

Steeple Notes

Central Church

“Where Jesus is Lord & All are Loved!”



Huntington, New York

February 2020



HAPPY 2020

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that the start of 2020 saw all of us well and cared for by the mighty hand of God! My family and I were, like many families, spread out bi-coastally over Christmas and New Years, but we nevertheless experienced the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in our faith in His goodness and plan.

OUR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

I want to announce that we are going to start 2020 off with a bang!!! It is with great joy (as well as much thanks to our Adult youth group volunteers) that starting on February 1st, we will be welcoming Rayna Kavanaugh as our new Director of Youth Ministries.

Rayna is a true daughter of the King – a lover of our Lord Jesus Christ. She has experience working with youth groups and we are truly blessed to receive her here at Central Church!



NEW ALL-CHURCH BOOK STUDY

May 3rd through June 21st

Starting in May, I will be leading our church through the second all-church book study. Once again, it will be from the Gospel Shaped series, and this time our theme will be:



From the Pastor ~ continued

Aside from sleeping, work is what we spend the majority of our time doing. Regardless of what we work at (at a career, at school, at home, or in our retirement), we all do something! This series is an opportunity for us to explore what a Gospel-impacted work looks like. This class was originally scheduled for this month, but due to book purchase unavailability, we will start in May.

CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTING FEBRUARY 29TH

Starting on Saturday, February 29th, we will be holding a Confirmation Class for teens from 11 am to 1 pm, meeting in the Church Office. I am looking forward to seeing our next generation stand up and confirm their faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Contact the Church Office to sign up for this class.

We all have a simple choice in life. We can either choose to U-N-T-I-E from one another by going our own way, or we can choose to U-N-I-T-E in the Good News of Jesus Christ. The choice is yours, but as for me, I look forward to working with the good people of Central Church to bring the Gospel alive in Huntington Village, as well as in one another!

Blessings in Jesus

Pastor Paul Lee

Church Family News ~

February Birthdays

01 Lois Cowie
04 Sarah Aldridge
08 Jean Bushell
10 Joseph Garofola
13 Bill Russell
13 Aaliyah Gonzalez
13 Felipe Gonzalez
14 Shakayiah Boyle
15 Janet Byler
16 Lynn Watkins
18 Jennifer Lewis
24 Nancy Clous
26 Laura Tiemann
28 Pastor Paul Lee

February Anniversaries

05 Ethel & David Wilson
10 Anneliese & Ralph Lanza
13 Claude & Marion Gibson

Engagements ~

Akira Dekie recently became engaged to Rasean Gilmore. Congratulations ~ we are so happy for you both.

Weddings ~

Congratulations to Central member Michael Engelhart who wed Lana D'Amico on Sunday, January 19th. God blessings on your marriage.

New Babies ~

Congratulations to former Central member, Kris Dorn and his wife, JP, on the December 1, 2019 birth of their son, Caden Luke Dorn. Caden is grandson to Kirk and Marilee Dorn.

Congratulations to Gladys and Rich Paulsen on the January 4th birth of their newest grandson, Silas Arthur Paulsen, born to Cody and Kelly Paulsen. Baby Silas weighed in at 9.1 lbs. and was 22 ½ inches long.

Infant Baptisms ~

Central member, Shawn Anderson and his wife, Angelica, had their infant daughter, Emersyn Valentine Hope Anderson, baptized here at Central on Sunday, December 29th with Rev. George Bundt officiating. The Anderson family resides in Maine.



WCC HAPPENINGS

February at a Glance

Tuesday, February 4

10:00 am - Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 11

All Circles will meet at church or in homes. Watch for more details on times and places of each Circle in the Sunday, February 9th bulletin.

Looking Ahead to March

Tuesday, March 3

10:00 a.m. - Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

All Circles will meet at church for a joint Circle Meeting. .

Join a Circle

Thinking about joining one of our three Circles?? Well, it's never too late to start. We would love to have you visit or join one of our Circles and get to you know better!

Ongoing Collections

- Nonperishable food for the Helping Hand Rescue Mission. Your donations for Helping Hand can be left in the wooden chest in the hallway near the Church Library.
- Gently-used eye glasses for Lens Crafters..
- Warm hats and gloves for HiHi, Helping Hand Rescue Mission and the VA Hospital.
- And items for the veterans at the VA Hospital at Northport. A list is posted on the WCC bulletin board next to their workroom. Please mark these items for the "VA." If you have any questions, speak with Dotty Kannapin.

These items can be left in, or outside of the WCC Workroom which is located opposite the Church Nursery.

For more WCC information, please contact WCC President Ruth Korinek at 631-271-8566.



