

WELCOME TO
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH – A warm greeting is extended to all who are visiting with us today. We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this morning. It is our prayer that this service will be a source of comfort and inspiration to you. If we can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to let us know.

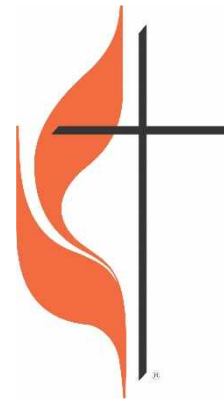
We're here to help

Ministers
Senior Pastor
Pastor Emeritus
Quiet Disciple
Office Manager
Bookkeeper
Chancel Choir Director
Bell Choir Director
Nursery Supervisor
Nursery Caregivers
Sensory Room
Facility Manager

All the members of the congregation
Eunjoo Yi
Judy Owsley
Patsy Williams
Marie Nieto
Cheryl James
Jon Ainsworth
Cathy Negley
Tami Hawkins
Chelsea Bosick & Lani Bosick
Melissa James
John Cox

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.



**Central United Methodist Church
of Colorado Springs**

“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”

**THE CENTRAL FAMILY OF FAITH
GATHERED IN PRAISE AND CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, December 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent**



As you drive into the parking lot, you are encouraged to drop your offering into the white bucket and place food donations, socks, mittens, and stuffed animals into the shopping cart.

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PRELUDE "Rise Up, Shepherd. And Follow" arrg. M. Hayes Kim Crom

WELCOME Pastor Eunjoo Yi

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE Amari Gaines & Barb McCraw

Leader: The earth was parched and dried.
People: God’s mercy and love is poured out for our parched souls..
Leader: The people were fearful and doubted God’s love.
People: God showered God’s blessings on them.
Leader: The wonder of God’s love is a healing balm to all God’s people.
All: Behold! Our God is with us. AMEN.

Lighting the candle of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love Pat Dudgeon & Tori Dudgeon

Leader: God’s Spirit has led us here.
People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is PEACE.
(Light the candle of Peace)

Leader: God’s Spirit has led us here.
People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is HOPE.
(Light the candle of Hope)

Leader: God’s Spirit has led us here.
People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is JOY.
(Light the candle of Joy)

Leader: God’s Spirit has led us here.
People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is LOVE.
(Light the candle of Love)

Leader: There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place.
All: Amen!

HYMN “Angels We Have Heard On High” Hymnal No. 238 (vv. 1, 3)

- 1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singin’o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
- 3. Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain: Glo - - - - ri – a,in excelsis Deo! Glo - - - - ri – a,in excelsis Deo!

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES Barb McCraw

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Tori Dudgeon

OUR PRAYERS Pastor Eunjoo Yi
The Lord’s Prayer (see back page)

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38 (NIV) Reader: Tori Dudgeon

“In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

Reader: Amari Gaines
"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.”

MESSAGE “Angels’ Visit” Pastor Eunjoo Yi

HYMN “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Hymnal, No. 234 (vv. 1, 2)

- 1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
- 2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin’s womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

Refrain
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory "There's A Song in the Air" arrg. C. Berry

*Doxology “Alleluia” Hymnal, No. 186
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Blessing the Offering Pastor Eunjoo Yi

HYMN “Angels We Have Heard On High” Hymnal, No. 238 (v. 3)

BENEDICTION Pastor Eunjoo Yi

POSTLUDE "Joy To the World" Kim Crom

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Cynthia Pechacek and family, Kathy Andrew, Jack Whitney, Earl Lash, Kathleen Buckley; victims of natural disasters and Corona Virus; protection of all our Central family, our community, our nation, and the Korean Peninsula; First Responders and medical service providers; leaders of government and churches

Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo, Missionary in Angola, Africa

PRESENCE: 55 (Parking Lot 11, Online 28, Fellowship Hall 2, Sanctuary 14)

GIFTS:	Dec 13	Dec 6	Nov 29	Nov 22	Nov 15
	\$ 4197.00	\$8,506.60	\$3,282.00	\$2,881.00	\$3,955.00

SERVICE: Thank you to all committee chairs serving and who will continue to serve in 2021.

DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS: Families of the Navajo Nation in southwest Colorado near Cortez are suffering severely during the pandemic, and we can provide some of them with the warmth of God's love this Christmas through heat for their homes.

Here's the story: In the spring when COVID-19 hit, First United Methodist Church of Cortez and Native Grace Fellowship, a Native American congregation who share their building, stepped up and provided 650 households (primarily seniors and veterans) with food, paper supplies and water. They received a \$15,000 grant from the Mountain Sky Conference and numerous donations as word spread. Later, they gave the families hay to feed goats and sheep that are vital to their survival. As the weather got colder, they began furnishing wood and vouchers for propane for heating and cooking. What they discovered, as the elderly would come into Cortez to fill their propane tanks (a 40-mile trip for most of them), is that many of the tanks are old, worn out and no longer serviceable.

This is where we come in! A new 30 lb. tank costs \$70, and a 100 lb. tank costs \$150. Missions Ministry Team has set a goal of \$3000 which will provide 20, 100 lb. tanks. Can we do it? OF COURSE, WE CAN!! This Christmas will be so very different due to the pandemic, but love cannot be extinguished.

Let's share the warmth. Every dollar will help buy a propane tank! If you're able to help, please make your check payable to Central UMC, designated "*Christmas Warmth*". Each small contribution can make a big difference.

Want to Zoom to Bible Study? Tuesday Bible Study will possibly begin meeting on Zoom on January 5 if enough are interested. We'll begin with a review of Chapters 1-3 of *Christianity and World Religions* by Adam Hamilton. Important details are printed

in The Messenger. Please contact Rev. Judy if you'd like to participate. 237-9395 / bjowsley@msn.com.

Planning Ahead:

Thursday, December 24th, at 5 pm:	Christmas Eve Service; Parking Lot and also on our website
Sunday, December 27th, at 10:00 am	Baptism Jim Dausel, Josephine Yacoub
Thursday, December 31st, at 7 pm:	Zoom meeting sharing of testimonies of 2020 and resolutions for 2021.

By Computer use this Link for **all zoom events:** Note that you will receive an email with the link. **Save** the email for the future.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6521193190?pwd=ekIrNVloNjJTWUpZUnEycWVJTjlFUT09>

Meeting ID: 652 119 3190 -- Passcode: 694292

By phone: Dial +1 669 900 6833 or +1 346 248 7799 When prompted enter the Meeting ID: 652 119 3190 It may ask you for the Passcode: 694292

Two Ways to Attend Church Now: As of December 7th, the Sunday service is now being broadcast over Zoom at 10:00 (See zoom link info above). You can attend the zoom meeting on your computer or by calling on your phone. Only the worship team will be in the sanctuary. AND we will also be continuing our Parking Lot service where the service is broadcast on FM Radio, channel 88.5. The broadcast is live over a low power transmitter, which covers most of the parking lot. Come and join in joyous worship at 10:00 this Sunday!

Christmas Eve Service! Plans are being made for a unique and festive service of carols and candles in the parking lot at 5:00 pm. We can bundle up and stand outside of cars to sing and sing and sing! There will be a short Christmas message and very special candle lighting (with individual battery--powered candles) as we sing "Silent Night." There will also be a 15-min. service available all day on the website. There will be no zoom version.

Ways to Share This Christmas: Some traditions at Central have to be different this year because we are not able to be inside the building. BUT, the needs are greater than ever!!

There are two carts for donations:

- **CART #1:** Please bring non-perishable food and household donations for Mercy's Gate ... ALL month long! As you drop them into the cart, imagine that you're placing them under a lovely Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall.
- **CART #2:** Please, bring socks and mittens for cold feet and hands, and also new or gently used stuffed animals. The Sunday School tree is also a cart this year. Enjoy the children's coloring pages decorating the cart.