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**Church Office Hours**  
Monday–Thursday  
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.,  
Friday 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**NOTE:** Church doors remain locked. If you need to access, please use the north door and press the video intercom system button and you will be buzzed in. If you have any difficulty, call 515-279-3658. We ask that anyone coming into the church maintain safe “social distancing” during this time of heightened concern about public health.



7th Sunday after  
Pentecost

July 19, 2020 10:15 a.m.

**Scripture:**

Isaiah 55 and  
Luke 20:1–10, 16–20

**Sermon:**

*Peace to This House*  
The Rev. Dr. Annika Lister  
Stroope

**Hymns:**

409 *God is Here!*  
754 *Help Us Accept  
Each Other*  
435 *There’s a Wideness  
in God’s Mercy*

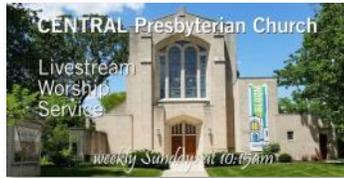
**Music:**

Music Director: **Rich Dewein**  
Organist: **Lois Harms**  
Violinist: **Linda Swanson**  
Cover Artwork:  
**Stella Maxwell**

Top stories...



RSVP for *Worship in the Park*,  
Sunday, August 2, 2020, at  
10:15am in Greenwood Park.



For the July 19 online service, we will  
be in the sanctuary for worship  
<https://dmcpcc.org/watch-live/>.



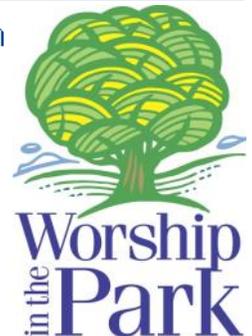
Iowa Mask Brigade gave  
away over 600 masks.  
Read their report.



Join us Wednesdays  
for a summer Bible  
Study on Philipians.

*Worship in the Park* is scheduled for August 2, at 10:15am

We are looking forward to gathering as a congregation for the first time in almost five months! This annual outdoor service will be held at the Sylvan Theater in Greenwood Park south of Grand Avenue on 45th St., just south of the Des Moines Art Center. Worship will include music, prayer, scripture, sermon and communion. And as always, there will be food afterwards. But a few things will be different, in the interest of keeping everyone as safe as possible:



- **Social distancing** – we will sit at least six feet apart; every third bench.
- **Face masks** are required upon arrival for those age 2 and up. Once you are seated at least six feet away from others, however, masks are not required.
- **Hand sanitizer stations** will be provided.
- **No congregational singing** will take place.
- **Communion** will be celebrated using pre-packaged communion elements.
- **Lunch** will be catered by In the Bag, and provided in individual sacks to include a sandwich, pasta salad, chips, fruit, brownie, water bottle and a packet of sanitizing wipes. Sandwich choices are: turkey, ham, peanut butter & jelly, and veggie. Or feel free to bring your own lunch bag, if you like, but please do not share.
- **Transportation** from the church will not be available this year.
- **An online worship service** will be available on Facebook and YouTube for those unable to come to the park. In the event of rain, the service will not take place in the park; just stay home and worship with us online.
- **If you are in a group considered by the CDC to be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19**—which includes those age 65 and older and those with underlying medical conditions—you are safest if you remain home and worship with us online.

We do need picnic organizers, so please, contact Office Manager [Kimberly Sanford](#).

**If you plan to attend**, please RSVP to the church office staff at 515-279-3658 by Thursday, July 30, to let us know that you are coming and indicate your sandwich preference.



## Upcoming @Central

## Thursday, July 16

- 5:30pm *East Patio Gathering* (registration is full)  
7:00pm *Troubling Passages of Scripture*

## Friday, July 17

12:00pm Office closes

## Saturday, July 18

- 7:00pm *Game Night!*  
All middle/high school students & parents

## Sunday, July 19

- 10:15am Worship online  
5:30pm *High School Youth Bible Study Group*

## Monday, July 20

- 7:30pm *Mission Monday Group Study*

## Wednesday, July 22

- 5:15pm 2nd–6th Grade Book Club  
6:00pm *Troubling Passages of Scripture*  
5:30pm *Middle School Youth Group*

## Friday, July 24

12:00pm Office closes

## Sunday, July 26

10:15am Worship online

## Wednesday, July 29

- 5:15pm 2nd–6th Grade Book Club  
6:00pm *Troubling Passages of Scripture* Group Study

