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**Church Office Hours**

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**Worship**

**Sunday, March 4, 2018**

10:15 a.m.  
Third Sunday of Lent

*Communion*

**Sermon Title:**

*Shoeless in Sinai*  
Rev. Wallace Bubar

**Scriptures:**

Exodus 3:1–15 and  
Matthew 10:1, 5–13

**Hymns:**

- 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
- 579 *Lord, Have Mercy*
- 370 *This Is My Father's World*
- 572 *Sanctus*
- 5 *God, the Sculptor of the Mountains*

**Music:**

Chancel Choir with  
Curtis Barr, cellist

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Top stories...



Attend this 18-hour centering prayer retreat offered for your Lenten journey.



Still time to join Central's book study on *The Shack*. Contact **Greg Halterman**.



Walk with our neighbors at annual *Palm Sunday Procession & Prayer Service*



*Everybody Wins! Iowa* are offering Younkers coupon booklets for \$5



Signup for a Seder meal experience with LOGOS Wednesday, March 28



*Lovers & Fools* Lenten Prayer Retreat at Central

Go inward in contemplation and explore the season of Lent (which begins on Valentine's Day and ends on April Fool's Day).

Beginning with a simple supper on Friday evening and concluding with lunch on Saturday, we'll share about 18 hours of silence, prayer and reflection. In addition to ample Centering Prayer time shared together, other spiritual disciplines will be offered for prayer, inner work and worship. The retreat at Central Presbyterian Church will be Friday and Saturday, March 2 & 3, starting at 5:00 p.m. and ends Saturday at 1:00 p.m. The retreat is limited to 20 people, so register early. Cost is \$55 and includes three healthy meals. Limited scholarships are available. Register at [www.centeriowa.org](http://www.centeriowa.org) or contact Paul Witmer, 515-240-1653 or [paulwitmer@msn.com](mailto:paulwitmer@msn.com).



Adults, attend the congregation's Lenten Book Study on Sunday

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be in the same room with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit? The story will usher you directly into the heart and nature of God and challenge you to consider the person and the plan of God in more expansive terms than you may have ever dreamed. Books are available to download to your electronic device. Study guides will be provided. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards in the East Parlor, 39th Street Lobby and outside the Christian Education office. The two study sessions are:

- *Sundays, 9:00 AM, March 4, 11, 18 & 25, in the Fireside Room*
- *Thursdays, 6:30 PM, March 8, 15 & 22, at the Halterman/Vargas home*



Are you interested in *Walking with our Neighbors* on Palm Sunday?



Central Presbyterian Church is part of the Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace sponsoring the annual *Palm Sunday Procession and Service for Peace* on Sunday, March 25. The Procession, led by a donkey, begins at 3:00 p.m. in the parking lot at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave., and ends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 2926 Beaver Ave., where the Service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Keynote speaker is the Rev. Alejandro Alfaro-Santiz, pastor of Trinity Las Americas United Methodist Church in Des Moines. We will raise our prayers and strengthen our resolve to *end* all wars, seek a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Palestine/Israel, Syria, North Korea and other places, welcome immigrants and refugees of war, and insist that "War is not the answer." If walking, you are invited to carry placards with words calling for peace and justice for all, including immigrants. Contact **Communications Director Kim Coulter** for materials to make signs, at [kculter@dmcpc.org](mailto:kculter@dmcpc.org) or 515-279-4299.

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**Upcoming @Central**

**Friday, March 2**

- Noon Church closes
- 5:00pm Contemplative Outreach Lenten Retreat

**Saturday, March 3**

- 7:00am Contemplative Outreach Lenten Retreat

**Sunday, March 4**

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 9:00am Lenten Book Study
- 9:30am Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 10:15am Worship
- 11:15am Fellowship
- 11:30am Happy Buddha & Vietnam Slideshow

**Monday, March 5**

- 4:30pm Worship
- 7:00pm Communications

**Tuesday, March 6**

- 5:00pm Tutoring
- 7:00pm Christian Education Cmte

**Wednesday, March 7**

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 5:00pm LOGOS children
- 5:00pm Buildings & Grounds Cmte
- 6:15pm LOGOS youth & dinner
- 6:30pm Human Resources
- 6:30pm Knitting group
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 8**

- 7:00am Business & Finance
- 8:45am Morgen Bells
- 5:30pm World & Community Concerns
- 6:30pm Lenten Book Study

**Serving shelter meal offers experience and grace for everyone!**



The Des Moines Medical University's Department of Physical Therapy classes of 2019 and 2020 volunteered to feed individuals staying at Central Iowa Shelter and Services on Feb. 13, 2018. They prepared dinner for 250 people. Over 70 students participated in purchasing food, cooking and serving. DMU students volunteer yearly through this outreach program of Central Presbyterian Church, under the supervision of Laura Covill, associate professor in the physical therapy department. Student's use this service activity to meet cultural competency objectives and for partial completion of a civic engagement course.