Notes from Your Session:

Here are some actions taken at recent regular meetings of Session:

- approved the use of the Sanctuary for a benefit concert sponsored by Suzanne Valerio on Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 4-9 pm. Funds raised will be used to benefit the orphanage(s) which we support in Haiti.
- approved the WCC schedule of meetings and Bible studies for 2020.
- approved the baptism of Emersyn Anderson, daughter of Shawn and Angelical Anderson, on Sunday, December 29, 2019. Affiliate Pastor George Bundt will be preaching and presiding over the baptism on this day.
- approved having a representative from each of the church boards and organizations meet on a quarterly basis to improve communications among these groups.
- approved Nan Lee's attending the ECO National Gathering in Dallas, TX in February 2020.
- approved the transfer of \$7839 from the Session Designated Fund to the general checking account to pay for legal fees received from the firm of Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips.

– Frank Marlow, Clerk

Central's Leadership:

ELDERS:

Class of 2020 - Phil Byler, Richard Goetz, Frank Marlow and Sandy Valerio

Class of 2021 - Debra McCoy and Kurt Roman

Class of 2022 - Ken Chin and Diane Garofola

DEACONS:

Class of 2020 - Evelyn Brodbeck, Karen Swanson, Carolyn Thuro and Janice Bradley

Class of 2021 - Lorraine Engelhart, Andrea Sterling, Lucy Malm and Leslie Sutherland

Class of 2022 - Gina Auricchio, Bonnie Boettjer, Malia Bundt and Liz Stuyvesant

TRUSTEES:

Class of 2020 - Katie Arcidiacono, Cleavon Black, Don Engelhart, and Joe Garofola

Class of 2021 - Solomon Asomaning, Trevor Hines, Bill Russell and Brian Swanson

Class of 2022 - Fran Bundt, Sandy Chin, Brad Kramer and Peter Stuyvesant

Going off the board were:

Elders - Kay Jahn and Gladys Paulsen

Deacons - Suzanne Valerio

Trustees - Muffy Carlstrom and David Wilson

We thank them for their years of service to the Lord and to us.

Deacons' Corner

"For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore, I command you, "You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land."
Deuteronomy 15:11

The Deacons are dedicated to honoring the Word of God. We thank Him for a fresh new year and a brand new start! May the new pages of your life unfold in peace and be filled with the glory of God!

Your Deacons are joyfully ready to continue our outreach to our congregation and to our community.

A few days before Christmas, we received a request from two displaced mothers with a total of eight children who needed our help in providing Christmas presents for their children. We reached out to the Helping Hand Rescue Mission who provided brand new presents for all the children.

Additionally, two requests came in for help in paying rent and heating bills. Thanks to YOUR generous giving, we were able to meet their needs.

Our HiHi program is in full swing. We have been blessed with good weather so far but that will change. The nights will become bitter cold and snowy, and our homeless community will look to us for refuge from these elements. Central Church is committed to those less fortunate by helping to provide food, shelter and the sharing of the Word of God.

We need volunteers for the 9-11:15 pm shift on Mondays, February 3, 10, and March 2, 9 and 16. Would you prayerfully consider helping on those nights? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the entry way at the back of the church. Please come and

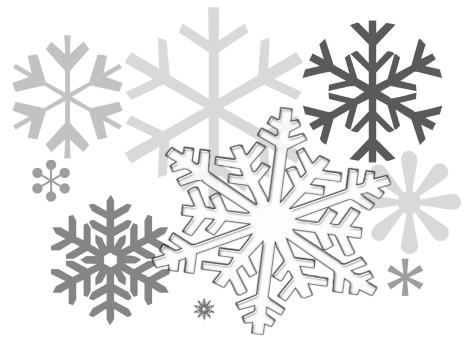
share God's love with these men. Trust me, not only it is a blessing to them, but it will be a blessing to you as well.

If you have a need or know of a need, please contact the Deacons. That is why we are here!

Please continue your financial support for this important outreach. Deacon envelopes are provided in your giving packet, or you can use the pew offering envelopes. Please mark the pew envelopes "Deacons Fund."

God bless you and your families. And happy New Year from all your Deacons.

Bonnie Boettjer,
Deacon



Central Kitchen Use

The kitchen at Central is used by several groups.

In addition to our coffee time each Sunday, The Shelter uses it every other Sunday, and HiHi on nine Mondays from December through March. And our WCC ladies has occasional weekday use.

As a result, it is everyone's job to return items to the correct place and use the supplies wisely.

