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Christ the King Sunday
Nov. 22, 2020 10:15 a.m.

Scripture: Matthew 25:31–46

Sermon: *The Shepherd’s Sort*
Sheryl Puderbaugh

Hymns:

620 *Praise, My Soul,
the King of Heaven*
363 *Rejoice the Lord is King*
268 *Crown Him
with Many Crowns*

Participating in Worship:

Music Director: **Rich Dewein**
Organist: **Lois Harms**
Violinist: Linda Swanson
Audio: **Ben Patzlaff**
Video: **Matt Van Winkle**
Editing/Graphics:
Kim Coulter
Flowers are given in memory
of **Steve Roberts**.

Top stories...



Rev. Sara Trone Gariott will be on the Sunday Adult Educ. class at 9am.



Watch our three *Good Stewardship* videos to energize you to pledge for 2021.



Deacons need help raising funds for the annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets.



The church office now has Holiday masks available in a variety of colors and fabrics.



Help decorate the inside and outside of the church for Advent season.

Pastor’s Congregational Letter – November 17, 2020

Dear Congregation,

As I’m sure you are all aware, we are now in the midst of an alarming surge of COVID-19 cases which is far worse than what we had experienced in the spring or summer. Our Reopening Task Force met on Sunday, November 15 to discuss this, and recommended that the church suspend in-person small-group programs and activities effective immediately through the end of December. Last night, the Session voted to approve this recommendation. This decision is based on several things:



- The dramatic rise in the number of cases, the positivity rate, and hospitalizations in our area;
- The counsel of public health professionals who tell us things could grow even worse in the coming weeks;
- A number of COVID-19 cases in our own congregation, which have affected members and staff, and their families, of all ages; (Be assured that none of these cases has been linked to any possible exposure at the church itself.)
- Guidance from the Presbytery of Des Moines, which is urging churches to conduct worship and other programs online;
- Local school districts now moving their classes back online;
- And ultimately, the desire to keep all our members and staff safe and healthy.

Please note a couple of exceptions to this. Outdoor gatherings will still be allowed, with masks required, social distancing, and limited numbers. And activities related to conducting worship, such as recording music for a service or decorating the sanctuary for the holidays, will still be allowed, also with all the necessary precautions.

As much as I hate the prospect of not being able to see many of you in person during this upcoming holiday season, this is undoubtedly the right thing to do. We can now focus our energies on planning the best possible online programs, organizing a few outdoor opportunities to come together during Advent and Christmas, and looking for ways to extend holiday activities from the church into your homes.

The hope and promise of Emmanuel—God with us—remains, even when we’re not able to be with each other.

Grace & Peace—

The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar

Upcoming @Central

Thursday, November 19

7:00pm *Who Do You Say
that I Am?* Study

Friday, November 20

12:00pm Office closes

Sunday, November 22

9:00am Adult Ed class
via ZOOM with
DMARC's the Rev.
Sara Trone-Garriott

10:15am Worship
LIVESTREAM

4:00pm Hanging of the
Greens

Monday, November 23

5:00pm High School Youth
Group meets

Wednesday, November 25

10:00am Adult Bible Study,
via ZOOM only

12:00pm Office closes

THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY

Thursday, November 26

Office Closed

DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 27

Office Closed

Sunday, November 29

10:15am Worship
LIVESTREAM

Monday, November 30

5:00pm High School Youth
Group meets

Tuesday, December 1

10:00am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 2

10:00am Adult Bible Study,
via ZOOM only

5:15pm Central Kids

5:15pm Middle School
Youth Group

Thursday, December 3

7:00pm *Who Do You Say
that I Am?* Study

Friday, December 4

12:00pm Office closes

Sunday, December 6

10:15am Worship
LIVESTREAM

4–5:30pm Living Nativity

Central Kids & Youth to meet on Zoom for remainder of 2020

TO PARENTS OF CENTRAL KIDS: As you may have already learned from Pastor Wallace's email, we are suspending indoor activities at Central through the end of December. Starting Wednesday, November 18, we will continue Central Kids on Zoom. As before, I am going to meet with the K–2 grade kids at 5:15 p.m. for 30 minutes, and then I will meet with the 3–5 grade kids at 6:00 p.m. for 30 minutes.

I am only creating one Zoom meeting that will run for 1 hour and 45 minutes. I just ask the older kids to be patient and wait to join the meeting at 6:00. Also, Zoom only allows me to schedule meetings on the half hour. So even though the meeting begins at 5:00, K-2 kids do not have to jump on until 5:15 p.m. But they're welcome to join earlier if they want to chat with me. 😊

We've had a good run, and I hope that the new year brings much improved circumstances. We will, of course, keep you informed of decisions made for January.