## Friday, July 31

12:00pm Office closes

## Saturday, August 1

- 7:00pm *Game Night!*  
All middle/high school students & parents

## Sunday, August 2

- 10:15am Worship in the Park (please RSVP, for lunch)  
5:30pm *High School Youth Bible Study Group*

## Pastor on Vacation

**Pastor Wallace Bubar** will be away for two weeks of vacation from July 16–29. Our preacher for Sundays, July 19 & 26, will be **Annika Lister Stroope**, Parish Associate for Adult Education and Mission. In the event of pastoral emergency between July 16 and 20, please contact **Medea Saunders** at 515-418-0059 or [revmudd@gmail.com](mailto:revmudd@gmail.com). Between July 21 and 29, please contact Annika Lister Stroope at 402-942-1636 or [ospannika@gmail.com](mailto:ospannika@gmail.com).



## Summer Bible Study is on The Book of Philippians

For the next two Wednesdays, July 22 & 29, the Bible study will not meet due to the pastor's vacation. Tune in again on August 5 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Book of Philippians. Join us as we explore this book in depth, on Wednesdays, until Sept. 2, 2020, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Zoom Meetings (ID# 813 4636 0933). **To join by computer, tablet or smart phone**, click this [ZOOM link](#). **Or join by telephone**, dial 1-312-626-6799, using Meeting ID: 813 4636 0933 #.

## Troubling Passages of Scripture study moves to Thursday night this week.



This week, our Wednesday night study group will meet on Thursday, July 16, to discuss more passages in the Bible. Please join us Thursday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. **To join by computer, tablet or smart phone**, click this [ZOOM link](#). **Or join by telephone**, dial 1-312-626-6799, enter Meeting ID: 439 794 721 #.

## Youth groups are meeting during the summer time!

Hello Everyone! Here is the Youth schedule for this week. Here is the link:

**Wednesday, July 15** – Middle School Youth Group (5:30 p.m.) <https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/893415020>



Unfortunately, this is the only event we have this week as I have some rescheduled graduation parties this weekend. I did receive some news from Pastor Wallace that Central will be doing some in-person events in the next couple weeks, woohoo! So keep your eyes open for future emails.

–*Lou Peters*, youth ministry director



## Central Kids

## Central Kids learn about Ruth

Our Sunday School video lesson was about Ruth and how she helps her mother find protection. It was posted on Central's private Facebook group page, [Central Kids](#), the [Children & Youth blog](#) and on our [YouTube channel](#). On Wednesday, next week, the 2nd–6th grade Book Group will meet to talk about Chapters 9–11 of *The Boxcar Children – Surprise Island* by Gertrude Chandler. If you are entering 2nd–5th grade next year you are welcome to get yourself a copy to participate. If you need a book, let [Randi McNally](#) know and she can help track one down.

- 2nd–6th grades Book Group, 5:15 p.m.—[CLICK HERE](#) or go to Zoom.com and **join the meeting using ID: 890 2423 2634, with the Password: 153978**

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### Giving is easy!

Even though our building may be closed the ministries of the church continues. **Ways to give:**

**Send a check to:** Central Presbyterian Church, Attn: **Marc Michaelsen**, 3829 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312.

**Or give online at:** [dmcpc.org/give/](http://dmcpc.org/give/). You can choose to make a gift by credit card or bank account transfer. If you need assistance, contact Finance Director **Marc Michaelsen**, at [mmichaelsen@dmcpc.org](mailto:mmichaelsen@dmcpc.org) or 515-279-3658.

And start using [Engage with Central](#) today—as a giving tool, it works great with smart phones, tablets or computers! **If you need instructions** to create your login account, contact Communications Director **Kim Coulter**, at [kcoulter@dmcpc.org](mailto:kcoulter@dmcpc.org).

We are mindful that many are suffering from the economic consequences of this Coronavirus crisis. If you are concerned about finances and are not able to give, we understand and care more about *you* than your donation. Please let the church know how we can be of help. *Thank you!*

## Mission Monday class discusses *Racial Justice Challenge* at 7:30pm

**You are invited to begin to dismantle structural racism through your participation in the “Racial Justice Challenge.”** The challenge begins with education and dialog. To raise awareness about the perniciousness of racism and to encourage action in response to that awareness we’ll discuss the PC(USA)’s anti-racism policy, scripture and a variety of other resources. Participants may develop an increased understanding of how racism is systemic rather than simply personal.

**Join *Mission Monday* with Rev. Annika Lister Stroope**, Central’s parish associate for adult education and mission, who will participate in the Synod’s *Racial Justice Challenge* class and hold a discussion afterwards at **7:30 p.m.** using Central’s *Mission Monday* [ZOOM link](#).

