

CENTRAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC *The Anthem*

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 5:12-16

12 The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. 13 No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. 14 Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. 15 As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. 16 Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.

CONTINUING MUSIC *Holy Holy Holy*

RECOGNITION OF FATHERS

CHILDREN'S SERMON Kay Jahn

THE CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

SERMON SERIES On the Road

TODAY'S SERMON Road to Rejoicing

SCRIPTURE TEXT Acts 5:21-32, 5:41-42

21 At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. 22 But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, 23 “We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.” 24 On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were puzzled, wondering what would come of this. 25 Then someone came out and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.” 26 At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles.

They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them. 27 Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. 28 “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.” 29 Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than men! 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. 42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

*This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!*

CLOSING MUSIC *Good Good Father*

BLESSING

WE ARE HAPPY TO TELL YOU that our Sunday morning worship service, which meets at 10 am, is now back to full capacity, with no more state mandated restrictions. However, if you are not yet vaccinated, please continue to follow all mandatory guidelines

MORNING OFFERING: As you depart the service, you can deposit your tithes and offering in the box at the rear of the church. You can also send your tithes and offerings to the church via regular mail, or using your credit card through our website.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL: All children from Kindergarten through Sixth Grade will be dismissed just before the sermon and meet their teacher in Fellowship Hall. Wearing masks and social distancing will be at the discretion of each child’s parents. If you have any questions contact Jeanine Stuyvesant, our Director of Children’s Ministries.

PLEASE NOTE: Until further notice, there is **NO** infant nursery or Pre-K available.

ELDER-ON-CALL: The Elder-on-Call for June is Doral Hardy.

DEACON-ON-CALL: If you have a spiritual, physical, or financial need, or know of someone who does, please call, Andrea Hines-Sterling, 516-695-3749, our Deacon-on-Call for the weeks of June 20th and 27th. All calls are kept confidential.

TRUSTEE-ON-CALL: The Trustees-on-Call for the month of June are Brad Kramer and Peter Stuyvesant. If you know of a building issue that needs attention or have a request or a question for the Trustees, please contact Brad via text message at 631-988-9997 or Peter via text message at 631-897-4710. If you do not text, contact the Church Office, 631-421-3663, and we will relay the message.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR PAUL continues to meet in the White Room immediately following worship this morning. Our study is in the book of Galatians.

WEDNESDAY LADIES COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY: The ladies have been meeting in the White Room on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. This Wednesday, June 23rd, they will be finishing their Ephesians book study before taking a summer break and resuming in the fall. If you'd like to join, please see Kay Jahn or contact her at kathrynjahn@aol.com.

"CONCRETE & CRANES" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is happening right here at Central Church!!! The dates are Monday to Friday, August 9th through 13th, 9 am to 12:15 pm. It's for kids age 3 through Sixth Grade. But in order to make this happen, we need your help. Volunteers are needed in all areas. If you can help, please contact our Director of Children's Ministries, Jeanine Stuyvesant at church, 631-421-3663, or on her cell at 631-897-9183.

DEACONS' REQUEST: The Deacons are coordinating transportation for Frani Hicks, from/to her assisted living facility in Westbury, to Sunday morning worship a few times a month. If you would feel led to help out in this area during the month of June, please see or call Janice Bradley, 631-754-5880.

HELPING HAND RESCUE MISSION is in need of donations of non-perishable food items to help stock their food pantry. Items such as pasta, sauce, canned soup and tuna, peanut butter, jelly, etc., are greatly appreciated. You can bring your donations to church and leave them on the wooden chest in the hallway and we will deliver them to HHRM.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Central Church is still seeking a part time Administrative Assistant/Office Manager with great organizational, communication and people skills. We are looking for a mature Christian who will display a heart for our ministry. Proficiency in MS Word and a willingness to learn other programs is a must. Key responsibility is to act as liaison between church boards, members and the public. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Please email your resume to centch@optonline.net. Also, if you know of someone who is seeking part time employment and could be a fit for this position, please feel free to tell them about this opportunity.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Beginning Thursday, July 1st the Office hours will be Tuesday through Friday, 8 am to 1 pm. We are very grateful that Mrs. Nan Lee has agreed to step in and work in the Office for the time being while we search for a permanent replacement.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS COMING WEEK:

All meetings in-house unless otherwise specified as Zoom.
The Church Office hours are M-F, 8 am - 4 pm unless otherwise specified.

Sunday - June 20 *Father's Day / Summer Begins*

10:00 am **Morning Worship & Children's Sunday School** (meets in-house or via Church website & Facebook)
after worship **Bible Study with Pastor Paul** (in the White Room)
7:00 pm **NA Group - meets in the Gym**

Monday - June 21

Tuesday - June 22 *Welcome Back Miss Rayna to Youth Group*

7:30 pm **Youth Group**

Wednesday - June 23

9:30 am **Ladies Community Bible Study** (last until September)
12:00 pm **Staff Meeting**
4:15 pm **Mom's in Prayer Meeting** (via ZOOM)
6:30 pm **Central Church Basketball**

Thursday - June 24

10:00 am **Prayer Meeting** (meets in-house & via Zoom)
7:00 pm **Worship Team Rehearsal**

Friday - June 25

Saturday - June 26

Sunday - June 27

10:00 am **Morning Worship & Children's Sunday School** (meets in-house or via Church website & Facebook)
after worship **Bible Study with Pastor Paul** (in the White Room)
7:00 pm **NA Group** (meets in the Gym)

CENTRAL FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

“...For we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” Romans 8:26

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

- * For the health and safety of our church family as we worship together again on Sunday mornings while following strict guidelines
- * For the gradual reopening of our church ministries, programs and events
- * For our Pastor, staff members and church leaders (Session, Deacons, and Trustees) who are doing their best to keep the church running and helping our church family with needs
- * For those in our church family who have been affected by the pandemic, including those who have suffered from the virus themselves and those who lost loved ones due to the virus

PRAY FOR OUR NATION & OUR WORLD

- * For all of our government officials on all levels, as they are trying to do their best for our country through this pandemic, violence eruptions, the economy and natural disasters, etc.
- * For our military men and women stationed at home and abroad: John B., John & Bethany B. Kaitlin D., Anasia H., and Frank & Rebekah S
- * For our police, fire fighters, doctors, nurses & other health care workers, truck drivers, store employees and all other essential workers who have laid their lives on the line for our country
- * For our country which, along with this pandemic, is experiencing much racial and political tension
- * And for nations around the world who are also devastated by this pandemic, as well as natural disasters and civil unrest

ONGOING PRAYER FOR INDIVIDUALS

- * **WHO HAVE VARIOUS HEALTH & OTHER ISSUES including Central members and friends:** Ethel B., Fran B., Kay J., Margaret B., Mary Lou D., Nancy C., Lois C., Don E., Tina H., June J., Lisa B., Pete M., Don M., Shirley R., Jeanine S., and for the many friends and/or family members of our church family
- * **WHO ARE HOME-BOUND OR ARE IN NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING & REHAB FACILITIES, including Central members:** Frani H., George K., Barbara L., Christine N. and David W
- * **WHO ARE EXPECTING BABIES, TRYING TO CONCEIVE OR ADOPTING, AND THE NEW LITTLE BABIES BORN DURING THE PANDEMIC**
- * **WHO ARE MOURNING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES**
- * **WHO ARE MOVING AND TRANSITIONING INTO NEW HOMES/AREAS**
- * **WHO ARE EXPERIENCING EMPLOYMENT ISSUES DUE TO THE PANDEMIC** including all who were furloughed, had work hours cut or were laid off altogether from their jobs.