

# Central United Methodist Church



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Lectionary Readings for November 5, 2023  
Twenty-Third Sunday  
After Pentecost:

Joshua 3:7-17 Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12

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Beloved,

*“Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.” -Isaiah 55:2*

We talk so much about giving; using our gifts and sharing our gifts, but do we even know what our spiritual gifts are?

Every child of God is blessed with gifts from the Holy Spirit. I invite you to take this quick Spiritual Gifts Survey to uncover your gifts for serving God.

### [Spiritual Gifts Survey](#)

No one is without gifts, without purpose. After you take this survey, Pray! Lift up to God the gifts that are your strongest and listen for how you can offer them to God together with your church family. Giving is an act of gratitude. Giving is an act of worship.

If you want to discover ways that other United Methodists are using gifts like yours, our UMC YouTube channel has over 2,000 videos about your church in action. [UMC YouTube](#)

Each week we come to a table together. This table echoes an eternal table that overflows with good gifts. It stretches farther than the eye can see, or our minds comprehend. All are welcome at God’s table.

At God’s table no one goes hungry. No one sits alone. Everyone we have ever loved has a place. Those who have loved us find a meal of grace.

November begins with All Saints Day. We notice, in our daily lives, that there are empty chairs, there are people we love and miss, who will not be a part of upcoming holidays and celebrations. Together we grieve for those empty places. And we witness to our faith in Jesus that tells us that our separation is temporary. This Sunday we will name those who have gone on within the veil this year.

While we live, let us be faithful. Let us be generous with our gifts for the sake of the Gospel. Let us prayerfully consider a “Step Up” with the financial gifts we will make in 2024 with our Pledges on Sunday, December 3rd.

Trust Jesus’ Blessing,

*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](mailto:centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org).

## Worship Service

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

The worship service is available on Zoom at 10:30 am. Please email or click this link:

[centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org)

to request the Zoom Link information.

## Altar Flowers



The altar flowers this Sunday are given by Mar Haidari in honor of her mother Daisy Serrano.

# Fellowship

Join us for Fellowship after church this Sunday provided by the De Ocampo Family.

Starting in November we will have the last Sunday of each month as a potluck for Fellowship. There is a sign up sheet outside the kitchen for Fellowship from now until the middle of May 2024.

# All Saints Day

Sunday, November 5, 2023

On Sunday, we will be honoring those who have passed away this year, as well as those who have passed from years before.

# Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:30pm

The Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving, sponsored by the Niles Township Clergy Forum, has happened every year since it began at Temple Judea Mizpah in **1971**. Host sites have rotated between Jewish, Protestant, and Roman Catholic houses of worship. This year, the host is **Skokie Central United Methodist Church**.

The Worship service will also be available on **Zoom at 7:30 pm**.

**Volunteers** will be needed for set up and clean up. Please email the church office at: [centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org)

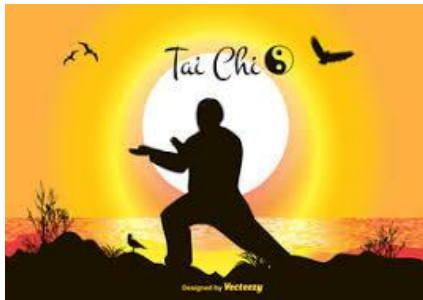
# Fall Back!

On Saturday, November 4, 2022 don't forget to set your clocks **back** one hour before you go to bed!

## Tuesday Morning Meditation

Join us weekly on Tuesday at 8:00 am on Zoom. If you have questions, please email the church office at: [centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org)

## Tai Chi Classes



Interested in learning Tai Chi? Join our free class in the Log Cabin 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.

# 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](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> ; 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.

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