– *Randi McNally*, children's ministry director

To join each Wednesday, use this **Zoom Meeting link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89285390518?pwd=bGlyYWwh1eXpoQmZnR3dVNnFmbDIrdz09>

Or go to [Zoom.com](https://zoom.com) and type in this **Meeting ID:** 892 8539 0518 and **Passcode:** 723433

TO PARENTS & MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:

As you may have read in Pastor Wallace's update about in-person programming, Central is making the move to online programming through the end of December. While not ideal, this is a way that we can guarantee the safety of everyone involved in our youth programs. For tomorrow, students should be getting some mail in order to send a thank you card to someone meaningful in their life (they may need your help getting an address for who they want to send the card to).

Middle School Students: We will meet online each Wednesday night from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. or so to do this together and some other activities. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMduyggTgqE91B0FPjtBhIkKhcDHEhTRph>

Next week is Thanksgiving so we will not meet, but the week after, December 2nd we will meet online. If you have any questions let me know! **Meeting ID:** 873 1587 3099

High School Students: Here is the Zoom link for each week: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86888083449>, although we will not meet next week for Thanksgiving break.

Meeting ID: 868 8808 3449.

– *Ben Patzlaff*, youth ministries director



Pastor on vacation

The pastor will be on vacation over the Thanksgiving Holiday, November 21–27. In case of pastoral emergency during this time, please contact the **Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope** at 402-942-1636 or ospannika@gmail.com. Annika is our parish associate for adult education and mission.

Our guest preacher on Sunday, November 22 will be **Sheryl Puderbaugh**, a candidate for ordination in the PC(USA), who recently spent three semesters at Central Presbyterian Church as our seminary intern.

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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/. 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 or 515-279-3658.

[Engage with Central](#) today—it is a giving tool and a photo directory all rolled into one. This online tool works great with smart phones, tablets or computers! **If you need instructions** to create your login account, contact Communications Director **Kim Coulter**, at 515-279-3658 or kcoulter@dmcpc.org.



Like us on Facebook

Please like and share our posts and events! Go to: www.facebook.com/centralpresdm/.



GOOD STEWARDSHIP

By now, everyone should have received their letter and a 2021 pledge card in the mail. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2021. As we reflect on **GOOD STEWARDSHIP**, we hope you are energized by these stories of God’s love and care in action... for each other,

for our church, for our community, and for our world. As we said at the outset, we invite everyone to look at stewardship anew, and to prayerfully consider your 2021 pledge. Please return your card to the church on or before Monday, November 30 or you may also submit your pledges online at dmcpc.org/give/. Thank you.

– Stewardship Team



To view excerpts from the three special videos, click the links below:

- **Reformation/Heritage Sunday** – [Celebrating our 50-year members at Central](#), or type this link in the URL field: <https://youtu.be/gN8WWM4msDs>
- **All Saints’ Sunday** – [Commemoration of Those Who Died In the Faith](#), or type this link in the URL field: <https://youtu.be/U-2CDCqib9o?t=1425> (or go to 23:50 minutes in the playback of the November 1 Worship service)
- **Stewardship Sunday** – [GOOD STEWARDSHIP Video](#), or type this link in the URL field: <https://youtu.be/1eyQMngSTj4?t=3056> (or go to 51:00 minutes in the playback of the November 15 Worship service).

Nomination Forms Available

Please submit the names of Central Presbyterian Church members (please include yourself if you are interested) that you feel should be considered by the Nominating Committee for Board of Deacons, Ruling Elder, Foundation Board, and the Nominating Committee. Forms are available online and in the church office or you may email your suggestions to **Kimberly Sanford**, at ksanford@dmcpc.org.



Help provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets for children & families of Des Moines

At this time when the need is greatest, your support is crucial. Each of the past three Novembers, the DMARC Food Pantry Network assisted 21,000 people in greater Des Moines. This November, they expect to assist more people in a single month than ever before in DMARC’s 44-year history. Help us support

DMARC to provide food to those who are food insecure this holiday season. A \$20 donation provides a family with a protein selection and sides of their choice. **You can contribute now through November 20.** Indicate “Thanksgiving Baskets” in the memo line of your check made payable to Central Presbyterian Church. Or you may use our online giving tool at: <https://dmcpc.org/give/>

Thank you for your generous support!

– Central’s Board of Deacons

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Sunday Adult Education Class welcomes DMARC's Sarah Trone Garriott

Join Parish Associate **Rev. Annika Lister Stroope** for an opportunity to dialogue with church leaders each Sunday, at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. All are welcome to join, even if you have not previously attended!

- **Sunday, November 22: DMARC Coordinator of Interfaith Engagement the Rev. Sarah Trone Garriott,**

Sarah works with the diverse faith communities of the greater Des Moines area to support the mission of DMARC, while also creating resources and opportunities to support faith communities in their work. Sarah also partners with The Comparison Project at Drake University in their efforts for interfaith awareness, dialogue, and scholarship. Come hear how DMARC has adapted to COVID and what is coming up in 2021.



