

**CENTRAL CHURCH**  
**MARCH 17, 2024**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING MUSIC**                      **Trust in God**

**SCRIPTURE READING**                **Romans 12:9-13**

**Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**PRE/K DISMISSED**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CONTINUING MUSIC**                **Healer**

**CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**SCRIPTURE TEXT**                      **Mark 2:23-3:6**

**TODAY'S SERMON**                      **How Remarkable Is Your Rest?**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**CLOSING MUSIC**                      **Goodness of God**

**BLESSING**

***PRAYERS AT FRONT OF CHURCH***

***BIBLE STUDY IN WHITE ROOM***

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**AFTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP:** Join us in the gym for fellowship and snacks! If you would like to bring Sunday refreshments, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the white room. Many thanks to all who contribute to our coffee hour.

**ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP** is this Saturday, March 23, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. A sign-up is on the wall next to the white room, and refreshments will be provided. Any of your time is appreciated!

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29:** Service will be at noon, followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

**EASTER, MARCH 31:** Sunrise service will be at 7:00 am at Bay Hills beach. At 8:45 am, Easter breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall, then we will all celebrate Jesus' resurrection at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. After worship, kids will have an Easter egg hunt. Invite your neighbors!

*A sign-up for sunrise service and breakfast tasks is in the courtyard. We would love your help!*

**LENT DEVOTIONALS:** Please feel free to take copies of *The Easter Code* from the foyer.

**YOUTH GROUP** will meet this Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 (instead of the usual Wednesday).

**KIDS CENTRAL** meets on Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** is also this Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** has grown from one class to three! Thanks to all who have volunteered to teach and assist – and we would love more helpers for each age group from pre-K to youth. For more information, call the office at 631-421-3663 or email [centch@optonline.net](mailto:centch@optonline.net)

**DEACON-ON-CALL:** If you have a spiritual, physical, or financial need, or know someone who does, please contact Andrea Sterling, our Deacon-on-Call for the weeks of March 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, at 516-695-3749.

**ELDER-ON-CALL** for March is Joe Garofola, 631-427-5908.

**TRUSTEE-ON-CALL** is Brad Kramer. For facility questions, call Brad at 631-988-9997.

**DEACONS FUND:** Please prayerfully consider donating to this ministry fund. When giving, write "Deacons" on the check memo line or on the envelope. Your contributions have helped make it possible for the deacons to support many in our community.

**HELPING HAND RESCUE MISSION:** Nonperishable canned, boxed, or bagged food – no clothing, please – may be placed on the wooden chest in the hallway. Thank you.

**SHOE COLLECTION:** Dottie Kannapin is collecting new and gently used footwear for a ministry near her home. If you have shoes you would like to donate, please let her know.

**STEEPLE NOTES:** Articles deadline for the April-May issue is this Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>. News, reviews, and photos can be emailed, mailed via USPS, or dropped off at the office. Thanks!

# 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 our church family as we worship on Sunday mornings and follow God each day
- For our church ministries, programs, and events
- For our Pastor, staff, 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 our church as we appeal the recent court decision with the PC(USA)

## Pray for Our Nation and Our World

- For Israel – for those grieving over loved ones; for its military and leadership
- For Haiti – for the nation’s release and healing from gang violence, political turmoil, and food and fuel price hikes, all of which have been ravaging this country
- For Ukraine – for the safety of its people and for the wisdom of its leaders
- For our military men and women stationed at home and abroad: John & Bethany B., Kaitlin D., Anasia H., and Frank S.
- For our government officials on all levels, as they are working hard for our country to get through economic troubles, violence, and natural disaster recovery
- For our country and for all nations around the world recovering from natural catastrophes as well as civil unrest

## Ongoing Prayer for Individuals

- **Who have various health concerns, including Central members and friends:**  
Annabelle A., Doris A., Cleavon B., Evelyn B., Lisa B., Margaret B., Phil B., Lois C., Bob E., Vicki E., Diane G., Shannon G., Doral H., Tina H., Kay J., Darin J., June J., Ralph L., Don M., Pete M., Gladys P., Paige P., Claude S., Jeanine S., Peter S., Linda T., Evelyn T., Aileen, and the many friends and family members of our church family.
- **Who are homebound or are in nursing homes, assisted living, and rehab facilities, including Central members:** Frani H.
- **Who are mourning the loss of loved ones**
- **Who are moving and transitioning into new homes / areas**
- **Who are experiencing employment issues**, including those who had their work hours cut, were laid off, or are struggling in the workplace.



# ***Good Friday***

***March 29, 2024, at 12:00***

***Service and Lunch***

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