



THE CENTRAL SENTRY

June 2019

Central United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Notes

I am hoping for a sunny June. As I write this in May, it seems that our spring was brief, and is over, and we've skipped straight to Fall. This is how I know: I have a small Japanese maple tree in a pot. Earlier this month, we moved our houseplants, including this one, outside to the patio—out of potential frost zones, but also out of the house. It's a yearly ritual, this moving-out. It signals spring to me, and probably to the plants, as well. I want them to embrace the sunlight and fresh air as I do when Spring finally rises.

It is May 13, and the Japanese maple's leaves are turning red. *It thinks it's Fall!* It certainly feels like Fall outdoors; gloomy and rainy, with no respite in the forecast. It may have changed by the time you read this, but the long range predictions aren't looking great.

But it's not all about my patio and the weather. I feel this way about the United Methodist Church these days. I feel like we had a chance at Spring—at newness and resurrection, and at shaking off the weight of rigid fundamentalism—but February's General Conference proved otherwise. Fall seems to have come, and winter must be on the way.

By the time you read this, the UMCNext meeting will have happened in Kansas, as well as a similar one in Minnesota—gatherings of persons committed to making sure the vibrant life of Methodism rises again. We cannot know the outcome; we can only hope and pray that the Holy Spirit will make a way. My heart is heavy about this, and I hope we can glimpse the light at the end of this struggle for a truly expansive, embracing Methodism—whatever it looks like.

I'm looking for sunshine wherever I can find it...hence my hope for a sunny June. May it be so, on our patios, in our church, in our hearts.

Still in One Peace,

Pastor Michelle

June Events

June 2 – Teacher Recognition

June 9 – Picnic

June 16 – Summer Service Begins

June 26 - Rumble Ponies Game

Summer Worship Schedule begins June 16

8:30 Café Lite in the Dining
Room

9:30 One Worship Service

Volunteer Spotlight

Central UMC is blessed with incredible volunteers! It may seem obvious to point it out, but our ministries here could not happen without the dozens of people who have stepped up and said, “yes” to the needs.

This month, we highlight the work of all the volunteers who make our Christian Education programs so wonderful. Faithful teachers and an exceptional Education Council spend many, many hours planning and implementing events, programs, and studies, and are seldom recognized as much as they deserve for their efforts. The focus on faith formation for all ages is strong here at Central, and it signifies the depth of commitment of this congregation to all its members.

If you happen to see one of these wonderful folks this month, offer them your thanks, or better yet, your thanks and your hands and hearts to help wherever it might be needed! You will be hearing soon about the backpack program and the Block Party—both of these things need a huge number of volunteers to make them successful.

Your Education Council:

Pat Hansen, Horace King, Deb Henderson, Suzette Marino, Nate Trost.

Your Teachers:

Amy Klock, Pat Hansen, Deb Barnum, Kelly Whitney, Nicole Derick, Kelly Devine, Maria Beach, Kevin Cristelli, Horace King, Mark Marino, Roger Richards, Pat Breneman

If you would like to help in some way, please contact Barb Parcels, our Christian Education Coordinator; she would love to talk with you!

Teacher Recognition Day Sunday, June 2

Teacher Recognition Day, Sunday June 2, 9:30 Sunday School Room. This is an opportunity for us to show our thanks and appreciation for the dedication of our Sunday School teachers, substitutes and helpers. The kids will be serving some goodies and showing their thanks as well. We invite everyone involved with our Sunday School, including the Adult Sunday School teachers to attend.



It's hard to believe that Sunday School year is coming to an end already. What a year it has been! Of course, none of it would be possible without the dedication and support of our wonderful Sunday School teachers, substitutes and helpers, from those that teach our smallest member, to adult Sunday School as well – we are, after all, eternal students of the world.

To show our thanks and appreciation, we will be hosting a Teacher Recognition Day on Sunday, June 2, at 9:30am, during our last regular Sunday School time for the year. We will be meeting upstairs in the children's Sunday School room where some light refreshments will be served by the kids. There will also be a few surprises for the teachers as well. We invite all of you that have participated in any way to join us.

