

# Central United Methodist Church



## From Pastor Biel

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, January 15, 2023,  
the Second Sunday after the Epiphany.

Isaiah 49:1-7   Psalm 40:1-11   1 Corinthians 1:1-9   John 1:29-42

Beloveds,

As you may know, a substantial portion of giving to our ministries comes in at the Christmas Eve Services each year. I want you to be aware that taking safety measures to cancel the services at Christmas had a negative impact on our year-end income.

We finished the year around \$11,000 under budget.

If you are in a position to start the year off with a little extra generosity or if you had an amount you were going to give as a Christmas Offering, please take the time to make those offerings. Your gift will be most appreciated.

It is that time of year when Methodists frequently gather as a conference and as districts to worship, learn, pray and get to know each other more. I'd love for you to consider one of these timely, well-organized events that include trainings, an MLK Celebration, and meeting our new bishop.

I am so proud of the culture of care at Central Church. I believe people from other local congregations would benefit from hearing your witness of what's working at our church. Of course, there is much wisdom to gain from other laity and church professionals who attend.

Specifically, the Lake North District Leadership Training on January 28 features a workshop for churches our size, considering a leaner governing structure than the one laid out in the Book of Discipline. I'd love to have a sizeable number of us attend to hear what could be possible.

I plan to attend the following upcoming events and would love to see you there:

**Notes of Rest for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** at First UMC of Oak Park (324 N. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park) on **Sun., January 15 at 4:00 pm**. This event will highlight how rest can fuel and re-charge Dr. King's dream of the Beloved Community and the quest for justice.

**Lake North District Leadership Training**

January 28 at 8:30 am  
Kingswood UMC Buffalo Grove

**Laity Convocation**

"Thinking Outside the Church: Making Community Ministry Happen"  
February 11 at Barrington UMC at 9 am

**Bishop Day on Lake North District: Meet Dan Schwerin, our new Bishop**

February 13 at 7 pm at Glenview UMC

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## 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 by clicking on this link: [centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org).

## Worship Service

Join us this **Sunday, at 10:30 am** in the Sanctuary for our in-person service.

Masks and social distancing are required.  
Unfortunately, Fellowship has been cancelled until further notice.

The worship service is available on Zoom at 10:30 am. Please email your request to obtain the Zoom Link information.

## Altar Flowers



The altar flowers this Sunday are given by Mar Hadieras in celebration of her daughter, Emma's birthday.

## Nursery

The Nursery is now open and located next to the Women's Washroom on the south side of Fellowship Hall.



## Thank You!

Pastor Timothy Biel Jr. and his supporting staff thank everyone who donated to their Staff Christmas Gifts. Your generosity is very much appreciated. We are grateful to serve this congregation.

## Volunteer Food Repack Team



Central is registered to repack donated food at the Greater Chicago Food Depository for the following shift:

- Tomorrow, Saturday, January 14, from 8:30 am to 11:45 am.

Contact the church office, [centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org), or Jo Faber, [faber.jo@comcast.net](mailto:faber.jo@comcast.net), if you are interested in helping fight hunger in Cook County.

## Mini Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who brought food for our Mini Food Pantry. The Pantry needs filling every day, especially in the cold, snowy weather. 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 [centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org)

# 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](mailto: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&nbsp;>;

**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.

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