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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today we are celebrating UMCOR Sunday (United Methodist Committee on Relief). UMCOR is the global humanitarian aid and development organization of the United Methodist Church.
- Our guest preacher on April 14 will be Rev. Dr. Eric Beck. Pastor Eric served Central Church as pastor from 2007-2012. He was then appointed as Lead Pastor at Jackson First UMC until his retirement in 2019.
- The Finance Committee Meeting has been moved to April 23 at 7 pm.

Upcoming Events

Mon 4/8	Red Cross Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall	12 – 5:45 pm
Tue 4/9	Belding Adult Education Class – JR/SR High Classroom	9 am – 12 pm
Wed 4/10	Belding Adult Education Class – JR/SR High Classroom	9 am – 12 pm
	Rev. Paul’s Bible Study – Lounge	5:30 pm
	Honeybee Fitness Class – Fellowship Hall	6:30 pm
Thu 4/11	Missions Committee – Front Room	10 am
	Community Respite/Support – Lounge	1-4 pm
	Community Dinner – Fellowship Hall	4-6 pm
Sat 4/13	Private Event – Fellowship Hall	10 am
Sun 2/14	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship – Sanctuary	10:30 am

The Church Office will be closed April 8



Rev. Paul will be on vacation from April 12 thru April 20




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_____ refers to anything pertaining to or of concern of _____, especially in matters of _____.

The Gospel writers increasingly assert that Jesus' _____ was _____ and _____.

Greek _____ understands the _____ and the _____ to be _____ things. For Jewish thinkers, your body and soul are _____; you live when you take in God's _____ and you die when that _____.

For Luke, Jesus returns from death in his _____. If God does this for Christ, and we follow him, then _____ for us leaves _____. God values _____ part of you.

Our world tends to have valued the _____, now the _____, over the _____. We value _____, _____, or _____ more than we value the _____. We see this in the way that we _____ the _____ of the body in our various societies.

Our suffering is _____. _____ cannot come to one part of us at the expense of another part of us. The Good News is that God seeks our _____.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Celebration – 10:30 am

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Gracious Christ, you live again despite the violence you accepted upon yourself. **Your outstretched arms revealed your vulnerability and yet you were not destroyed. Who can hold you back from the life you offer?**

Your body bears the scars of your lynching as you walk out of death and the tomb and you breathe on us as a remade and resurrected man.

The mystery of wounds retained eludes us. Why remember what has been put away?

Your body is a mystery, Holy One. It confounds us as we look upon what was once dead and yet alive once again.

Remind us that our flesh is your flesh, dust and ash given life by your Holy Spirit. Renew us as we ponder what has just unfolded. Amen.

WORSHIP WITH PRAYER AND SONG

*Hymn *The Old Rugged Cross* Hymnal 504

Sharing of Praises and Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn *One Bread, One Body* Hymnal 620

*Dedication of Tithes & Offerings Hymnal 95

WORSHIP WITH THE WRITTEN WORD

Reading of Scripture: Luke 24:36-49

Liturgist: Words from the past made new for us today!

People's Response: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message *The Body is political*

COMMUNION LITURGY

Hymn during Communion *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* Hymnal 304

Benediction

Postlude

*Please rise in spirit or in body