

Central United Methodist Church

Weekly Messenger

May 3rd, 2024



Worship

This week in worship is going to be one for the records! We have visitors! In December and January, we collected monies for the "Grandma Houses," a program brought to us by Dr. Don Messer, Executive Director of the Center for Health and Hope: Focusing on Global HIV and AIDS. And the Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya. The Director of this hospital is now the United Methodist Bishop to Kenya, Bishop Isaiah Deye. Joining me as we lead worship are Rev. Judy Owsley and our distinguished guests. Our scripture will be Psalm 98 and John 15:9-17. We will replace the sermon with "Words of Grace", as our guests share of themselves and reflect on the mission work we have all been engaged in.



Prayers

For all, by all - Central UMC

Bryson Hatfield, grandson of the Aisnsworths, undergoing medical tests.

Rena Prescott for severe pain and leg.

Lowell Custard, brother of Joyce Rockwell.

Maxine Rummel, right knee replacement this Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Judy Lykins, is scheduled to come home today from St. Francis.

Rhonda Von Lührte, a friend of Sara Simon, for comfort and strength after post-hip surgery complications.

Michael Greene, a friend of Sara Simon, in the loss of his son.

Wanda Heyns is struggling with medical care, high blood pressure, Apnea, and Asthma.

Pam Newman recovering from surgery at home.

Jack Whitney fell on his bad hip, diagnosed with a blood clot; preparing for Arterial surgery in mid-May.

Walter Irwin, cousin in law of Sharon Irwin, receiving a double lung transplant in North Carolina.

Brian Salladay, son of June and brother of Christy Malone, who experienced a setback and was moved to a medical floor for labored breathing.

June Salladay as she recovers from a severe bout of stomach trouble, with a trip to the ER.

Vicky Sams for health issues.

Ken Wacker Sr. overcoming cancer.

Our "WAVES", our country and its leaders; Our World

Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo, Angola, Africa.

A Visit from Kenyan Bishop at Central United Methodist Church

Sunday morning, May 5th promises to be a most special and memorable time.

Starting at 9:00, we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with breakfast burritos prepared by our United Methodist Men.

THEN, during the worship service at 10:00, we will welcome **Bishop Isaiah Deye**, Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church of Kenya, and **Dr. Don Messer**, Executive Director of the Center for Health and Hope, headquartered in Denver. Bishop Deye and Dr. Messer are coming to thank our congregation for our December gift of \$6000 to build 2 Grandmother's Houses in Kenya.

In several small villages in Kenya, the United Methodist Church is striving to build "Grandmother's Houses." Grandmothers who are extremely poor "inherit" their grandchildren when the parents die of AIDS. They and the children struggle in many ways, often living in rundown shacks. The Maua Methodist Hospital organizes and oversees the building of small homes (\$3000 each), and when completed, each new home is dedicated. Our December gifts provided the full amount needed to build two Grandmother's Houses. One will be dedicated in memory of Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe, and the other will be dedicated in honor of all the 'saints' of Central UMC.

Before being elected Bishop, Isaiah Deye was the head of the Maua Hospital that coordinates the building of the Grandmother's Houses. Dr. Messer and Bishop Deye will offer a dialogue sermon with pictures and stories about the Grandmother's House project in Kenya, and we will share in communion together.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear firsthand about the results of our mission-giving and to join together in welcoming our very special guests.

Dates to Remember

**Senior Recognition Sunday will be held on Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12, 2024**

**We will be celebrating high school graduates:
Will Schipfer, Keagan Hawkins, Dustin, and Sierra Spillar
And, College Graduates: Tori Dudgeon and Christina Cox**

Galley Road Closed for 8 months

Galley Rd. will close to traffic between East San Miguel St and Moffat Circle

Children Summer Ministries

Central United Vacation Bible School

June 3-6

More Information Coming Soon....



First Church Opportunities

Theatre and Arts Camp

July 8-12

9:00-12:00 pm

With optional after-camp care from 12:00-3:00pm

PK-5th grade

Register at go.fumc-cs.org/summercamp

Tween Camp

July 16-18

6-8th grade

John Wesley Ranch

Let me know if you have families who may be interested. Rev. Deb

Thank you to those who give their time.

Thank you to John and Katherine Cox for helping keep our landscape beautiful!

Groceries for the Backpack Project

CANNED VEGETABLES

We brought enough Mac 'n Cheese for 120 backpacks (2 months' worth)!!

NOW we need to bring canned vegetables:

Cut Green Beans / Peas / Sweet Corn (not creamed corn).

Please bring as many cans as you can to the cart by the south entrance.

Our church fills 60 backpacks every month for 3 schools:

Mitchell HS, Sweigert MS, and Wilson Elementary.

Can we bring enough canned veggies to fill those backpacks?? You bet we CAN!!

FAMILY PROMISE

April Mission Focus

**“We are so extremely grateful for your time, energy, effort, and sacrifices!
Thank you for ALL THAT YOU DO!”**

This lovely message, written on notebook paper with red hearts drawn by children, was left in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 24, after three mothers and six children had packed and left their ‘bedrooms’ early that morning. They had been the guests of our congregation for seven nights. We provided meals and lodging, hospitality, and friendship for those children and their mothers ... and we were blessed! Many volunteers worked together to make this happen. Thank you!