**Support Everybody Wins! Iowa at Younkers Community Days**

Everybody Wins! Iowa is selling Younkers Community Days coupon booklets to help raise funds for their spring book giveaways for the tutoring students. Community Days is one of the biggest sale events of the year at Younkers, taking place Thursday, March 1 through Saturday, March 3. Each booklet sold will buy one book for the Power Read program. To purchase a coupon booklet, contact Central's site coordinator at info@everybodywinsiowa.org, 515-277-5590 or 515-277-7590 or purchase online at: <http://bit.ly/2GB4fwG>. Coupon booklets cost \$5 (100% of this donation comes to Everybody Wins! Iowa) and there are over \$500 of savings in each booklet, including a \$10 off coupon for first purchase made.

**Drake Choir & Chamber Choir performs Tuesday evening on campus**

The Drake Choir and Chamber Choir invites you to their pre-tour concert on Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., in Sheslow Auditorium on Drake's campus. The concert, on the eve of the choir's tour of Iowa, Illinois and Indiana, will feature music by contemporary American, Korean and Lithuanian composers, as well as works by Rheinberger, Handel and Finzi. There is no admission charge. Directing the event is Aimee Beckmann-Collier, D.M.A., director of Choral Studies and Ellis and Nelle Levitt Distinguished Professor of Conducting at Drake University.

**Deacons Easter Food Basket Collection**

Help provide an Easter dinner for those less fortunate in our community. Hy-Vee will assemble the baskets of food for Central. In order to facilitate this process, Central is asking for a monetary contribution to cover the cost of food for the baskets. A \$40 donation will cover the cost of a stocked basket. Donations will be distributed for CROSS Ministries. Please designate your gift to the Deacons' Easter Basket and mail to the church office or drop in the offering plate. You can go online for a one-time giving option on the website: [www.dmcpc.org/give](http://www.dmcpc.org/give).

**Deadline is Monday, March 19. Thank you from the Deacons!**



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**Space still available for "Fourth Fridays"**

Take part in a new ministry this year: On the fourth Friday of the month Christian Education Director Greg Halterman and his partner, Miguel Vargas, will bring a pizza and salad dinner to your home or theirs. *Fourth Fridays* will take place year round. Sign up at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0848A9AA22A2FC1-fourth](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0848A9AA22A2FC1-fourth).



**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN WITH PRESBYTERIANS WORLDWIDE**

in sharing God's love with our neighbors—in need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

By sharing our gifts, we are answering God's call to be repairers of the breach.

**Central's offering will take place March 25, 2018**

**IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**

One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports programs in over 100 countries. With your help, we can do even more.



To learn more, go to [presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs)

**Donations needed for Easter flowers in the Sanctuary**

Your contribution helps us purchase arrangements for the chancel and Easter lilies and spring flowers. Order forms are available in the Narthex, 39th Street Lobby and church office. Please complete and return with payment in the offering plate or to the office by Monday, March 19, 2018. You can go online for a one-time giving option on the website: [www.dmcp.org/give](http://www.dmcp.org/give).

**Seder meal experience is planned for Holy Week**



The congregation is invited to attend a Seder dinner on Wednesday, March 28, at 6:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall as part of the Wednesday night LOGOS dinner. The Jewish Seder celebrates the Passover that took place before the Jews were led out of Egypt by Moses. Those of the Jewish faith celebrate this with family, friends and food. As part of our Judeo-Christian heritage we, too, will celebrate. To put it into Christian perspective, Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem was his arrival to celebrate the Passover with his disciples. For more information or to participate in this timeless tradition, please contact Greg Halterman, Christian Education Director, at [ghalterman@dmcp.org](mailto:ghalterman@dmcp.org).

**Pastor on Vacation**

**Pastor Bubar** and his family will be on vacation from March 12-18. In case of pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Medea Saunders at [revmudd@gmail.com](mailto:revmudd@gmail.com) or 515-418-0059. Medea is a United Methodist pastor and hospice chaplain. The guest preacher on March 18 will be The Rev. Sarah Trone Garriott, coordinator of interfaith engagement for DMARC.

**Consider helping a Malawi Village with a clothing drive during March**



Central member **Selina Orman** is requesting donations through the World & Community Concerns Committee in anticipation of her trip to Malawi in June. She is asking for donations for her family's village as their struggles have not improved since her last visit in 2016.

Here's a list of the items needed: clothing for all ages and gender, blankets, sheets, shoes—even gently worn, and battery-operated radios. Donation tubs are available in the 39th Street Lobby. "Thank you to every one for agreeing to help my family – what a huge blessing for my home village in Malawi!" –*Selina Orman*



**Take note of these upcoming 2018 activities:**

- March 2–3 .....5:00pm ..... *Lovers and Fools* Lenten Retreat, Contemplative Outreach of Central Iowa
- March 10 –18 ..... Spring Break (no Sunday School, LOGOS or Tutoring programming)
- March 11 .....2:00am ..... Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 13 ..... 5pm..... Serve shelter meal
- March 25 .....10:15am ..... Palm Sunday Worship service
- March 25 .....3:00pm ..... Palm Sunday Procession and Service of Peace
- March 28 .....6:15pm ..... LOGOS dinner – Seder-meal experience
- March 29 ..... 7pm..... Maundy Thursday service with First Arabic Presbyterian Church members
- March 30 ..... 7pm..... Good Friday service, *The Seven Last Words*
- April 1 .....8:30am ..... Easter Worship service with communion
- April 1 .....9:30am ..... Egg Hunt & fellowship
- April 1 .....10:15am ..... Easter Worship service
- April 8 ..... 10:15am ..... Central College A Capella Choir sings