

**Central United
Methodist Church
May 12, 2024**



Lectionary readings for Seventh Sunday of Easter
Psalm 1, Acts 1:15-17, 21-26,
1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

“God Our Mother, we thank you for grounding your character in the tenderness, protection, and even sorrow of a mother. To know that no human experience - Mother or child - is far from you gives us permission to uncover the particularities of how we were made to love and be loved.”

- Cole Arthur Riley

Mother’s Day reminds us that we do not begin with ourselves. Our bodies, like our consciousness began long ago. We inhabit remnants of experiences that took place generations before we were born. Our bodies are made up of elements that have been recycled millions of times over in other life forms before they became our bodies. Our strength, our weakness, our sense of purpose, even our fears unite us across the ages to those who have gone before us.

This Mother’s Day we pray for moms. There is no one way to mother. Just as bringing up a child can instill wonder and hope, it’s also true that there is no way to avoid hurt and lament. Whether our mothers did a fabulous job or whether they were not well equipped for the task, it is still miraculous.

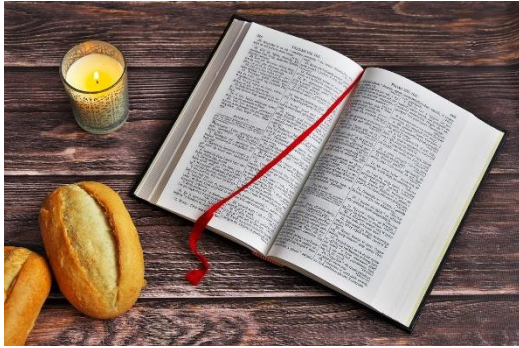
Thank you, God, for your mothering protection, compassion, and love. May we grow fierce in our ability to care for your children of all ages on this terrestrial ball.

Happy Mother’s Day!

-Pastor Biel



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.

Worship Service

Join us this **Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 10:30 am - Seventh Sunday of Easter** - in the Sanctuary for our in-person service. We celebrate the Lord's communion every Sunday and we invite all to partake regardless of membership.

The Worship service will also be available on **Zoom at 10:30 am**. Click on the link below to join.

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



May 12, 2024

Fellowship

There will be no Fellowship this Sunday after worship.

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

Looking Ahead In May

Sunday, May 12, 2024 (Mother's Day)

Reader: Ruby David

Flowers: _____ **Volunteer Needed** _____

Fellowship: _____ **Volunteer Needed** _____

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Reader: Jaime Arvizu

Flowers: Soco

Fellowship: Soco

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Reader: Sally Guerra

Flowers: Mary Wadleigh

Fellowship: POT-LUCK

Central Church Summer Retreat



Central Church Summer Retreat

Dates:

Friday-Sunday July 5-7

Arrive:

Friday Check In begins at 1:00 pm
(can accommodate earlier check ins)

Depart:

Sunday

Where?

Stronghold Camp Conference and Retreat Center
[1922 IL-2](#) N. Oregon, IL. 61061

Who?

The Summer Retreat is open to any members and friends of Central Church

Lodging?

Heritage Lodge or B.Y.O Tent
Heritage Lodge has multiple Air-Conditioned private rooms with either 2 Extra-long double beds or a queen and an extra-long single bed and a bathroom.

You are welcome to come in your R.V.

Cost? To Be Determined.

\$120 Deposit per family due June 5th

BYO Tent: \$35, Heritage Lodge: \$120/room per night,
R.V.: \$35 per night

What to Bring: Bug Spray, Water Bottle, Medications, Swimsuit and Towel, Sun Care/Protection (hat, glasses, Sunscreen)

[Click here](#) for registration forms.

Bishop's Appeal



The members of the Board of United Voices for Children (UVC) are grateful to be chosen this year as the Bishop's Appeal Recipient. This recognition invites the over 66,000 United Methodists in the Northern Illinois Conference (NIC) to support and advocate for our Methodist-affiliated child-serving agencies and our children in the NIC.