Paper good, storage bags, etc., are not cheap, so please use them only when necessary. We have a large bag of donated plastic boxes for take-home or refrigerator storage.

Please take home any leftovers not readily usable – three cookies in a one gallon ziplock bag doesn't make sense! Helping Hand Rescue Mission gets our extra food.

Please do not open a new box of plastic bags, aluminum foil or napkins when there are already two identical ones already open.

Please do not leave dishes to drain; towel them dry and put them away. There are no dish fairies here!!!

Most important, please label your items in the fridge. HiHi uses the left side in their season. Please label yours! Each week the refrigerator will be checked for leftovers. Some scary items have been found. Please label – no excuses.

We do not have recycling pick up in

Huntington Village as we are a commercial zone. Empty plastic and glass bottles are either thrown out or taken home for resident recycling. If you care about our planet, please recycle!!!

Thanks for your cooperation.

Kay Jahn,
WCC Kitchen Chairperson

ANNUAL GATHERING

Immediately following worship our worship service on Sunday, February 23rd, we will meet remain in the Sanctuary for our Annual Gathering to review the Annual Report for 2019, as we reflect on what we did this past year, and then focus on our 2020 budget and plans for this year.

Copies of the Annual Report Part 1- Written Report will be available in the Courtyard on Sunday, February 16th. Copies of the Annual Report Part 2 - Financials, will be available at the meeting on February 23rd.

More Central Family News ~

Other Congratulations ~

Cameron Black was a recipient of the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine (located in Sint Maarten) White Coat ceremony which took place on January 6th. He is beginning his studies to become a doctor at this university. We congratulate him for his endeavor to use the gifts God has given him to become a doctor

Congratulations to our "coastie," Lieutenant JG Kaitlin Dickson (Adela Dickson's granddaughter) on passing her 18-month course to become a Physicians' Assistant at US Army Medical Center of Excellence in San Antonio, TX. Kaitlin was one of five who were awarded honors out of a class of 59. We are so proud of her. Kaitlin thanks you for praying for her and asks that you will continue to do so as she begins her rotations at Elgin Air Force Base Hospital in Florida this summer.



Updates ~

Our 34th Annual Thanksgiving Day Luncheon was a huge success. Trish Roach, our wonderful coordinator and an extremely hard worker, told us that we fed more than 200 people who sat down to enjoy a fantastic Thanksgiving lunch with all the trimmings. We also fed the volunteers, gave out take-home dinners and all the leftovers including two turkeys were sent to Family Service League for them to use..

She thanks all who were involved in this year's lunch, including her chefs: Michael Engelhart and Freeman McNeil. She also thanks everyone else who had anything to do with the planning, preparation, cooking, serving and cleaning up.

December's Annual Camp Hope Christmas Dinner Party, under the direction of Cindy Lombardo and Nancy Clous and a host of many other devoted Centralites, went off without a hitch again this year.

About 43 handicapped adults/children, plus drivers and children joined us from Camp Hope and Camp Joy located up in Carmel, New York.

Cindy and Nancy thank everyone who came to help set up, cook, serve and clean up afterwards, as well as all those who brought casseroles, salads and desserts.

They also send a special thank you to The SpiritLifters band who provided the entertainment.

FEBRUARY 2020

YOUTH GROUP

ACTIVITIES

6th Grade through 12th Grade

Tuesday, Feb 4 7:30-8:45 pm
Regular Youth Group Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 11 7:30-8:45 pm
Regular Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, Feb 16 6-8 pm
Evening Service "The Shelter"

Tuesday, Feb 18 7:30-8:45 pm
Regular Youth Group Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 25 7:30-8:45 pm
Regular Youth Group Meeting

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

TO BEGIN

Confirmation classes for teens will begin on Saturday, February 29th from 11 am to 1 pm in the Church Office. We are looking forward to seeing our next generation stand up and confirm their faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior!

If you are interested in having your teens attend these classes, please speak with Pastor Paul or contact the Church Office, 631-421-3663.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

ALSO SET TO BEGIN

Pastor Paul invites anyone interested to join our new members' class. This class is designed to explore the meaning of membership at Central Church. All are welcome.

Please contact the Church Office for dates and times of classes.

Kids Central Begins Again!

Our exciting children's program started up again on January 16th and it's not too late to join!!!

Who – All Children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

What – A program featuring music, art, drama and dance, as well as an opportunity to learn about the Lord.

When – Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. through May 7 (Following the Huntington School District schedule.)

Where – right here at Central Church

Cost – \$15 per child/\$30 maximum for a family for the entire semester.

Questions – contact Jeanine Stuyvesant, 631-421-3663.

