drink  
of the grace that gives life again**

God, speak to us in the places  
**where sinners gather  
where prejudices are made known  
where our histories are broadcast  
and give us to drink of the  
acceptance that brings peace again**

God, renew all that we are and have been  
**fill us with a new future  
inspire us with re-creation  
pull us into resurrection  
and give us to drink of the Water  
of Life that brings hope again.**

*(Roddy Hamilton, Mucky Paws, slightly revised)*

\*Hymn ***All My Days***  
*Laurie Zelman & Mark Miller*

Opening Prayer

**God of grace and truth, we come to your house today to worship you. We bring all of ourselves to you, the good, the bad, and the ugly. We entrust our hidden, fearful, and fragile selves to your transforming power and loving care. Thank you for the many ways your Spirit breaks into our lives and into this troubled world. We offer this prayer in the name of the One whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

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Old Testament	<b>Exodus 17: 1 - 7</b> <i>Cynthia Barron, Reader</i>
Psalm	<b>Psalm 95</b> <i>The Grail Version</i>
*Gospel	<b>John 4: 5 - 42</b> <i>The Message, by Eugene H. Peterson</i>
*Hymn	<b>Jesus Met the Woman</b>
Message	<b>The Woman at the Well; To be Known is to be Loved</b> <i>Pastor David L. Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<b>The Southeast of Saline Tour Choir</b>

## TABLE

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*The Peace	
Great Thanksgiving	
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup	<i>(please come forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup)</i>

## SENDING FORTH

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*Hymn 572	<b>Pass It On</b>
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Music	<b>The Southeast of Saline Tour Choir</b>

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives*

## WELCOME

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If you are a guest at Central today, we welcome you!

Here's some helpful things to know:

- **RESTROOMS** are downstairs. There is also an accessible restroom just outside the sanctuary, to the left.
- The words to the hymns, the Scripture readings, and the responses may be followed on the screen. Please silence all **CELL PHONES** before the service.
- At the time of the **OFFERING**, we realize not every one carries cash or checks; to donate electronically go to [www.skokiecentralumc.org/donate.html](http://www.skokiecentralumc.org/donate.html)
- Today as we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION**, you need not be United Methodist or a member of Central to participate; all who accept Christ's invitation to his table – of every age – are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to go forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup.

## THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

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Today is the **THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**, the 40-day period of preparation before **EASTER**, April 16<sup>th</sup>. During Lent, Pastor Haley's sermons focus on some of our favorite encounters of Jesus:

- March 19 - Jesus & the Woman at the Well (John 4: 5 - 42)
- March 26 - Jesus & the Man Born Blind (John 9: 1 - 41)
- April 2 - Jesus & the Raising of Lazarus (John 11: 1 - 45)
- April 9 - Palm/Passion Sunday (entrance to Holy Week)
- April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service
- April 14 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross
- April 16 - **EASTER**

## WELCOME: THE SOUTHEAST OF SALINE TOUR CHOIR & BAND

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We welcome the 30-member **SOUTHEAST OF SALINE TOUR CHOIR AND BAND** from Gypsum, Kansas. The choir consists of students from three different Southeast of Saline High School Choirs. Each singer is a voluntary member who loves to perform and is eager to travel and share their joy of music. In addition to attending worship, they will sing in the service, and afterwards join us for Fellowship, where we will host their lunch.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the **BARRON FAMILY** in celebration of **CINDY'S** birthday. The purple **ALTAR CLOTH** is given by **PASTOR DAVID & MICHELE**. Please note that next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, remains open, if you would like to provide altar flowers for that day.

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## FELLOWSHIP

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Following worship, today's Fellowship is co-hosted by **MERIAM RAMIREZ** in celebration of **ANDREW's** birthday and **CENTRAL CHURCH** to honor the members of the **SOUTHEAST OF SALINE TOUR CHOIR AND BAND**.

## EASTER LILIES

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It's time to think about **EASTER LILIES!** Order forms are available today from the ushers. The deadline for ordering is next **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. The cost per lily is \$9.

## LIVING COLOR FLOWERS

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Again this year we are raising money for Central's gardens and buildings by selling flowers and vegetables. Order forms are available each Sunday, and will be due **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The plants will be delivered to the church in early May, around Mother's Day, weather permitting.

To order, or ask questions, see Karen Buccola in Fellowship Hall after worship, email her at [klbuccola@aol.com](mailto:klbuccola@aol.com), phone 312-343-4139, or call the church office. Please share the order form with neighbors and co-workers. For those who don't garden, consider a donation towards our church gardens. Thank you!

## MEN'S DINNER AND MOVIE

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The next **MEN'S DINNER & MOVIE** will be next **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm** in the Log Cabin. The menu will be lamb kebab, falafel, rice, pita bread, salad and dessert. The movie is "Hacksaw Ridge." Please contact Gerhard Mels if you plan to attend at [gerhardmels@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gerhardmels@sbcglobal.net) or 224-766-6738.

## ELEVATOR REPAIR

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The elevator repair is underway; the old cylinder has been removed. The next critical step will be determining whether the surrounding soil has collapsed into the hole; according to Colley, the company doing the repair, there is about a 50/50 chance this could happen. If not, the repair will proceed as scheduled; if so, it will be a major complication. Fingers crossed and prayers offered!

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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March 21 - Dorothy Harrold  
23 - Paul Brennan, Marco Stegich  
25 - Kathy McCabe, Scott Wolff-Klammer

## **CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School

& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Fellowship to follow

4 pm - Confirmation Class 3

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

6 pm - Chimes for Christ (FH)

7:30 pm - Confirmation Class 4

**Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10 am - Prayer Shawl

Ministry

7 pm - Choir Practice

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

5 pm - Men's Dinner & Movie

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School

& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Fellowship to follow

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*To add/remove someone from the Prayer List,  
contact the church office*

***Hospitals, Rehab, Assisted***

***Living & Extended Care:***

Edith Bass

Carmen Ewing

Brian Gut

Leone O'Roark

Harriet Tiahnybik

Steve Winker

***At Home:***

Greg Arauco

Janet Casey

Lola Hessing

Carla Johnson

Russ Nelson

Wilma Odlivak

Eutopio Zamora

## **LEADERS**

Pastor.....***David L. Haley***

Today's Reader.....***Cynthia Barron***

Choir Director/Accompanist.....***Millete Silverio***

Song Leader.....***Julianne Arvizu***

Office Staff.....***Doris Bloom***

***Pam Castaneda***

Nursery Attendant.....***Ellen Mittman***

Lay Leader.....***Cynthia Barron***

Fellowship.....***Meriam Ramirez***

***and Central Church***

Ministers.....***The People of the Congregation***

## **MEMORIAL WINDOW**

**Message:**

**Christ Lives Today!**

***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,  
today and forever***