

**Central United
Methodist Church
November 6, 2022**



From Pastor Biel

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, November 6, 2022,
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost.

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38

Remember to do your civic duty and vote. This Tuesday, November 8, is Election Day. If you are like me, you will enjoy a sense of relief when these mudslinging political ads have abated. Our political leaders take a lot of criticism for their work. But remember the gift our government gave us. At the end of the First World War, it was Congress that designated the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month to be Armistice Day (now called Veteran's Day).

The United States Congress declared that the date "should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through goodwill and mutual understanding between nations."

Those sound like solid practices to me!

A Day of Thanksgiving: The Salt Project writes, "Offer gratitude for the veterans, both living and dead; for the service of caregivers - doctors and nurses and chaplains, mental health professionals, spouses, friends and loved ones - who walk with veterans through the ravages of war, even after the bullets and bombs and missiles stopped flying; and for the days of peace that come at long last."

A Day of Prayer for Peace: For people of all faiths to remember the laying down of weapons at the end of the First World War, aka The Great War, aka The War to End All War, and invite into our lives and hearts a posture of peacefulness so that the tendency to go to war decreases.

A Day of Exercises designed to perpetuate peace through goodwill and mutual understanding between nations: This summons challenges us to find ways to learn about other cultures of the world and peer through their worldview, to assume responsibility for educating ourselves about the conditions in which people live, and to rid ourselves of suspicion and hostility in our own community that enjoys so many different cultures living together.

A song that is worthy of the Armistice holiday, now called Veteran's Day, is "*Down By the Riverside*" which reminds us to lay down our sword and shield and study war no more. Perhaps if we live into the hope with which our ancestors sang this tune, we will have a more peaceful century than the last.

May the blessings of freedom not be taken for granted. Practice your faith. Cultivate gratitude and generosity. Pray for peace. And enjoy the many and varied people God's blessed you to spend a brief lifetime on this planet with.

Deep Blessings,

Pastor Biel

Stewardship Drive



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 >

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.

Sunday Morning 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.

Please note the new start time of the Bible Study - 9 am.

Worship Service

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

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

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW START TIME OF THE CHURCH SERVICE - 10:30 am.

Altar Flowers



The altar flowers this Sunday are given by Marides Haidari in celebration of her birthday.

The November/December Flower Chart is now available.

Paul Hoffman

A Celebration of Paul Hoffman's life will be held on **Saturday, November 5 at 10 am** in the Sanctuary. The service will also be available on Zoom. Please email the church office if you would like to access the Zoom link before 10 pm tonight. centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org.

Thank you!

The family of Ron Konior would like to thank everyone who loved Ron.

"We want to thank the staff and congregation from Central United Methodist Church for the outpouring of love and support since the passing of our dad, grandpa, and great grandpa, Ron Konior. We knew he was loved by his church family, and this was confirmed in recent days as we received so many cards, emails, phone calls, prayers, shared stories, and a well-attended visitation and funeral.

CUMC was a very important part of Ron's life. He loved helping with any maintenance needs, singing in the choir, videotaping events, attending the men's dinner and movie nights, and making sure the manger scene and crosses were displayed properly at Christmas and Easter. His regular visits to the church office to make copies or just to drop by to say hello were something he looked forward to. He really missed doing all of these things and seeing his church family when the pandemic shut everything down.

A special thank you to so many of you who sent him cards, called him on the phone, and visited him in person after he moved out of his house. He really appreciated those gestures, and it meant so much to him and our family during that difficult time of transition.

Thank you to Pastor Biel for helping us celebrate Ron's life through his words, stories, and scripture readings, to Millete for providing the beautiful music, and to everyone involved in preparing the church and altar for the service.

We will be forever grateful for the wonderful years that Ron, Ilene, and our family spent as part of the congregation at CUMC."

The family of Ron Konior-

Karen and Paul Speidel
Chris Konior
Katie, Luke, Andrew, and Lucy Merwin
Carly, Tom, and Ivy Bochula
Dan and Caroline Speidel

Santa in the Cabin

The trees are being decorated downtown, Christmas cards and lights are being sold in the stores, so you know our 13th Annual Santa in the Cabin Craft and Vendor Fair will soon be here - on **Saturday, December 10, from 10 am to 3 pm**. Save the Date. More details to follow.

Christmas Outreach Project



This year the Mission Committee is committed to helping two organizations. Each organization has a different need. One organization wishes to receive unwrapped presents valued at \$25. The other organization wishes to receive either gift cards or money. Read on for more information.

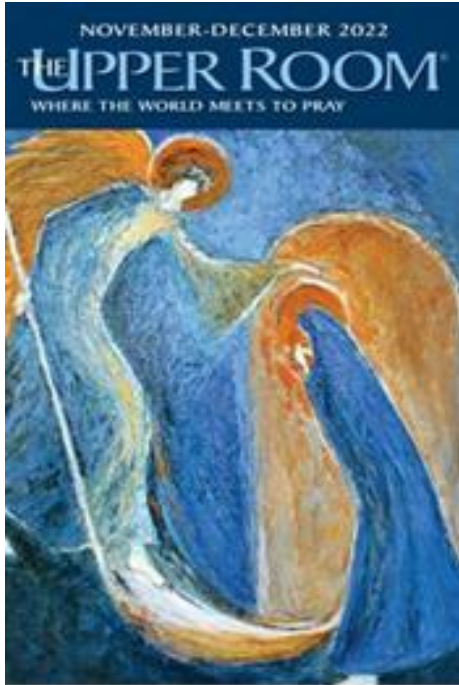
EMERGE Chicago Program, a subset within the Kids Above All Programs has nine children between the ages of 4 months and 6 years old. Each gift bag for each child should be valued in the \$50.00 area. [Two people or a family can team up to buy one gift.] There will be 18 tags for people to choose from so each child will receive two Christmas bags. "Christmas Mittens and Fire Truck" tags will be available for you to choose from this Sunday morning. These tags will have the child's details outlined, such as: gender, age and specific gift request. Each gift must be returned by November 27th.

Our local Niles Township Food Pantry is collecting money for gift cards. The money will buy gift cards and will be distributed to their established patrons (patrons for six months or more). These patrons will then be able to buy their own holiday presents. Please donate your money or general department store gift cards in the decorated envelopes labeled: NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY -- FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION.

Or, if you don't come into church, use the general giving QR code above; in the Fund box, click 'donations'; in the Memo box, type in NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY.

If you have any questions, please contact The Mission Committee. We are three people strong: Barb Smith, Jo Faber and Kathy Tiffin.

Upper Room



The November/December 2022 Upper Room is available in the Narthex.

Mini Food Pantry

We continue to need food for the Mini Food Pantry. This is an ongoing mission, so please keep on bringing non-perishable items to the office on Wednesdays between 9:30 am and 4 pm and on Friday mornings between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm. Or bring them to church on Sunday.

If everyone donated two items a week, it would keep the Pantry filled.

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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