Sign up by calling the Church Office at 631-421-3663, emailing us at centch@optonline.net for an application, or printing one off of our church website..



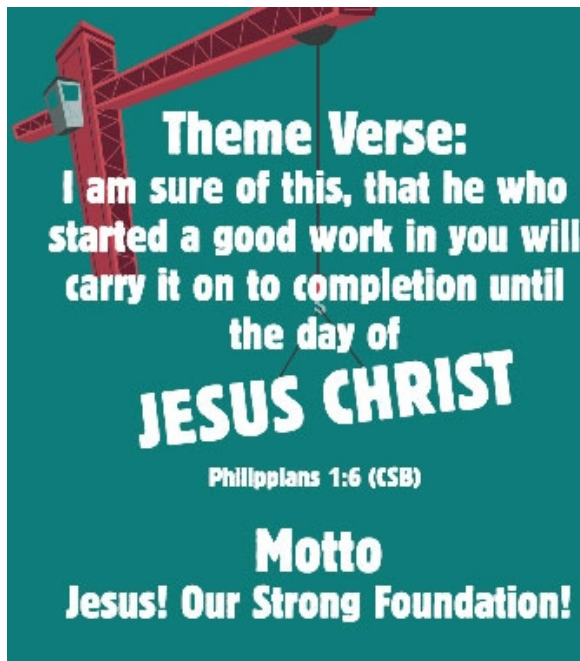
Coming this Summer ~



Vacation Bible School
Monday-Friday, June 29-July 3
9 am to 12:15 pm

As your kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will learn to build their faith on Jesus as they uncover the truth that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion.

Watch for more information on VBS 2020 in the months to come!



We're so accustomed to hearing the Bible's "love chapter," 1 Corinthians 13, at weddings and other occasions that we may not really hear its meaning anymore. It can help to listen to something familiar said in different words. What new understandings of love does this paraphrase from The Message Bible reveal to you?

"Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always 'me first,' doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies"

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, MSG)



Your Central Church Staff thanks each of you for the generous love gifts that they received for Christmas! It was very much appreciated by all of us.

It is our great joy to serve the Lord by serving you all here at Central Church. We are thankful for each and every one of you! God's blessings to you always.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 NA Meeting - 9 am
2 No Shelter Tonight Children's SS & Morning Worship - 10 am Coffee Break - 11:15 am C.E. Hour - 11:30 am NA Group - 7 pm	3 HiHi - 5 pm	4 Morning Prayer - 9:30 am WCC Board Mtg - 10 am Deacons Mtg - 7 pm Youth Group - 7:30 pm	5 Ladies Community Bible Study - 9:30 am	6 Moms in Prayer - 12 noon Kids Central - 4:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal - 7 pm No Staff Meeting Today	7 Jahn/Engelhart Well Group - 7:30 pm March Steeple Notes Due Today	8 NA Meeting - 9 am
9 Children's SS & Morning Worship - 10 am Coffee Break - 11:15 am C.E. Hour - 11:30 am NA Group - 7 pm	10 HiHi - 5 pm Trustees Mtg. - 7:30 pm	11 Morning Prayer - 9:30 am WCC Circles - morning Youth Group - 7:30 pm	12 Ladies Community Bible Study - 9:30 am	13 Moms in Prayer - 12 noon Staff Mtg - 1 pm Kids Central - 4:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal - 7 pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 NA Meeting - 9 am
16 Children's SS & Morning Worship - 10 am Coffee Break - 11:15 am C.E. Hour - 11:30 am The Shelter - 6 pm NA Group - 7 pm	17 Presidents' Day The Church Office is Closed Today	18 Morning Prayer - 9:30 am Youth Group - 7:30 pm	19 Ladies Community Bible Study - 9:30 am	20 Moms in Prayer - 12 noon Staff Mtg - 1 pm Worship Team Rehearsal - 7 pm No Kids Central Today	21 Jahn/Engelhart Well Group - 7:30 pm	22 NA Meeting - 9 am
23 Children's SS & Morning Worship - 10 am Annual Gathering immediately after worship NA Group - 7 pm	24	25 Morning Prayer - 9:30 am Steeple Notes Mail - 9:15 am Session - 7:30 pm Youth Group - 7:30 pm	26 Ash Wednesday Ladies Community Bible Study - 9:30 am	27 Moms in Prayer - 12 noon Staff Mtg - 1 pm Kids Central - 4:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal - 7 pm	28	29 Leap Day NA Meeting - 9 am Confirmation Class - 11 am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm unless otherwise specified.

Please check your Sunday bulletins for any additions, deletions or changes to Church events, ministries and meetings.

