



Central United Methodist Church
A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822 — Sanctuary completed 1867
Announcements: Sunday, December 17, 2023

SUNDAY EVENTS / CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday, December 17th, ***Ministry Team Meeting***, 12:00 PM
Thursday, December 21st, ***Longest Night Service***, 6:30 PM
Sunday, December 24th, ***Christmas Eve Morning Service***, 10:30 AM
Sunday, December 24th, ***Christmas Eve Candlelight Service***, 7:00 PM

NOAH & Central Church will be closed for the Holidays
on 12/22/2023 and will return on 1/3/2024.

Sunday Worship Services will still be held at the regular times.

Brunch Bunch! The young adult/young professional Brunch Bunch group will reconvene after the New Year! Please stay tuned here for the next scheduled date. If you are interested in joining, please contact Clara Zundel (clarazundel@gmail.com) and take our the Brunch Bunch survey here: <https://forms.gle/m8cL6g3qtSC977t57>

NOTE: MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Saturday, January 20, 2024,
6th Floor Church Cleaning & Sorting at 10:00 AM

Adult Study Group w/ Cynthia Bradford, In the 2nd floor lounge
Lessons:

December 17 - ***The Early Life of the Baby Jesus - Before and After birth***

December 24 - ***No Class***

December 31 - ***The Greatness of God's Faithfulness***

NURTURING & CIRCLE OF CARE

The following people are in assisted living, confined to their homes or institution, are ill, or in need of special prayers:

Leslie Allen
Donald Crawford
Christina Graham
Naomi Mason
Susan Wabeke

Amy Boyette
Charles & Josefina Ford
Gloria Hall-White
Dia Pearce

Faith Carpenter
Selma Good
Stella Harden
Frank & Minnie Ross

Sunday School Information

Nursery

The church nursery is located on the 1st floor behind the reception desk. It is currently open for use by any families who need a separate space with their littlest ones. Central UMC is in the process of finding a regular Nursery Worker to staff the nursery on Sunday mornings.

Sunday School

The K-5th Grade class meets weekly while the Youth class meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Children and youth are invited to start Sunday mornings in the sanctuary with their families and travel up to the 3rd floor Sunday School rooms after the Children's Message. Children in the K-5th grade class must be picked up on the 3rd floor after worship by a parent or approved adult. Youth will be released after worship to join their families on the 2nd floor for coffee hour.

Worship Activity Packs

Children are welcome to take one of the activity packs located in the Grace Space. Within each pack is an activity and coloring page, crayons, pipe cleaners, plain paper, and worship stickers. The stickers can be placed in the bulletin for the week to mark the different parts of the service.

Meaning of Advent Greens



CEDAR: It has aromatic wood and flat, soft needles. Also called *Arborvitae*, "the tree of life," it has also been known as the tree of royalty, power and longevity.



PINE AND FIR: These evergreen needles are signs of hope and life amidst the darkness. Pine and fir also represent growth and youthful energy.



HOLLY: Holly symbolizes Christ's passion and death because of the thorny leaves and the triumph of life because it is evergreen. The red berries represent "flesh and blood," as in "the Word became flesh."



IVY: English Ivy, a vine with "evergreen" leaves, symbolizes hope, life and Christ's resurrection.

Advent Ingathering

Two ways to you can offer care and support during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Drop off items on Sunday's during worship from now until January 4.

Sanctuary Family — Clothes for Hassan

HASSAN IS GROWING!

Help Zahatia and Douda keep up by donating new or gently used 24 month winter/cooler weather clothing.

#StrikeCity Donation Drive — Support strikers at MGM Casino!

HELP KEEP STRIKERS WARM & FAMILIES FED!

Suggested items: Warm jackets, gloves & other winter gear, diapers, baby formula, Feminine hygiene, non-perishable food items + cleaning supplies

PASTORAL CARE

*If you know of a Pastoral Care issue please contact the church office,
313-965-5422 or revpaul@centralumchurchdetroit.org

The Sunday evening Adult Class led by Marcus Dickson is taking a hiatus until after the Holidays. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Wed. evening Bible Study with Rev. Paul Perez instead

Faith Book Club

The Next Meeting of the **Faith Book Club** will be held Wednesday, December 27th, 12-2:00 PM at Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery. Our new book is *Tracking Wonder: Reclaiming a Life of Meaning and Possibility in a World Obsessed with Productivity* by Jeffrey Davis.

"Discover how the lost art of wonder can help you cultivate greater creativity, resilience, meaning, and joy as you bring your greatest contributions to life. Tracking Wonder is a welcome guide for experiencing more meaning and joy in the present moment".

Contact Jo-Ann Snyder, Carol Cook Reid or Janet Moody for more information

December Birthdays

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| 2nd | Justinn Bernard | 7th | Cameron Davis | 22nd | Margaret Reese |
| 3rd | Janet Moody | 13th | Helen Monroe | 28th | Reginald Bradford |
| 3rd | Heaven Bernard | 15th | Clara Lawrence | 29th | Nicole Gerring |
| 10th | Mary Park | 18th | Gloria Hall-White | 29th | Tyrone Touchstone |
| 10th | Randy Priest | 21st | Wm (Tom) Robinson | 31st | Anne Hillman |
| 11th | Jim Bull | | | | |