Since 1979, Northern Illinois congregations have provided more than \$1 million to support United Voices for Children's **affiliated agencies—Kids Above All, MYSI and Rosecrance**—through the Fifth Sunday Appeal. Congregations participate by inviting their members to give to a special offering on the fifth Sunday of any month (happens four times a year). Through this collaborative giving effort, United Methodist congregations of all sizes can make a real difference in the lives of at-risk children, youth and families.

United Voices for Children (UVC) is grateful to the 128 congregations in the Northern Illinois Conference who have participated in the Fifth Sunday Appeal (see list below). Contact **info@unitedvoicesforchildren.org** for more information on how your congregation can participate in the Fifth Sunday Appeal OR to order special offering envelopes at no charge. When ordering envelopes, indicate the quantity needed and the address for shipping.

Congregations send in gifts they receive for UVC to the Northern Illinois Conference Treasurer's Office along with other apportionment and benevolence funds. The Treasurer's Office deposits the 5th Sunday funds to UVC's account. Gifts designated for UVC can be indicated with a fund code of 778 or simply by writing "for United Voices for Children." To learn more **[click here](#)**.

Northern Illinois Annual Conference



June 16-18, 2024 Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center
185th Northern Illinois Annual Conference

"Bishop Dan Schwerin chose the theme from John Wesley's Covenant Prayer, which includes the promise that "I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal." Many Methodist and Wesleyan Christians renew this covenant at the beginning of the new year. (See more in the "From the Bishop" article from the Jan/Feb Reporter [here](#).)

"As we gather for the 185th Northern Illinois Conference Session, we come ready to yield to God's will as we offer our whole selves to the service of Christ through the work of the church," says Bishop Schwerin.

"For the new church that is emerging, more than 'a zipper merge' is needed; we all need to yield to God's newness," he says, alluding to the yielding needed in traffic..."

For registration and more details [Click here](#).

Mabuhay Luncheon

*Celebrate Asian Pacific
American Heritage!*



Mabuhay Luncheon



*mabuhay
fellowship*

friends



May 19 | 12:30-2 PM

Hear about the Asian American journey and pivotal moments in U.S. history.



Special Guest: Joy Pettigrew



Joy Pettigrew (she/her) is a movement builder, speaker, and community advocate. Originally from Hong Kong and a daughter of a Malaysian-Chinese mother who is a survivor of gender based violence, she seeks to uplift the stories of AAPI women and gender expansive individuals and to empower the AAPI community towards civic engagement.

✨ Dive into the history of anti-Asian sentiment in the U.S. over delicious Pan-Asian cuisine!

📍 Sign Up: Lobby after Sunday service or email info@chicagotemple.org

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Kids Above All Healthy Babies Drive



Sunday, May 12, 2024
Mother's Day

At Central we are **collecting diapers, wipes, baby gates, protective stove knobs, and baby bottles** and more for Kids Above All. Please drop off items at church or in the Ed building during office hours by Mother's day, May 12, 2024!

Office Hours:
Wednesdays: 9am-3pm
Fridays 9:30am-4pm

Kids Above All

"During that time, we will partner with individuals, as well as our community, corporate and faith partners, to provide essential health and safety items, like **diapers, wipes, baby gates, protective stove knobs, and baby bottles**, for the young kids and parents in our programs.

The donation location, as well as volunteer opportunities, for this year's drive is Kids Above All's Better Life Distribution Center, located at **1801 E. Oakton in Des Plaines, IL 60018.**

As in year's past, an **Amazon Wishlist** is available to make donating easy and convenient. Tap the button below to access the list.

Gift cards are also welcomed and greatly appreciated as they allow us to fill any gaps with specific needs."

To learn more **Click here.**

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

Feed My Starving Children



Saturday, May 25, 2024
740 Wiley Farm Court
Schaumburg, IL 60173
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Join our volunteer team from Central Church to help pack lifesaving meals.
If you're interested, please email the church office
at: **centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org** or call 847-673-1311.

