

Steeple Notes

Central Church, Huntington, NY
Where Jesus Is Lord and All Are Loved
October - November 2026

By Now, You May Have Heard...



Greetings and love from Central Church!

So how should we respond to painful and disappointing developments?

One of the most profound Biblical messages I have ever received comes from the prophet Habakkuk—a contemporary of Jeremiah, Nahum and Zephaniah. He prophesized the victory of the Babylonians over Jerusalem 21 years before it occurred, and asked God why the Lord allows injustice to occur. But the turning point for Habakkuk comes when the prophet realizes there are times when we have to affirm our faith based on what we remember to be true, not what we see immediately before us.

It is Habakkuk who affirms:

“...the righteous shall live by his faith” (Habakkuk 2:4b)

“But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”

(Habakkuk 2:20)

And his glorious hymn which he chooses to sing in this moment:

*Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,*

*yet I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
GOD, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.*

(Habakkuk 3:17-19a)

I write this to encourage us as we at Central face perhaps our most trying time.

It is right for us to call out to God—even in protest and even complaint! Certainly, that is what Habakkuk does.

But at the end of the day, we would do well to remember that Habakkuk ends with his affirmation of God's salvation.

The Good News is that what Habakkuk had to wait for, we have in our very hearts today! The Holy Spirit is living inside of us:

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, **for he dwells with you and will be in you.**”

(John 14:16-17)

So let us affirm our faith and let us cling to the Lord Jesus, our Risen Lord!

1. *Keep praying for miracles!*
2. *Faithfully support Central financially!*
3. *Continue kindness to one another—lift each other up!*

Hang in there, Central!

And may the love and grace of our Lord Jesus be with us all!

Paul S. Lee

Pastor Paul Lee



YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD.
I will be joyful
IN GOD MY SAVIOR.

HABAKKUK 3:18, NIV



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02	Jessica LaMay
03	Kara Dickson
04	Betty Roman
05	Vikki Braun
06	Frani Hicks
09	Solomon Asomaning
10	Bonnie Boettjer
12	Anneliese Lanza
20	Sandy Chin
23	Gina Auricchio
23	Alexis Vandergoot
25	Seth Blaise
27	Lorraine McGinn
28	Kay Jahn
28	Danielle McCoy
28	Leslie Sutherland
29	Ruth Korinek

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

04	Laura & Dana Tiemann
06	Chris & Marie Fischer
22	Matt & Jessica LaMay
28	Foster & Janice Bradley
30	Andrea & Claude Sterling

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03	Jeanine Stuyvesant
04	Mike Schroeder
06	Jeremy Allen
10	Cindy Lombardo
11	Polo Cummings
11	Mike Engelhart
13	Savion Black
13	Tami Greco
13	Marrett Salg
14	Shawn Anderson
15	Pauline diBari
16	Laurel Baker
16	Essence Sterling
20	Shannon Weller
23	Briella McCoy
24	Aurora Silvia
25	Leah Braun
28	Bennett Silvia



October at a Glance

Tuesday – October 6

10 am – Board Meeting

Tuesday – October 13

10 am – Circle Meeting

Tuesday – October 20

10 am – Bread & Salad Luncheon

Looking Ahead to November

Tuesday – November 3

10 am – Board Meeting

Tuesday – November 10

10 am – Circle Meeting

Watch for more details in the Sunday bulletins.

Longtime Central member Evelyn Tjon went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, September 9, 2026. She had just celebrated her 102nd birthday on September 3rd.



Evelyn was the beloved wife of the late Norman Tjon and was the loving mother of Diane (Mark) Luhnnow, Douglas B. (Jodie) Tjon, Wendy (Karl) Roman, and Joann (Scott) Albertson. She was the cherished grandmother of Kelsie, Jonathan, Michael, Kristy, Katie, Heidi, Caleb, Naomi, Jenna, Erik, Kari and Kellie.

Evelyn's Celebration of Life service was at Central Church on Monday, September 28th, and burial was at Pinelawn that morning. Pastor George Bundt officiated at both.