In other news, we will be holding our Block Party and our Back Pack Pickup on the same day this year which is Sunday, August 25. The Blessing of Backpacks will occur during the service at 9:30. The Block Party itself will start at 11am and run to 3pm. At 2pm we will begin giving out the backpacks downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets to receive backpacks and school supplies will be available in the office at a date to be announced. We are making this program available to Union-Endicott School District students only this year with certain exceptions for children who attend our Sunday School from outside the district. More information will be forthcoming in subsequent newsletters and bulletins. As always, we will be needing volunteers for both events. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Visitor Center in the coming weeks.

Speaking of backpacks, it's never too early to start picking up those needed supplies like paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, folders and rulers. A list will be made available shortly and posted outside the office, as well as a box in which to place your donations. We will be contacting the schools to get their supply list just to be sure we don't miss anything.

Nursery Update: The target date for moving the nursery upstairs to its new, bright and sunny home is June 16th. The rugs are in, the walls painted, and the space is just waiting for some last minute additions. We hope you will take the time to check it out and let us know what you think!

Finally, before we start our summer vacations and travels, we wanted to let you know that we will be holding a short get-together with the teachers and members of the Education Council sometime in June at a date to be announced, most likely on a Sunday after service. We would like to take this opportunity to check in with everyone and find out what worked this year, what didn't, where they see the need to change, and what their hopes are for the new Sunday School Year. We want to support our teachers in any way we can and make sure they have everything they need to succeed! We will also be sharing some new materials we found that will not only go along nicely with the regular curriculum, but speak to the needs of our kids once they walk out our doors and into the world around them. We think you'll like them. We will be offering brunch to feed our bodies as well as our minds!

On a personal note, I'd like to thank everyone with has been so gracious and welcoming as I pick up the reins of the Education Department here at Central. You have all been so loving and helpful, and could not do it without you! Until July, peace and blessings! Barb Parcels

Scholarship Awarded
2019 Central MLK
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Central's 2019 scholarship in memory of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has been awarded to Madison Obusek, a 2019 graduate of Union-Endicott High School, and an active participant in the life of Central UMC.



Mission Update

Thank you to everyone who helped make these projects a success:
UMCOR Special Sunday--Collected over \$1,200!
UMCOR Hygiene Kits--54 kits were put together!

So far, contributions for 37 blankets have been collected and more are still coming in!!

June 16--Be a Partner in the Heavy Lifting? Instead of a tie or barbeque apron for the special men (grandfather, father, uncle, brother, son or friend) in your life, give a monetary contribution towards the purchase of tools for those in need. Suggested donation is \$10 but any amount would be appreciated. Checks can be made out to Central UMC and placed in the special envelopes provided. There are donation cards available to let your man know about this gift. This runs for the month of June. Thank you for caring!

June 26—2 Cents a Meal collection supports the Shepherd's Supper community meal held on Thursday evenings at 5:00. All are welcome to come and enjoy!

Clothing Center is in need of feminine products, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Place in the room by the ramp entrance.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN THE CLOTHING CENTER and SHEPHERD'S SUPPER. More hands make lighter work.

Call Maggie Hungerford for any questions, comments or if you have the desire to serve. 785-9899.

Hospital:
Janet Bouten



Sympathy extended to:
Family & friends of Rev Guy Burt
Jennifer Small on the death of her son, Max
(Skip & Lavon Hausamann's grandson)

Thank you!
For the many warm words of condolence at the loss of our grandson, Max. Your kindness has been very comforting during this difficult time. Bless you all.
Skip & LaVon Hausamann and Family

Thank You!
Thank you to our Central family for the cards sent, to us and your generous donations sent in memory of our daughter/sister Stephanie Fisher to Central. Your kindness is beyond words and we are so grateful to you all! Lynn Heckathorn & Family

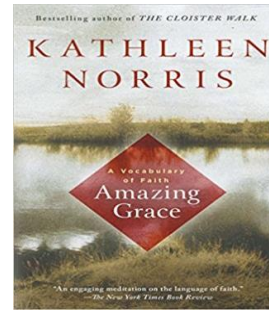


Reverend Bradley Havens served at Central from 1963 to 1970. He will be celebrating his 100th birthday on June 4th. Those wishing to extend birthday wishes may send card to: 1616 W. Glendale Ave Apt 380, Phoenix, AZ 85021.

