

2023
MAY/JUNE CARILLON

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY (5/14)



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY (6/18)

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OFFICE HOURS:
M, W, Th, F- 9:00-Noon
Tuesday - Closed

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
COFFEE TIME: 10:30 A.M.
(no Coffee Social in June/July/August)

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WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

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COFFEE TIME

Each Sunday Central members serve coffee and provide a treat from 10:30-11:00am. It's a time to talk and share with friends. Thank you to Marge Jewell, Gregg & Mimi, Marilyn Trudgeon, Mike/Monica Peach, Connie/Mike Duchaine, the Madalinski's and the Martin's for treats in March and April. **There are NO socials in June, July or August.** We are in need of someone to take over this ministry. Call the office if interested.

MAY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Our next meeting date is **May 18th**, with the Trustees, Finance, and SPRC committees meeting at 6:00pm followed by the Council meeting at 7:15pm.

THANKS!

To Kerry Madalinski and all his helpers for the delicious Easter Breakfast they provided!



CONGRATULATION
GRADUATES!

We will be honoring our graduates during worship on **Sunday, May 21st**! If you or someone in your family is graduating this year, please get their name, photo, and future plans to Pastor Laura by Wednesday, May 17th.

**THE LAST DAY FOR THE WOMEN'S
SUNDAY MORNING STUDY IS
MAY 21, 2023
See you in the fall!**

KAINOS

Kainos is the ancient Greek word meaning *new* or *fresh*.

There are times when God prompts you to be open to go where God wants to send you!

²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,
Who have been called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28

In the United Methodist Church, Pastors are itinerant. Itinerant as an adjective, is traveling from place to place; as a noun, it is a person who travels from place. Regarding appointment making, The Book of Discipline (2016) states:

Paragraph 425 - *Responsibility* - 1. clergy shall be appointed by the bishop, who is empowered to make and fix all appointments in the episcopal area of which the annual conference is a part. Appointments are to be made with consideration of the gifts and evidence of God's grace of those appointed, to the needs, characteristics, and opportunities of congregations and institutions, and with faithfulness to the commitment to an open itineracy. Open itineracy means appointments are made without regard to race, ethnic origin, gender, color, disability, marital status, or age, except for the provisions of mandatory retirement. Annual conferences shall, in their training of staff-parish relations committees, emphasize the open nature of itineracy and prepare congregations to receive the gifts and graces of appointed clergy without regard to race, ethnic origin, gender, color, disability, marital status, or age. The concept of itineracy is important, and sensitive attention should be given in appointing clergy with physical challenges to responsibilities and duties that meet their gifts and graces.

Our unique system of deploying clergy has its roots in the earliest days of Methodism, John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, preached up to 40,000 sermons in his lifetime. He was an "itinerant" preacher, travelling from town to town in England, setting up Methodist societies.

"John Wesley believed that itinerant preachers who moved from place to place were more effective than those who settled in, grew comfortable and wore out what they had to say," says the Rev. Belton Joyner.

In a letter to the Rev. Samuel Walker in 1756, Wesley wrote, "We have found by long and consistent experience that a frequent exchange of preachers is best. This preacher has one talent, that another; no one whom I ever knew has all the talents which are needful for beginning, continuing, and perfecting the work of grace in a whole congregation."

In the early days of Methodism in American, a pastor — most often a circuit rider — might be appointed to half of a state or more. His appointment might be for only three months, after which he moved to another circuit. Thousands of the oldest United Methodist congregations today trace their history to a circuit rider. These riders traveled from place to place to begin Methodist societies. Eventually, especially after the establishment of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784, most of these societies became congregations. This practice continued and became the basis for the itinerant system The United Methodist Church uses today.

