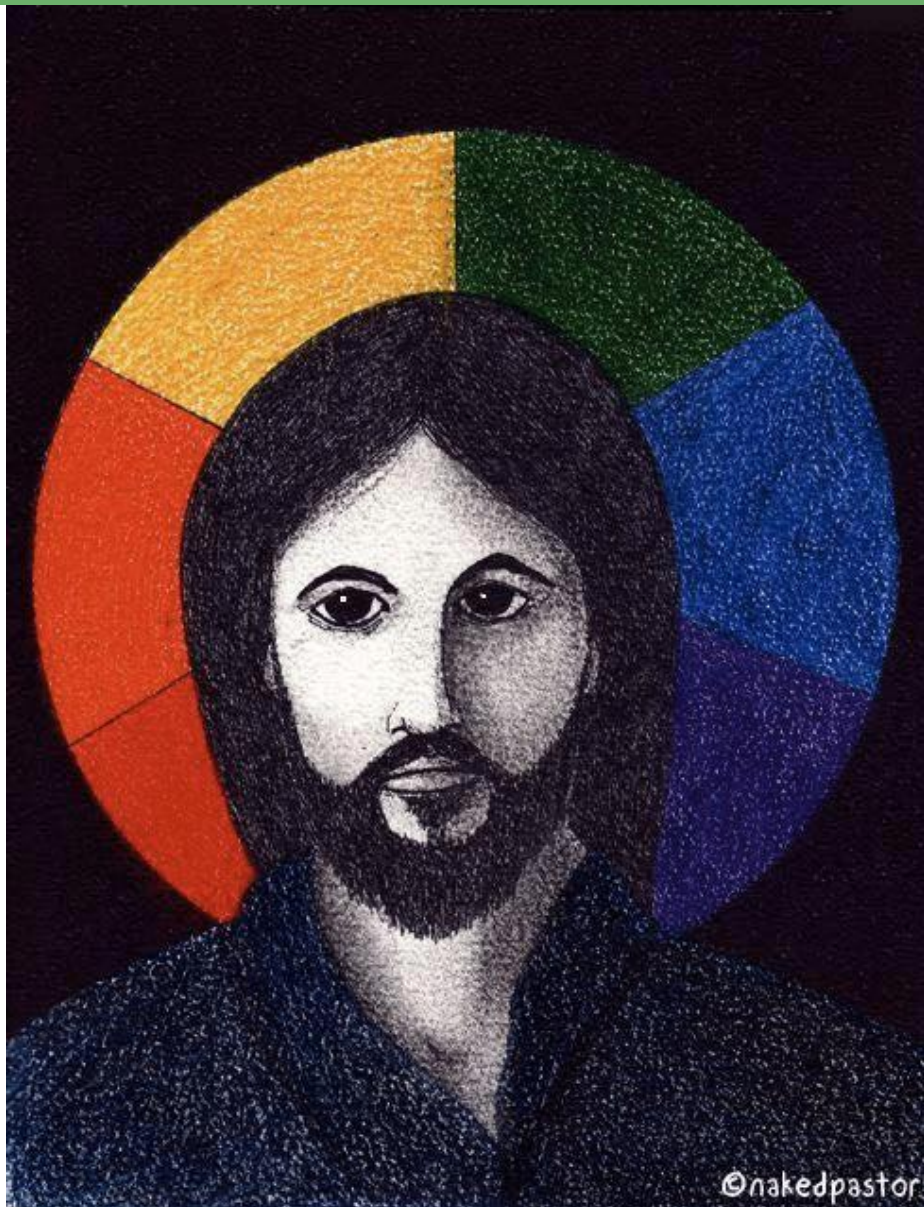


Central United
Methodist Church
June 7, 2026



Lectionary readings for
2nd Sunday of Pentecost
June 7, 2026

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 33:1-12

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even upon the menservants and maidservants in those days, I will pour out my spirit.” Joel 2:28-29

Not just kings and priests. Not just people of high rank, pedigree, and education. Not just men. God promised spiritual empowerment and freedom regardless of gender, status, and age. For Christians, the events of Pentecost fulfil Joel’s prophecy. A new age opened up where all people could access divine insight.

At Central UMC every month is Pride Month. We honor that our faith journey is blessed by queer leaders, family and friends. Queer friends and family are safe here as we learn and grow together. Pride is the texture of our faith community.

I’m thankful that we have June as a powerful reminder of people who sacrificed and fought to make our culture more loving and just. We learn that our collective salvation is caught up together as we continue to struggle for rights of LGBTQ teens, incarcerated persons, houseless, and poor. This is good news for those who use their power to oppress, too. It is a promise of liberation from paths of domination and dehumanization.

Micah Bazant coined the phrase, "No Pride For Some of Us Without Liberation For All of Us." This is at the heart of the term Collective Liberation. We all deserve freedom and flourishing.

Thankfully, God’s vision comes to us in times of struggle. God’s dreams are vivified during conflict and destruction. We discern that resources can be redistributed. Repentance and repair can be the new normal instead of the grudging outlier.