**Or join by phone**, dial: 1-312-626-6799. Enter Meeting ID: 889 4365 1882 # and use this Password when prompted: 644387. Questions? Contact [Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope](#).

## Iowa Mask Brigade Giveaway was a huge success!

The Great Mask Giveaway on July 7 was a huge success in almost all measures. Central member and coordinator **Connie Klug** reports:

“We came to the event with 750 mask and we gave away over 600, thanks to 12 fellow Central members who helped disperse the masks safely to people in their cars. And the next day, requests kept rolling in! Some of the stories

relayed in the requests for masks are very touching including the man who had not been out of the house since February. Now he can get out because he has a mask!

“Many of the older people on this list who have asked for masks have made me their pen pal. They write to me multiple times a day asking about their masks and all the detail about wearing and cleaning them. They are so incredibly grateful and so excited.

“There was a note from foster parents with seven kids who needed masks. Notes from custodians and nurses at schools; from teachers and parents worried about masks for their kids going back to school. I have heard from many people who are disabled and/or financially stressed and cannot afford single-use masks. They simply do not know where to get a good cotton mask or a single-layer quality mask that can be reused.

“And, yes, the need is great and we are nearly out of fabric. **If anyone would like to donate good quality cotton fabric, the Iowa Mask Brigade is in need!** I think if Jesus was handing out masks he would not be using eBay, Etsy or Facebook Market. He would do what we did, “Here’s a mask. Stay safe.”

“The comments I have received have been so appreciative of the Iowa Mask Brigade and Central Presbyterian Church. And so many have expressed admiration that we made such a bold move because it was a TRUE giveaway for everyone. The Giveaway said we believe in masks for EVERYONE from all walks of life. And we are willing to give you a mask so you too, can do your part in keeping us safe.”

If you are interested in donating fabric, please contact **Connie Klug**, [connieklug@gmail.com](mailto:connieklug@gmail.com). To order a mask, contact **Molly Clause**, 515-371-0936, [clause.molly@gmail.com](mailto:clause.molly@gmail.com) or **Linda Bridie**, 515-223-1692, [acelead505@gmail.com](mailto:acelead505@gmail.com).



**Per Capita—What is it?**

Per Capita connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and mid councils with the work of the wider church. As the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly (OGA), it is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century.



Per Capita makes it possible for:

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- Churches to connect with individuals seeking a call to ministry
- OGA to staff and support General Assembly committees and commissions
- OGA to manage and coordinate General Assembly gatherings
- Presbytery and synod leaders to gather for training and discernment
- OGA to provide counsel and support for churches in crisis (misconduct, legal matters)
- Presbyteries to address matters of inclusion, participation and representation at all levels of church leadership and decision making
- The denomination to build connections with ecumenical partners around the world
- Presbyteries and pastors to receive support on immigration issues
- Presbyterian history to be saved and utilized by future generations

"Per Capita is crucial to the overall health of the PC(USA), because it binds presbyteries, synods, and congregations together in one church."

— J. Herbert Nelson, II,  
Stated Clerk of the General  
Assembly of the PC(USA)



cross outreach

**CROSS' Back Pack Giveaway 2020: The kids need your help!**

Central Presbyterian Deacons are already looking forward to the back-to-school season. Whether students across our community head back into physical or virtual classrooms in August, we, along with CROSS Outreach will help families in need prepare for the new school year by distributing backpacks full of supplies. It will look a little different this year, as supplies will be delivered directly to schools who will in turn distribute to students. Gifts of \$15 will supply one student with a full backpack or any amount will go toward helping at-risk youth have the tools they need to succeed.

Please mail checks payable to Central Presbyterian Church, 3829 Grand Ave., Des Moines IA 50312, with "CROSS—Back Packs" in the memo line. Or contribute through Central's website at: [dmcpc.org/give/](https://dmcpc.org/give/), look for **CROSS – Back Packs** on the menu of giving funds. Together we can make a big difference in the lives of the kids who have already been through so much! Thank you for your generosity.

—Board of Deacons

**DMARC's Produce Distribution: an opportunity to help or to get help!**

On Fridays, through the summer, DMARC's Food Pantry Network is distributing produce boxes with Capital City Fruit through a USDA program. The Friday distributions are on July 17, 24, 31 and August 14, 28, beginning at 10:00 a.m. until they run out of produce (often around noon). Come to Southridge Mall, 1111 E Army Post Rd. in Des Moines. All are welcome to receive a box—the only information they ask is the number of people in the household and zip code.