- **Sunday, November 29: No class** (Thanksgiving break)

- **Sunday, December 6: Mission Executive-Elect Amgad Beblawi,**

Amgad currently serves as Interim Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Des Moines. On January 1, he will begin as Mission Executive for the Tri-Presbyteries. Join the Zoom Dec. 6 at 9:00 a.m.

to ask Amgad questions and learn about mission efforts by congregations and presbyteries in Iowa!



Adult Education Class – Sundays, 9:00 a.m., via Zoom Meetings.

- **To join by video**, on your computer, tablet or smart phone, use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85709103669>
- **To join by telephone conference call**, dial 1-312-626-6799, at the prompt, enter Meeting ID: 857-0910-3669, #.

Come for the Hanging of the Greens!

Everyone is invited for the annual **Hanging of the Greens** on Sunday, November 24, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Poinsettia orders and holiday decorations

Your contribution to the holiday decoration fund will help us purchase:

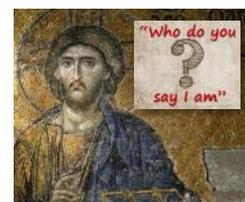
- Outdoor Christmas planters
- Poinsettias in the Sanctuary (December 13–27)
- Fresh greenery and floral arrangements on the reredos (November 29–December 27)

Order forms are available in the church office and online. You can also make a contribution online in the Giving Portal, at www.dmcpc.org/give/. Please complete and return the form with the honor and memorial information to the office by Monday, December 14. You may also email your information to ksanford@dmcpc.org.

More Adult Education opportunities this fall

Who Do You Say That I Am? – Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom (begins October 8) Class facilitator is Sheryl Puderbaugh.

- **To join by video**, using your computer, tablet or smart phone, use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82961140579>
- **To join by telephone conference call**, dial 1-312-626-6799, at the prompt, enter Meeting ID: 829-6114-0579, #.



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The Gospel of Mark – Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.

Sheryl Puderbaugh will lead the discussion.

- **To join by video**, using your computer, tablet or smart phone, use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86240638774>
- **To join by telephone conference call**, dial 1-312-626-6799, at the prompt, enter Meeting ID: 862-4063-8774, #.



Habitat for Humanity's Interfaith Build happens Friday

The Thrivent Financial Interfaith Build is happening now through December in the Des Moines metro area. Over 12 Des Moines congregations are participating and Central Presbyterian Church has a team of seven volunteers all set for the **Friday, November 20 build.**

Save-the-Date for a Central Presbyterian Church panel build coming in Saturday, May 22, 2021 in Central's parking lot. *Thank you for your consideration and interest!*



In the Congregation...

We are happy to share news from the congregation and our members. Please contact the church office staff with your information at 515-279-3658 or ksanford@dmcpc.org.

Deaths

Robert Cisna passed away Oct. 23, 2020. He is the brother of Central member **Judy Raymond**. His obituary can be found here: www.legacy.com/obituaries/desmoinesregister/obituary.aspx?n=robert-harold-cisna-bob&pid=197010298&fhid=3716 OVER

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Steve Roberts passed away Nov. 7, 2020. Please keep **Dawn** and their family in your prayers. His obituary can be found here: www.ilesfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Stephen-W.-Roberts/Des-Moines-owa/1880997

Avril Chase passed away Nov. 12, 2020. Avril was a former member of Central and we extend our condolences to her husband Hal and their family. Her obituary can be found here: www.legacy.com/obituaries/desmoinesregister/obituary.aspx?n=avril-elizabeth-laughlin-chase&pid=197105562

Masks are now available in Holiday fabric!

The Iowa Mask Brigade has made masks in fabric patterns and colors for the holidays. And we are lucky to now have 100 of these special masks available for our members and friends. As you look through the attached photos and see a fabric you like, please feel free to call the church staff and we'll either set the mask aside with your name on it or you may come into the church office and pick out your own mask. All holiday mask donations will go to the Deacons' Fund. Thank you.



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This year our Deacons will offer a virtual Angel Tree!

This Advent season, it is more important than ever to remember our friends at Calvin Community with an Angel Tree gift. Despite COVID-19, the Deacons are continuing this tradition. Please consider choosing a senior resident at Calvin to share the Christmas spirit with. The residents have given us their wishes and

interests to help you choose the perfect gift. Although they provided multiple ideas, you are only expected to give one item. When you select a resident, please provide your name, phone number and email address.

Click here to sign up: www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4AADA28A2FA7-centrals or call the church office at 515-279-3658, and a staff member will provide you with the information for a Calvin resident.

Please wrap your gift and label the outside of the package with the number, letter and gender assigned to your resident. For your convenience, presents may be dropped off at Central's East Patio on Sunday, December 13, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Drive through the east parking lot and we will collect your gifts. You may also bring your package(s) to the church office any day before December 13.

Thank you for participating in our Angel Tree, which has become a beloved tradition at Central. We are looking forward to brightening the Christmas season for Calvin Community!