Family Promise is a national organization with one of its affiliates in Colorado Springs. It is a unique agency that provides shelter and meals in churches and synagogues. Every week the families are hosted by another congregation. During the day, families have access to many supportive services at the Family Promise Day Center, located within First UMC. The center, with showers and laundry facilities, is open 7 days a week, 7:00 - 5:00. Parents are provided strengths-based case management grounded in dignity and collaboration as they work to regain their independence and provide for their children.

We can provide hope and promise for families with our financial support. Please make checks payable to Central UMC, designated Family Promise. Thank you, but our involvement doesn't stop there.

MANY WAYS TO HELP

**Welcoming Families to Be Our Guests
Sunday evening, May 19 – Sunday morning, May 26**

Once again, our church (ALL of us!) is preparing to host four families who are temporarily homeless. On Sunday, May 19, beginning at noon, we will set up private sleeping rooms in the classroom spaces off Fellowship Hall, get out toys for the children to play with, and arrange foods in the kitchen for breakfasts and lunches. Then, every evening, we will share dinner with our guests, enjoying a home-cooked meal provided by volunteers.

The families will arrive at 5:00 each evening and leave again by 7:00 each morning. Family Promise has a Day Center located in First UMC downtown. This is where our guests can spend the days if they are not in school or at work. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Please, consider how you can help:

1. Assisting with set-up on 5/19 or take-down on 5/26
2. Providing dinner one evening
3. Being an evening host (5:00 – 8:30)
4. Spending one night, sleeping on a rollaway bed with a Memory Foam mattress OR
5. Making a donation to help with the cost of groceries.

(Write a check payable to CUMC, marked IHN.)

Sign-up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, April 21.

QUESTIONS? Talk with Pat Dudgeon, 951-255-5538 / patdudgeon84@gmail.com

Recurring Calendar Events

Sundays at Central UMC

Come join us before worship in Fellowship Hall
for a time together with coffee and donuts.

Choir practice

Every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary doors will be closed for their practice time.

Bible Story Time

BIBLE STORY TIME RESUMES ON April 7th

For kids Kindergarten – 3rd Grade

Children's Music

11:00 -11:15 every Sunday
Meet in the Assembly Room.
Children are invited to enjoy singing and learning to play bells.

Children's Sunday School

Meets in the Assembly Room at 11:15 each Sunday.
Bring your kids, stay for coffee and adult class.

The Followers Class

Led by Karen Hobson
Book Study: *"Doubt"*

Meets in the Sunday School Classroom 1 (off of Fellowship Hall)
11:15 a.m. – Noon, every Sunday.
Hope you will join us!

"DOUBT"

Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers?
Is there a heaven? How can we know?

Often, we treat such questions as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't
mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God.

In *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*, join best-selling author and pastor
Adam Hamilton as he discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows
how a steady trust in God can emerge from them. You will delve into questions like:

"Does God exist? How can I know?"

"Is the Bible true?"

"Why do prayers go unanswered?"

Tuesdays

Bible Study led by Rev. Judy Owsley
9:30 -10:30 in Classroom One
“The Lord’s Prayer”
By Adam Hamilton

Wednesdays

Heavenly Bells meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m., with Priscilla Tracy
In the sanctuary. Come early to help set up.
Call Priscilla to join the fun: (719) 660-1433



Thursdays

Rev. Deb’s Thursday class will take a hiatus.
Stay tuned for our next study this summer.
Thursday Evening @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Starting: This Summer - On Zoom

Naomi Circle

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month @ 10 a.m.
Come visit with the ladies.
Call Wynona Batman (719 596-1851) for more information.
See you on FRIDAY, June 7th, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. at Golden Corral.
Wynona Batman will present the lesson.

Men’s Group

Thursday’s @ 11:30 a.m. @ Gunther Toody’s
Call Bob Morris (719-574-1566) for more information.
ALSO
United Methodist Men’s Breakfast and Meeting.
3rd Saturday of each month
Next Saturday: April 20th – Location to be announced.
...still at 9:30 AM.
Call Robert Rummel (719-596-4144) for more information.

Happy Birthday
May

1 - Karen Hobson

4 - Valerie Brunnemer

4 - Alma Leacock

4 - Mildred Webb

5 - Kathy Andrew

6 - Trevor Spillar

11 - Keagan Hawkins

12 - David Kozad

13 - Patsy Williams

14 - Prezlie Olson

14 - Maggie Schipfer

15 - Cayley Kammerdeiner

20 - Deb Wacker

21 - Jasmine Dudgeon

22 - Jan Adams

29 - Tami Wakins

31 - Hubert Dudgeon

**May each of you be blessed
and held firmly in the light of God's presence.**

Rev. Deb



MAY

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 8:45 CHOIR 10 WORSHIP 11:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 1-4 GLEANING CHURCH	6 12-3 QUILTS OF LOVE	7 9:30 BIBLE STUDY 6 TRUSTEES 7 SCOUTS	8 6 GLEANING 7 BELLS	9 6 GLEANING 6 CSQG	10 6 GLEANING 9:30 WORSHIP TEAM	11 7 GLEANING 8-12 EGA 9-3 CSQG WORKSHOP
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