I pray that as we seek justice and peace, the power of God’s love ripples outwards in waves of grace and solidarity. God’s Holy Spirit teaches us that we are interconnected. “All life is entangled, inseparable, permeable, eternally woven together. It rejects individualism. Celebrates collaboration. And acknowledges the difficulty of the fact that we need each other.” (enfleshed)

Jesus began the spiritual labor of salvation generations ago. The work is still ours to do as the kin-dom of God continues to break in. God bless us with persistence until everyone is free from violence, exploitation, and has access to necessary resources.

Trust Jesus' Blessings and the outpouring of the Spirit's power,

Pastor Biel



**Wild
Church Service** ✨

Let's come to worship God outdoors!

Every
Sunday

9:15 AM
Till
9:45 AM

June - August

Northside Of Education Building
Bring Your Own Chairs!

Central United Methodist Church
8237 Kenton Ave, Skokie, IL 60076

The poster features a teal background with a yellow sun with a face on the left and a yellow spiral on the right. The text is in white and yellow.

Worship Service

Join us on **June 7, 2026 - 2nd Sunday After Pentecost** in the Sanctuary for our in-person service. We celebrate the **Lord's communion every Sunday and we invite all to take part regardless of membership.**

The worship service is available on Zoom at 10:30 am. Please email or click this link: centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org to request the Zoom Link information.

Bible Study



Join us for Bible Study from **9 am to 9:45 am** - Sunday morning via Zoom.

If you would like to be on the Zoom list for the Bible Study Class, please email the church office:

centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org.com



Donate



We appreciate all the financial support that has been received to support the church and missions. You can now give your financial support to Central in many ways.

CASH and CHECKS– Cash and check donations can be placed in the offering box at our church services. Checks can be mailed to the church.

VENMO – Using the VENMO app, pay by credit card. Enter Central Church's Venmo email: centralchurchgiving@gmail.com.

ONE TIME DONATIONS OR SET UP RECURRING DONATIONS BY CREDIT CARD OR BANK TRANSFER USING THESE OPTIONS:

ONLINE GIVING – go to <https://onrealm.org/skokiecentralumc/give/now> ; or use the QR Code.

TEXT TO GIVE – Using our secure online giving platform, TEXT to 73256 and send the message GIVECHURCH. A response will appear with a link to our online giving web page.

Altar Flowers



The altar flowers are provided by **Evelyn De Ocampo** in honor of **Alexis De Ocampo's Graduation**.

Fellowship



Join us after the church service for fellowship provided by **The De Ocampo Family**.

The following allergies and dietary restrictions within our congregation are known of: **corn, dairy, gluten, meat and onions**.

Looking Ahead

Readers, Flowers & Fellowship, Oh My!
We are always looking for Volunteers.
Please sign up, TODAY!

June 7

Reader: _____ Mary _____

Flowers: _____ Evelyn De Ocampo _____

Fellowship: **De Ocampo Family**

June 14

Reader: _____

Flowers: _____

Fellowship: _____ Tina + _____

June 21

Reader: _____ Ruth D. _____

Flowers: _____ Pam _____

Fellowship: _____

June 28

Reader: _____ Katy Washington _____

Flowers: _____ Mae _____

Fellowship: **POT LUCK**

Upcoming Events

Father's Day Sunday

June 21, 2026 | 10:30 AM Service

Pool Party @ Oakton Pool

July 12, 2026 | 12 PM - 2 PM

Picnic at Central

July 18, 2026 | 10 AM - 1 PM

Piyesta Pinoy

JUNE 13
11AM-8PM
Village of Bolingbrook Town
Center and Performing
Arts Center
875 W. Briarcliff Rd.

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Pool Party



Sunday July 12
12 PM - 2 PM
4715 Oakton St.
Skokie IL, 60076

**YOUR'E INVITED TO A
POOL PARTY**

SPONSORED BY CENTRAL UMC

Space is Limited
RSVP is needed

Everyone is welcome—bring your family, your friends, and your favorite beach towel. Whether you're looking to dive into the deep end or just lounge by the side and chat, we can't wait to spend the day together as a community.

The Skokie Water Playground is the larger of the two outdoor aquatic facilities at the Skokie Park District, next to the Oakton Community Center, at the corner of Skokie Blvd. and Oakton St.

Take a leisurely dip in our 14,000 square foot main pool with beach entry, play in our fully accessible splash pad, take a ride down one of our three big slides or take the challenge and stand beneath the big red bucket and get drenched by 300 gallons of water! Then take a break and visit our concession stand and have a cool drink or a frozen treat.