"As a Christian nonprofit organization, Feed My Starving Children is called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit."

"You will hear us say this again and again: "We want to reach everyone, until ALL are fed." We truly mean this. This means reaching the hard-to-reach people and places, the "least of these." They will be found, and they will be fed. With God's help we will work together with organizations and ministries across the globe to end hunger..."

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Flower Orders



Truck Arrival - 1pm-4:30pm - Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Pick Up - 10am - 12pm, Wednesday, May 22, 2024

We need **volunteers** to help unload the truck and or to help out during Pick-Up day. If you're interested, please email the church office.

Spring & Summer Ministry - Wild Church-



At Central UMC, we're excited to announce a variety of engaging events happening throughout the Spring and Summer months. Whether you're seeking spiritual renewal, outdoor adventures, or friendly competition, there's something for everyone!

Sundays, Third Sundays of Month April-Aug 7:30 am-8:00 am
Yoga Breathwork Location: Parsonage Prayer Garden

Saturday, May 11, 11:00 am- 11:45 am
Garden Prayer Walk: (Limit 10) Location: Parsonage Prayer Garden

Saturday, May 18, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Boardgame Fellowship: (Limit 6) Location: Ed Building

Sunday, June 23 noon
Teen Mental Restoration Day Location: Ed Building

Saturday, July 13, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Christ on the Water Canoe Meetup: Location: Skokie Lagoons

Monday, July 15, 11:00 am - 11:45 am
Nature Walk: Location Emily Oaks

Monday, July 22, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 am
Pickleball Location: Oakton Park

Sunday, August 18, noon-1:00 pm
Kids on the Lawn Location: Concord Lane Church Lawn

We encourage you to register for these wonderful events!

Yes, registration is required.

[Click here](#) to register now!

Central Caring Crafters



Thursday, May 16, 2024
10 AM Ed Bldg. Room 7

The prayer shawl group is back as **Central Caring Crafters!** We are exploring the scope of our group to include quilting, sewing and other crafts that you have a heart for. Bring a bag lunch and stay for lunch together or just come to gather for exchange of patterns and ideas. We hope to see you there!

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

Cards Night



May 17 and June 21st
Ed Building, Room 8 6-9pm

Join us for classic card games like Rummy and Canasta! See **Kathy Tiffin** for more details.

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

Spring Line Dancing

Friday, May 24, 2024
Fellowship Hall 6 pm - 10 pm

Join us for a night of dancing!

"Line dancing is done individually. There are many different line dances and depending on the region or dance hall you're at the same line dances can also vary. Each line dance can be recognized by the name. For example, some commonly known line dances are: Tush Push, or the Watermelon Crawl. Line dancing can be better understood as a group of people dancing in a line or rows to a choreographed dance with repeated sequence of steps, while facing the same direction. Like two step, once you learn the basic steps, picking up the dance combinations becomes easier due to the repetition."

See **Tina De Ocampo** for more detail.

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



Spring Line Dancing

Friday, May 24, 2024

Led by Nancy Corbridge - 847 212 0237

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

Fellowship Hall - 6pm -10pm

\$20.00 Per Person

Tuesday Morning Meditation



Join us weekly on **Tuesday at 8:00 am** on Zoom.

Lectio divina is a traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer. It is a form of prayer that involves reading a passage of the Bible slowly and intentionally. The phrase "lectio divina" means "divine reading" in Latin.

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

Tai-Chi Classes



Interested in learning Tai-Chi? Join our free class in the **Ed. Building Room 9 on Tuesday mornings, 9:15 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.

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 centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org

Prayer of the Week

THINKING OF YOU



MOTHERS WHO
HAVE LOST
CHILDREN



THOSE WHO HAVE
LOST MOTHERS



THOSE WITH
STRAINED MOTHER
RELATIONSHIPS



MOTHERS WITH
STRAINED CHILD
RELATIONSHIPS



THOSE WHO HAVE
CHOSEN NOT TO BE
MOTHERS



THOSE YEARNING
TO BE MOTHERS

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