Volunteers help to make these Friday produce giveaways successful! DMARC needs help to direct the 1,200 cars that show up each week and hand out the thousands of boxes of produce to our neighbors! Sign up here: [www.dmarcunited.org/volunteer](https://www.dmarcunited.org/volunteer).

**Attend the AMOS Virtual Workforce Summit**

On Thursday, July 23, 2020, 3:00–4:30 p.m., join business, community, workforce intermediary, and government leaders as we confront new challenges and opportunities for Iowa's workforce created by a global pandemic, economic slowdown, and high rates of unemployment. Register in advance for *Workforce Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World*, at: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMqfumtpj4oG9VUgxV4O7YFWPqZ-3VluvrQ>



Keynote presenter is **Paul Osterman**, professor of Human Resources and Management at MIT Sloan and co-director of the MIT Sloan Institute for Work and Employment Research. His research concerns changes in work organization within companies, career patterns and processes within firms, economic development, urban poverty, and public policy surrounding skills training and employment programs. He has worked with the IAF network for over 25 years. His most recent book is *Who Will Care for Us?: Long-Term Care and the Long-Term Workforce*.

**More speakers to cover Iowa Challenges & Opportunities**

**Mary Bontrager**, executive vice president of Talent Development, Greater Des Moines Partnership

**Julie Fugenschuh**, executive director, Project Iowa

**Kathy Leggett**, Future Ready Iowa policy advisor, Iowa Workforce Development

**Mike Ralston**, president, Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI)

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### In the congregation...

#### Births

A baby girl was born July 9 to **William & Emilie Bassett**. **Olivia Kay Bassett** weighed in at 7 lbs., 13 oz. Proud grand parents are **Nancy Bassett** and **Mike Bassett**. Congratulations!

#### Deaths

**John A. Smith**, passed away July 5, 2020. You can find the obituary online, at: [www.ilesfuneralhomes.com/obituary/John-A.-Smith/Des-Moines-IA/1876084](http://www.ilesfuneralhomes.com/obituary/John-A.-Smith/Des-Moines-IA/1876084)



### Ever wonder what Synod School is like? Join the fun July 27–30, 2020

Join the Synod of Lakes and Prairies for *Virtual Synod School*, July 27–30, 2020, and see what it is like to attend a family church camp each summer! To learn more, visit the [Virtual Synod School 2020 website](#). It's going to be GOOD, with: daily activities, outfits/ color of the day, snack of the day, and adventure of the day! Everything is free... so invite your family and friends to join us!



#### Adult/Youth Classes:

##### Morning Classes (10:00 a.m., Mon. – Thurs.)

- Gospel Justice & Congregational Transformation – Matt Sauer
- Causes & Cures of Poverty – Jim Krapf
- Wahoo! I Get to Preach from the Lectionary (Gospel of Mark) – Sarah Henrich
- BIG ministry in small churches – Paul Snyder
- 1 John – Tim Gerarden
- China... new Cold War enemy? – Bill Davnie
- More Mindfulness – Jane Johnson

##### Afternoon Classes (2:00 p.m., Mon. – Thurs.)

- Art of Mindful Leadership – Mark Sundby
- Creating Short Videos for Church – Suzanne Gorhau
- A Theology of Interfaith Engagement – Sarah Trone Garriott
- Spiritual Gardening – David and Dee Waggoner
- The Art of Resurrection – Cathy Kolwey
- White Privilege: Let's Talk – Rebecca Tollefson (class is full for *this week but is being offered again in August*. Use same link to register)
- Glimpses of China from Modern Chinese Fiction – Scott Stanfield

##### Evening Schedule

- 6:00 p.m. Event opens – check out pictures from the day!!
- 6:30–7:00 p.m. We worship – Music by Burns Stanfield, Story shared by Mary Koon, Energizer from a camp in the Synod, Announcements.
- 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker, Monday through Thursday, respectively: Rodger Nishioka, Jason Santos, Dede Johnston, and J. Herbert Nelson.
- 7:20 p.m. Optional time of fellowship – bring your snack of the day and chat for 15 minutes with others (special room set up for youth)
- 7:40 p.m. Evening special events

#### Parents!!!

There is a parents' section for each day about snacks and other supplies that your younger children might appreciate during the evenings.

#### How will Virtual Synod School Work?

On Sunday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. CDT, Deb DeMeester will host an *Orientation to Zoom* (the technology we'll be using for Virtual Synod School 2020) for those who have not used it or aren't fully comfortable with it. To participate, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82819863468>.