



Central United Methodist Church
A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822 — Sanctuary completed 1867

Announcements: Sunday, December 3, 2023

SUNDAY EVENTS / CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday, December 3rd, *Hanging of the Greens*, 12:30 PM

Wednesday, December 6, *Choir Rehearsal*, 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 9, *Tuba Christmas*, 12:00 PM

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 3 - *Looking Up for a Change*

December 10 - *Preparing to Celebrate the Coming of the Lord*

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*

The Sunday evening Adult Class led by Marcus Dickson
is taking a hiatus until after Thanksgiving.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Wed. evening Bible Study with Rev. Paul Perez instead

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

December Birthdays

2nd Justinn Bernard
3rd Janet Moody
3rd Heaven Bernard
4th Mary Park
5th Randy Priest
11th Jim Bull

7th Cameron Davis
8th Helen Monroe
15th Clara Lawrence
18th Gloria Hall-White
21st Wm (Tom) Robinson

22nd Margaret Reese
28th Reginald Bradford
29th Nicole Gerring
29th Tyrone Touchstone
32st Anne Hillman

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

Message from Margaret (Maggie) Reese
Why not try out the choir during Advent?
Please see Maggie Reese after service if you think this is something you might want to do this next coming month.

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

MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

REGISTRATION OF TUBA PLAYERS AND SELLING MERCHANDISE 8:30 AM to 11:55 AM, and 12:55 PM-1:15 PM

Can be done in shifts. At crunch time 8:30 to 9 AM could use 3 or 4 people.

We take down during the concert and store cash box in the sacristy (locked up). We need to set up merch again toward the end of the concert (or we could cover the merch with a tarp I suppose.

TUBA PLAYER HOSPITALITY—one or two people,
8:30-9 AM, help tuba players store their tubas at Swords Into Plowshares.

HELP GET PIZZAS FROM BRASS RAIL PIZZA BAR
10:30 AM TO 11 AM, 4 people would be helpful

USHERS/GREETERS

Hand out programs and song sheets, collect the offering
(we will need 4-6 collection plates).