Please continue praying for the family.



Rayna Caputo, Director of Youth Ministries, has resigned from her position here at Central. We want to thank her for her six years of service to the Lord at Central. She has impacted the lives of many teens through her ministry. We wish Rayna and her family God's blessings in their future endeavors. We will miss Rayna!



Just for today, I will try to live through this day only, not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do things for twelve hours that would appall me if I had to keep them up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. This assumes that what Abraham Lincoln said is true, that "most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." Happiness is from within; it is not a matter of externals.

Just for today I will try to adjust myself to what is and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my family, my business, and my likes as they come and fit myself to them.

Just for today I will take care of my body. I will exercise it, care for it, nourish it, not abuse it or neglect it, so that it will be a perfect machine for my bidding.

Just for today, I will try to strengthen my mind. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought, and concentration.

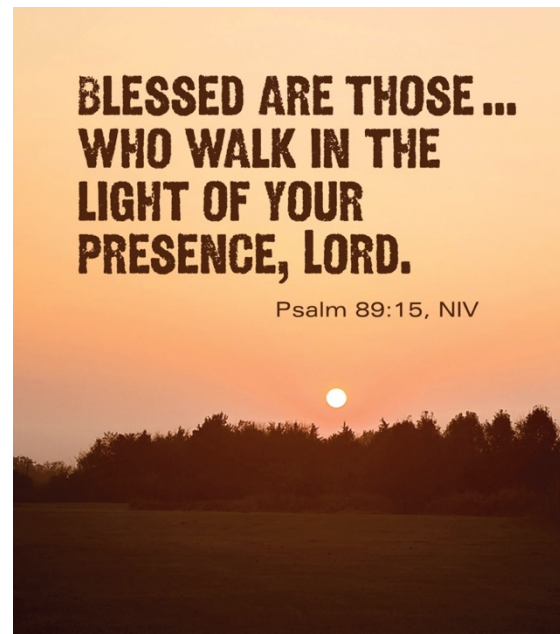
Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out; I will do at least two things I don't want to do, as William James suggests, just for exercise.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress as becomingly as possible, talk low, act courteously, be liberal with praise, criticize not at all, nor find fault with anything and not try to regulate or improve anyone.

Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself and relax. In this half hour sometimes I will thank God, so as to get a little more perspective to my life.

Just for today I will be unafraid, especially I will not be afraid to be happy, to enjoy what is beautiful, to love and believe that those I love, love me.

~ By Dr. Frank Crane, originally published in 1921 in The Boston Daily Globe



Psalm 89:15, NIV

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 central church HUNTINGTON, NY	OFFICE HOURS: TUES. TO FRI. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM			1 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30	2	3 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
4 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	5 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	6 WCC BOARD MEETING 10AM TRUSTEES MTG 7:30 PM	7 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM DEACONS 7PM	8 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30	9	10 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
11 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	12 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM COLUMBUS DAY	13 WCC CIRCLE 10AM WORSHIP COMM 7:30 PM	14 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM	15 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30	16	17 ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY 8:30 AM NA GROUP 9 AM
18 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	19 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	20 10AM WCC BREAD & SALAD LUNCHEON	21 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM	22 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30	23	24 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
25 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	26 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	27 SESSION MTG 7:00 PM	28 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM	29 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30	30	31 NA GROUP 9:00 AM

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	2 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	3 WCC BOARD MEETING 10AM DEACONS 7PM	4 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM	5 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30	6	7 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
8 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	9 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	10 WCC CIRCLE 10AM TRUSTEES 7:30 PM WORSHIP COMM 7:30 PM	11 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM	12 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30	13	14 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
15 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	16 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	17 STEEPLE NOTES ARTICLES DUE	18 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM	19 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30	20	21 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
22 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	23 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	24 SESSION MTG 7:00 PM	25 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM	26 	27	28 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
29 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	30 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM				OFFICE HOURS: TUES. TO FRI. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	