United Methodist pastors are sent, not called or hired. "Itinerancy" refers specifically to the commitment by pastors to go and serve wherever their bishops send them. "Appointment" is the action taken by bishops. These are different, yet related.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 a.m. Coffee Social
 8:30 a.m. Beach Service
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available for children four and under during the Sunday morning worship services with our caregiver, Katy Bunch. Coloring pages, books, and stuffed animals are available in the gathering space for children worshipping with their families.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Bible Study group will have their final gathering before summer break on Wednesday, May 10th. Watch the bulletins in August/September for information on the fall Bible Study meetings.

WORSHIP AT THE BEACH

Our summer beach service will kick off in **June**. Watch the bulletin for further info. Join us on Aronson Island at 8:30AM for a laid-back worship service in the glory of God's creation! Bring a lawn chair, some coffee, a friend – even Fido is welcome! In case of rain, we'll gather at Central's chapel for worship. *And of course, you can always join us for our regular worship service every Sunday at 11:00AM.*

This has been cancelled until further notice.

MEETINGS NIGHTS

There are no scheduled Committee or Council meetings in June or July.

HELPING HANDS

Please remember our Helping Hands Fund. The funds are for Central members who are facing urgent financial challenges and are in need of assistance. All help is strictly confidential. See Pastor Laura for assistance.

MAY FINANCE STEWARDS

07 Cheryl Swanson, Bev Ladin
 14 Lois Lavelle, Arleen Martin
 21 Janet Snowden, Jackie Johnson
 28 Laura Kluka, Sue Gaudette

JUNE FINANCE STEWARDS

04 Cheryl Swanson, Arleen Martin
 11 Lois Lavelle, Jackie Johnson
 18 Janet Snowden, Sue Gaudette
 25 Laura Kluka, Bev Ladin

MAY PASTY SALE

May Pasty Sale has been cancelled. Watch the bulletins for further information on resuming next Fall.

FOOD PANTRY

The number of people needing food assistance programs has increased due to rising food costs, fuel costs, loss of jobs, and home heating prices. Prayerfully consider bringing food donations weekly to help supply the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Monetary donations can be dropped in the Sunday collection or mailed/brought to

RADIO BROADCAST

WDBC Radio 680 am airs the 11AM worship service each Sunday. If interested in sponsoring a broadcast, call the office for an open date. Cost for this is \$100 per week. You can donate all or part of it.

CAMP MICHIGAMME

A week at Camp is a week full of fun, friendship, and growing in faith! Check out all the opportunities for ages 4 - adult. Camperships are available through the church office. See the poster or brochures in the Gathering area or visit cammichigamme.org. Popular activities include Archery, Low Ropes, Boating, Shelter Building, Hiking, Slip-n-Slide Kickball, Gaga Ball, 9 Square, and Capture the Flag.

PRAYER LIST

Remember those in need of your prayers for healing, gaining strength, and courage during an illness or injury and all Central's shut-ins and those in nursing homes. God bless you and keep you in His loving care during this time of illness and concern and know our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Pentecost Sunday, many altars/pulpits are adorned in red, many pastors wear red stoles, and many members wear red clothing. The second chapter of Acts 2 hints at the reason for using the color red. That verse tells of a meeting at which something was resting on each person present. What was it?

- A. Red birds,
- B. Something like fire
- C. Red cloth (The answer may be found in Acts 2:3)

ROSES & THORNS

If you have a concern and or a compliment to pass along to the SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) please fill out a card and let us know your thoughts. Cards can be found in the church pews. Your opinions are important to us and we will address each concern and/or compliment.

CHURCH YARD CLEAN-UP

We are in need of rakes, shovels, gardening tools and **PEOPLE** for our cleanup on Saturday, **May 20th** at 10:00am as we give our grounds some spit and polish. Join the fun! Refreshments provided!



THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

Most Christians pray daily, but one day a year is set aside as a National Day of Prayer. The first Thursday in May is designated as a day for the people of the United States to offer prayer and meditation at churches, in groups and as individuals.

- ◆ Prayer should be short, without giving God Almighty reasons why he should grant this, or that; he knows best what is good for us. -John Selden
- ◆ A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to unravel -Unknown
- ◆ Our prayers should be for blessings in general, for God know best what is good for us. -Socrates