

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 3rd, 2017

8:30 & 10:30 am

Labor Day Weekend

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Folk Melody from India

arr. Heather Sorenson

Millete Silverio

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Jeanne Parker, Leader

Even when we encounter folks who
are mean, dishonest, hateful,

**we are called to respond with
love which is true and sincere.**

God calls us to love all people as if
they were our sisters and brothers,

**for God seeks to weave us into one
family, tearing down the barriers
between us.**

No matter how weary we become from our
loneliness, our struggles, our service,

**God challenges us to be patient, to
rejoice, and to never stop praying.**

Why should we do all these things?

**Because we are God's people,
called to lives which are different,
and which make a difference!**

(Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)

*Hymn 159

Lift High the Cross

Opening Prayer

**Holy God, in these days when both the voices
of hate and the cries of those in need ring loudly in
our ears, we are tempted to feel overwhelmed and
to despair. Help us to hear your encouraging word
to us today, to "let love be genuine; hate what is
evil, and hold fast to what is good." Grant this, by
your Spirit's power within us, we pray. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading	Romans 12: 9 - 21 <i>Jeanne Parker, Reader</i>
Psalm	Psalm 105: 1 - 6, 23 - 26, 45c
*Gospel	Matthew 16: 21 - 28
*Hymn 415	Take Up Thy Cross
Message	What Does It Mean To Walk The Way of the Cross? <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	The Power of Your Love <i>Words & Music by Geoff Bullock</i> <i>Choral Setting by Jane Holstein</i> <i>The Soco Family & Friends</i> <i>Millete Silverio, piano</i>

TABLE

*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>
Prayer After Communion	

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 2129 TFWS	I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	Go Down, Moses <i>Traditional Spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes</i>

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WELCOME!

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
- Today as we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION**, you need not be United Methodist or a member of Central to participate; everyone of every age who accepts Christ's invitation to his table are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to go forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **PHOEBE VILLANUEVA** in memory of loved ones.

THANK YOU

Today, Sunday, September 3rd, was the final 8:30 am service in the Log Cabin for the summer. Given that summer is a time we are all coming and going, thank you for your faithfulness in attending both services. **RE-GATHERING SUNDAY**, when we return to the fall schedule with one service at 10:30 am, and Sunday School and Choir return, will be next Sunday, September 10th, celebrated by an all-church potluck after worship (see below).

CHANCEL CHOIR

Central's **CHANCEL CHOIR** will begin the fall season next Sunday, September 10th. Rehearsals are held Thursdays at 7 pm and Sundays at 8:45 am. The first rehearsal will be this Thursday, September 7th. New voices are always welcome. Please consider sharing your musical talents in worship!

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REGATHERING POTLUCK

Our annual "regathering" **POTLUCK** will be next **Sunday, September 10th** in Fellowship Hall after worship. Meat, plates, utensils and drinks will be provided; please bring a dish to share. (If you don't cook, consider a donation). If you can help with set up or clean up, let **Mae Williams** know at **847-676-0798** or **hhldmaster@aol.com**. You can also call the office at **847-673-1311**. Regular after-church fellowship will resume **Sunday, September 17th**. Volunteers are needed to host fellowship time. A sign-up sheet will be available on the Bulletin Board outside the kitchen in Fellowship Hall.

FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to everyone who brought food donations today for the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items may be left in the vestibule by the shopping cart.

HURRICANE HARVEY: 5 THINGS YOU CAN DO

(1) Pray for those whose lives have been impacted by Harvey. Also pray for Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief. **(2)** Make relief kits. Download the packing list and shipping label at umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies. **(3)** Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts: U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670 at umcor.org/donate. (To donate through Central, make your check payable to Central UMC, with "**HARVEY**" on the notation line). **(4)** Donate only those items requested. (To keep relief supplies in stock, give to Material Resources Advance #901440 at umcor.org/donate.) **(5)** Please wait for an invitation to volunteer. The United Methodist Committee On Relief is grateful for your relentless prayers and support.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

September 7 - Wyatt Hicks

September 10 - Eric Shine

To add a name to the birthday list, contact the office at (847) 673-1311 or central_church@skokiecentralumc.org.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3rd

Labor Day Weekend

Food Pantry Sunday

8:30 am - **Worship** (LC)

10:30 am - **Worship** (S)

Wednesday, September 6th

7 pm - Boy Scouts (LC)

Thursday, September 7th

7 pm - Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, September 10th

Regathering Sunday

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

Harriet Tiahnybik

Steve Winker

At Home:

Janet Casey

Lola Hessing

Russ Nelson

Wilma Odlivak

Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

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

Today's Reader.....**Jeanne Parker**

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

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

Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**

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

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

Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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