

# All Saints' Sunday



We affectionately remember these members and give thanks for all the contributions they made to our lives, to the church and to the world. There will be an arrangement of white roses representing each one of our 11 deceased members.

Nancy Morgan  
Alma Doty  
Betty Harris  
Loyd Baxter Smith, Sr.  
Pauline "Polly" Payne  
Paul Ellison  
Joe Cecil Jenkins  
Margaret Dedmond  
Jane Olsby Rosberg  
Ethel Willis  
Jackie Guy

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mae M. Blair by her daughter, Marilyn Jack, and in memory of all the other loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints' Day.

Our Mission:  
To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God,  
GROW in their faith and SERVE in the church and world.

Rev. David Lee, Pastor  
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# The Worship of God

November 7, 2021

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements Savanna Craig

Prelude *Elegy: Children of the Heavenly Father* Biery  
Libby Alexander, organ

Call To Worship Savanna Craig

\*Opening Hymn #702 *Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

Moments with Children Caroline Laney

Offertory *Oh, What Their Joy* arr. Cherwien  
Libby Alexander, organ

\*Doxology #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Recognition of Saints

Prayers of the People (see insert)

Special Music *The Peace of God* arr. Wagner  
Chancel Choir

Whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are true,  
Whatsoever things are pure and lovely, think on these things.  
Whatsoever things are wholesome, whatsoever things are good;  
If there be any virtue, be any praise, think on these things.  
And the peace of God, that passes all understanding,  
Shall keep your hearts, shall keep your minds on Jesus Christ.

Sermon "Communion of Saints" Rev. David Lee  
Hebrews 12:1-3, 1 John 3:1-3

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\*Hymn #547 *Oh Church of God, United (st. 1,3,4)*

\*Benediction

\*Chiming the Trinity

\*Postlude

*Festival on "Sine Nomine"*

Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Aber

\*Please stand if able

Central UMC is a *Safe Sanctuaries* church. Please be sure that your children are accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult caregiver including if and when they need to use the restroom during service. We appreciate your assistance as we strive to ensure the safety of all.

*Based on the recommendation by the CDC, Governor Cooper, and the Bishop's office, and recognizing the ongoing high number of cases of the Coronavirus in our community, we are requiring the use of masks inside the church building.*

### **Bible Study**

Every Thursday from 6-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will be having a Bible study centered around **1st & 2nd Samuel**. This study will be focused on seeing these possibly familiar stories in Scripture with a new, deeper lens. Daniel Sprinkle will lead! Please contact Savanna or Daniel for more information.

### **Charge Conference**

November 14<sup>th</sup> immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Sunday Night Hangs**

Sundays 5:30-7 PM, all **6th-12th grade students**

### **Midweek Check-In**

Wednesdays 4-4:45 PM. This group is open to all **6th-12th grade students**. We meet at **LilyBean Coffee**.

### **Central Kids**

Wednesdays 5-5:45 pm. Ages from 4 years to 5<sup>th</sup> graders

### **Upper Room Devotions**

Upper Rooms for November/December are now available outside the office and the sanctuary.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Save a life...save three lives....give blood on November 16th in the Fellowship Hall from 2 pm until 6:30 pm.

Schedule your appointment time at [redcross.org](https://redcross.org)

## Return Policy for COVID positive/exposure

Under the advisement of United Methodist Church guidelines, local health care leaders, and the CUMC COVID-19 Task Force, we are implementing the following plan for re-entry back into church life after having COVID-19 or being exposed to COVID-19 within a family household.

**If you have tested positive for COVID-19:** Before participating in any activities at Central UMC, you must quarantine for 10 days beginning the first day you had symptoms and/or a positive COVID test.

**If you have been exposed to COVID-19 within your family household or high-risk exposure outside of household:** You must quarantine until the last person in your household that tested positive for COVID has completed their 10 day quarantine (beginning the first day they had symptoms and/or a positive COVID test). Following that 10 day quarantine period, wait an additional 5 days or test negative for COVID-19.

\*This standard will be the same for both vaccinated and non-vaccinated church members and will apply to all church activities- worship attendance, music rehearsals, Sunday School, Open Table, Children's Ministry gatherings, Youth Ministry gatherings, etc.)\*

### To Our Guests:

Thank you for sharing in worship today. We are honored that you have chosen to spend a portion of your day with us and we want to help you have a meaningful experience. Here are a few things that you may find helpful.

-**Childcare** is available for infants and preschool aged children. Our nursery staff awaits you in room E106.

-**Hearing devices** are available for those who need them.

-**Large print Bibles & Hymnals** are available for those who need them.

The Ushers are at each door and will happily assist you with any of these.

### Sermon Notes

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## Prayers of the People:

Ever living God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

**Their memory is a blessing for ever.**

Months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides; for the place where once they stood is empty now. The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

**Their souls are bound up in ours for ever.**

We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

**Their memory is a blessing for ever.**

And we remember as well the members who but yesterday were part of our congregation and community. To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours.

**Their souls are bound up in ours for ever.**

We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you. As a great crowd of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings, and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

**They are alive for ever more. Amen.**

We pray all of this in the One who taught us to pray:

**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.**

## **Prayer Concerns**

We invite you to pray during the week for the following:

- ❖ All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional, including Morgan Morrison; Talmadge Strickland; Jimmy Toole; Travis and Stacey Hoyle; Sarita Verma; William Pierce; Bill and Loretta Harris; Wayne Black; Larry Brown; Laura Lombardi; Lillian Rogers; Marilyn Herndon; Anne Stevens Cicci; Larry Thomas; Claudia Rose; Frankie Patterson; Bill Jack; Jessie Sumrell; Dawn Russell; Gina Blanton; Dale Almond; Emily Ousley; Rita Hamrick; Pat Ellison; Bill Ledford; Brian Goff; Tammy Mauney; Judy Beachley; and Alan & Scarlette Funderburke.
- ❖ We pray for those who experience injustice. Give us hearts of compassion to stand united with all people.
- ❖ We pray for our world as we continue the COVID-19 battle. May we continue to persevere with wisdom and care for each other.
- ❖ For caregivers carrying more burdens than we may understand
- ❖ Those who grieve, may they find comfort. We pray especially for Virginia Story on the passing of her husband, Bill; Iris Francis on the passing of her son, Steven; and Claudia Rose on the passing of her sister, Sue Willis (aunt to Jennifer Rose Cook), and the families of Doris Kunkle, Peggy Almond, and Jackie Guy; Debbie Powell on the loss of her husband, Andy, and Jennipher Harrill on the loss of her father, Bob Hammerstein
- ❖ Our shut-ins and others feeling alone. May we be arms reaching out, enfolding them into the body of Christ.
- ❖ The church universal and the United Methodist Church.
- ❖ We pray for peace in our world, nation and communities. May God heal and unify all people.
- ❖ The ministries of Central United Methodist Church. We especially pray for the CUMC youth group. May our young people continue to grow together and in relationship with God as they make a huge impact in our community.
- ❖ And though unknown and unspoken, may we help carry each other's burden and praise God for each other's joys.