Calling Graduates



Is a member of your family graduating from high school or college? We will be honoring graduates on June 16 during the 9:30am service. Please email or call the church office (754-6060) so we can honor your graduate!



Book Study June & July

Monday Night Book Study 7:30 pm

Pastor Michelle is leading the following book studies at California Grill restaurant on Vestal Parkway. The books are available from Amazon. Come and try it out sometime as your schedule allows. Some come early and eat supper, some eat as we talk, some just talk, and some just listen.

- Amazing Grace by Norris
Current – July 29 (13 weeks)
- A People's History of Christianity by Diana Bass
August 5-October 7 (9 weeks)
- Anam Cara, a Book of Celtic Wisdom
by John O'Donohue
October 14-November 18 (6 weeks)

Wesley Class Breakfast Thursday, June 13, 8:30 am

The Wesley Class will meet for breakfast on Thursday, June 13 at 8:30am at the Blue Dolphin. Please call Carole James 757-2629 by Tuesday the 11th for reservations.



Men's Group

There will be no UM Men's group meeting in June. The June event is to support the United Methodist Night at the Rumble Ponies on June 26. There may be opportunities to help out with work activities around the church during June and throughout the summer. These will be announced as they occur.

Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle Tuesday, June 18 at 6 pm for dinner place TBD
Contact: Martha Petrush, 754-7494

Grace Circle Wednesday, June 19 time and place TBD
Contact: Pauline Witt, 748-4142

Sarah Circle Tuesday, June 18 at noon in the church dining room. Please bring a bag lunch.
Contact: Carole James, 757-2629

UMW Garden Tour – Canceled for this year

Mission U – July 12-24 Cazenovia College, NY

United Methodist Women sponsor Mission U as a learning opportunity for women, men and children. Two adult classes will be offered this summer. The cost is \$200 and includes meals from Friday night through Sunday lunch. For more details, including full course descriptions, visit the UNY Missionu website: www.unymissionu.org

Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark & Radical Discipleship
Study Leader: Cynthia VanAllen

“What About Our Money?”: A Faith Response
Study Leader: Leeda Marsh



CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH

This is the 50th anniversary of the uprising at the Stonewall Inn in NYC, the place where PRIDE began. It is an important time to reflect on the past struggles and look forward to a better future.

Local activities taking place in the Binghamton area:

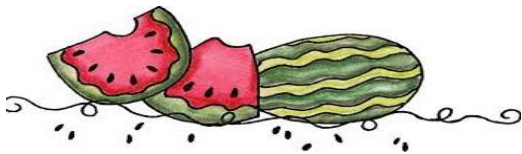
- ◇ June 1 – Raising the Rainbow Flag at noon at Binghamton City Hall
- ◇ June 8 -- Pride Palooza – along the water front between Peacemaker Stage and MLK Memorial 2-10 pm
- ◇ June 12 – People of Blessing Service at 7 pm, Christ Episcopal Church, 10 Henry Street, Binghamton
- ◇ June 30 – NYC Pride Bus Trip – leave BGM at 7 am, return at 9 pm

For more information on any of the events, visit – binghamtonpride.org

Thank you Central! Our “Rainbow Bucket” collection yielded \$334.56. Reconciling Ministries Network will be pleased receive this donation to further their work towards equality and justice for our LGBTQIA brothers and sisters.

Church Picnic at Glendale Park Sunday, June 9

The 11:00 Worship will be at Glendale Park in Pavilion One on June 9, followed by the Picnic. Art Felton will be cooking chicken for the picnic; it can be purchased for \$6.00 for 1/2 chicken and \$3.00 for 1/4 chicken. Please let the church office know if you wish to place an order for chicken or fill out the form in the bulletin. Reminder to bring lawn chairs to sit on for the Worship Service, a dish to share and your place settings. Drinks will be provided. The 8:30 Worship service will be held in the sanctuary as usual on June 10th.