Features

- Concession stand
- Five Slides
- Fully-accessible Sprayground
- Interactive Multi-level Play Area
- Lap Lanes

**Must have your own:
Swimsuit, towel, cover up, sunscreen and hat.**

**25 Spots available
please email the church office if you're interested.**

Mission u 2026



Summer Mission u

Join the United Women in Faith of the Northern Illinois Conference this summer for inspiring teaching events open to all:

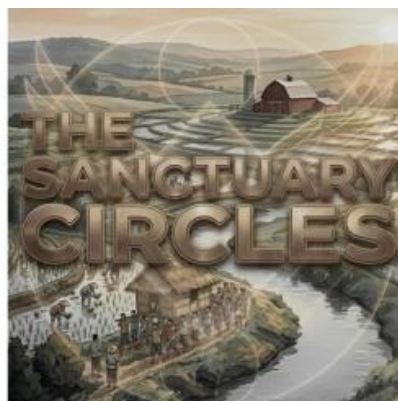
- July 10-12 – Weekend teaching at Stronghold Camp, Conference and Retreat Center, [1922 IL RT 2 North, Oregon](#)
- July 19 – Korean One-Day teaching at Woori UMC, [2403 Diehl Rd., Naperville](#)
- Aug. 8 - One-Day teaching Euclid Avenue UMC, [405 S. Euclid Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302](#)

Invite friends, family and neighbors. All Are Welcome!
Hosted by the United Women in Faith of the Northern Illinois Conference to learn more [click here](#).

CI In July

CHRISTMAS INSTITUTE in July

Organized by the
NIC Filipino American
United Methodists



CHRISTIAN RETREAT FOR YOUTH AGES 12 TO 25
Theme: Safe in God's Arms, Together in God's Heart

Sun., **July 19** to Tues., **July 21**

Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest, IL

\$50 per person covers lodging, meals, and activities

Registration is first-come, first-served until July 10.

This event is open to youth ages 12 to 25 across our conference and beyond.

While it is organized by the Filipino American group, all youth are welcome to attend regardless of background.

Questions?

General: **Gigi Mencias**
708-769-2238, gigimencias@gmail.com
Registration: **Marie Esguerra**
779-361-9462 (text only)

Sponsored by:



Register and find out more:
umcnic.org/calendar/youth-christmas-institute-2026

"He will cover you with his wings; you will be safe in his care; his faithfulness will protect and defend you." - Psalm 91:4

Host A Traveling Musician

Traveling Musician Seeking Housing / Host for 6 Nights (July 31 – Aug 5)

A traveling musician looking for a welcoming place to stay for a six-night stretch from **Friday, July 31st through Wednesday, August 5th.**

Ideally, they are looking for a quiet room or a guest house where they can rest and recharge.

- Dates: Checking in July 31, checking out August 5 (6 nights total).
- Space Needed: A private bedroom and access to a bathroom and kitchen.

If you have a spare room, an empty apartment or a guest suite available during these dates, please contact Alvaro at 847- 421- 4287.

Thanks so much for considering!

Tai-Chi Class



Weekly on Tuesday Log Cabin- 9 AM

Interested in learning Tai-Chi? Join our free class in the **Log Cabin, Tuesday mornings, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** Classes are taught by certified instructors, Jas and Jo Faber. This slow, meditative exercise is designed to improve energy, relaxation, balance and overall health.

To join our Tai- Chi online [click here](#).

Practice Tai Chi from your chair with this gentle 10-minute seated Tai Chi practice for balance and alignment. Relax the body through gentle movements - Tai Chi is a moving meditation. Guided by instructor Arlene Faulk, who shares: "Doing this chair tai chi practice every day for a year launched me on the road to walking again and good health."

To try chair Tai-Chi - [click here](#) - Arlene Faulk

If you're interested, please email the church office
at: centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org

Central Caring Crafters



3rd Thursday of the month
Next meeting is June 18.

10 AM Ed Bldg. Room 7

If you crochet, quilt, sew and have a heart for other crafts, gather with us to work, to learn how, or just come for the fellowship! Bring a bag lunch and stay for lunch and a treat. We hope to see you there!

If you're interested, please email the church office
at: centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org

Mini Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who brings food for our Mini Food Pantry. The Pantry needs filling every day. Please bring something on Sunday - even a couple of cans would be gratefully accepted.

Please do not bring any containers - empty jars, etc.

Below is a list of suggested items - because the Mini Food Pantry is outside, it's important to only contribute non-perishable items, such as:

- **Canned goods** with ring-pulls
- Hygiene products: toothpaste/toothbrush, deodorant, soap, menstrual products, etc.
- Tuna and crackers
- Spices; salt and pepper
- Cooking oil
- Sugar
- Tea and coffee



- Peanut Butter
- Kids' snacks
- Dish Soap
- Stove-top Stuffing
- Non-perishable foods
- Bottled water

Thank you for your support in helping others less fortunate.

If you have questions or suggestions, please email the church office at
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Prayer of the Week

Reaching and Touching

Give your weakness
to one who helps.
Crying out loud and
weeping are great resources.
A nursing mother, all she does
is wait to hear her child.
Just a little beginning-whimper,
and she's there.
God created the child,
that is, your wanting,
so that it might cry out,
so that milk might come.
Cry out! Don't be stolid and silent
with your pain. Lament!
And let the milk
of loving flow into you.

*-Rumi 1207-1273
translated by Colman Barks from
The Essential Rumi
excerpt from 'Cry Out in Your Weakness'*

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