Café Lite – Summer

Summer is here and it's time to get our summer schedule going here at Central. Café Lite will begin Sunday, June 16th and end on Labor Day weekend – Sunday, September 1st. Reminder there is only one service at 9:30am during the summer months. Café Lite means light foods, such as baked goods, fruit and coffee – pizza will return in September. We are in need of volunteers to host and/or bake for these weeks during the summer. Please take a look at the schedule located in the Welcome Center to sign up to help. Remember, it's LITE and very easy to prep and clean up. Thank you.

Take Me out to the Rumble Ponies! Wednesday, June 26 United Methodist Night at NYSEG Stadium



It's time for the annual United Methodist night at the Binghamton Rumble Ponies. Call the church office for tickets which cost \$9 adult / \$6 child. Come join with your church family and other United Methodists in cheering on the Rumble Ponies and supporting a charitable cause. The team is off to a great start, so it should be a good game. Call the church office (754-6060) to reserve your tickets or if you have questions. Tickets **must** be reserved by Mon June 24th.

Pre-game Tailgate - You can go directly to the game or meet earlier for a pre-game Tailgate. If you'd like to meet before the game we'll meet in the church parking lot at 5pm. We will enjoy burgers, hot dogs, chips, and a drink - all for just \$5.00. The church van will be available if anyone needs a ride to the game. When you call for your tickets let Maureen know you'd like to join the tailgate as well.

--SOCIAL JUSTICE--
Thought you might be interested

Panel: Climate Crisis: Through the Eyes of Those that Didn't Make It, But Are Tasked with Unmaking It.

Binghamton University student climate activists and Susquehanna Sierra Group members will engage on the Climate Crisis. The students recently conducted a series of Climate Crisis teach-ins motivated by the UN's recent Climate report which stated that we have only 11 years to change society to be sustainable and regenerative instead of exploitative. They state: "We are the first generation that will feel the impacts of Climate Change and the last generation that can do anything about it. This crisis is not of our making but it must be of our un-making. This un-making begins with un-telling. We must tirelessly challenge all the stories that have driven us into this crisis."

We welcome the BU students who are engaging themselves in tackling the Climate Crisis and all the impacts they face. Most of us older adults will not see the worst, but the younger people will. They've asked us to share our ideas as well as explain how the Sierra Club is addressing them.

Important topics covered in the workshops:

1. Ever Upward: Environmental Justice in Broome County
2. Beyond Sustainability: Regenerative Agriculture
3. Divestment Campaign, and its Relation to Campus Reform

---A wakeup call from our BU students and concerned others from Sierra Club's October meeting in our church Dining Room .

A video of this meeting can be found on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/DCpoQ5S4SLM>

Thanks to Bill Huston for providing this and thanks to the 5 students who participated.

Scott Lauffer lauffer.scott@gmail.com

From the Reconciling Task Force . . .

Once again we are celebrating Pride Month here at Central with a Mission Project. We will be collecting needed items for the Identity Youth Center (serving kids from 13-24) in Binghamton. Items that are needed:

- Socks
- Art supplies – especially canvases for painting
- Hygiene items – deodorant, shampoo, body wash, etc.

Please place your items in the box outside the church office throughout June.

Contacts, Church Events, Holidays in United States

Jun 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

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16 Father's Day 8am - Worship on TWC 8:30am - Cafe Central 9:30am - Worship	17 8am - WIC - dining 5:30pm - Worship on 6:30pm - Praise Band 7pm - Allocations 7:30pm - Book Study @	18 10am - Clothing Center 12pm - Sarah Circle 7pm - Deborah Circle 7pm - Staff Parish 7:30pm - Sierra Club -	19 11am - Clothing Center 1pm - Grace Circle 7:30pm - AA	20 5pm - Shepherd's 5:30pm - Clothing	21 6pm - Men's Group 7:30pm - AA	22
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Our Mission Statement

Central UMC is a fully inclusive church that seeks, embraces, educates, worships, and serves, all in God’s love.



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