

Today's Events: May 17

- 8:45 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks - *Library*

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- 10:00 am Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:30am Children’s Church/Children’s Sunday School – *Chapel*
- 11:00 am Blood Pressure Checks - *Library*
- 11:15 am Parent Gathering – *Conference Room*  
Creation Care Meeting – *Room 307*
- 4:00 pm Blue Ridge Ringers - *Sanctuary*
- 5:00 pm Youth Sunday School – *Youth Arena*  
Youth Group – *Youth Arena*

This Week’s Events: May 17 - 24

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| Mon., 5/18   | 5:45 pm  | Theology Pub – <i>Village Pub</i>   |
|              | 6:30 pm  | Brass Rehearsal – <i>Sanctuary</i>  |
| Tues., 5/19  | 9:45 am  | Staff Meeting – <i>Conference Room</i>  |
| Wed., 5/20   | 11:00 am | Centering Prayer – <i>Chapel</i>  |
|              | 6:30 pm  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>   |
| Thurs., 5/21 | 8:00 am  | Thursday Morning Prayer – <i>Zoom</i>   |
|              | 10:00 am | Circle of Prayer – <i>Zoom</i>  |
| Fri., 5/22   | 5:30 pm  | Brass Rehearsal - <i>Sanctuary</i>  |
| Sun., 5/24   | 8:45 am  | Sunday School   |
|              | 10:00 am | Worship Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>  |
|              | 10:30 am | Children’s Church/Sunday School – <i>Chapel</i>                                       |
|              | 11:15 am | Parent Gathering – <i>Conference Room</i><br>Youth Sunday School – <i>Youth Arena</i> |

For more information about these activities, go to [centralumc.org/EVENTS](http://centralumc.org/EVENTS).

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Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 2026  
10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME**

**CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

**PRELUDE** “The Peace May be Exchanged” Dan Locklair

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Lisa Rettew

*based on Revelation 22:13,17*  
The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”  
**Let everyone who is thirsty come.**  
Let everyone who hears say, “Come.”  
**Let everyone who is thirsty come.**  
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.  
**Let everyone who is thirsty come.**  
Come to the tree of life, the Alpha and the Omega.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**\*HYMN 545** “The Church’s One Foundation” Aurelia

**MISSION MOMENT** Children’s Ministries Sarah Carraway

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Lisa Rettew  
Ending with the Lord’s Prayer (Hymnal 895)

**OFFERTORY** “The Love of Christ” Anderson/Nichols  
Chancel Choir

*While the choir makes their musical offering, the ushers will pass plates for those who wish to offer a financial gift or a prayer request. You may also use this QR code to make a financial gift. Whether you place something in the plate or not, you are invited to pause as you pass it and reflect on what you hope to offer God this week.*



**\*DOXOLOGY** Hymnal 94  
“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 17:1-11 Rev. Dr. David Ourisman

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Maggie Christy

*After Children's Time, children in kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to continue Worship in Children's Church in the Chapel. Children ages 5 and under may go to the nursery (Room 309, across from the church offices) with our childcare staff. For safety, all children must wear a name tag. Name tags are available near the Library.*

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. David Ourisman  
"May They All Be One"

\*THE APOSTLES CREED (Hymnal 881) Rev. Lisa Rettew

\*HYMN 560 "Help Us Accept Each Other" ACCEPTANCE

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Ourisman

## CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE "The People Respond, Amen!" Dan Locklair

*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

**David Ourisman**, PhD, is an ordained United Methodist minister, teacher and author of the book *One Life, Four Stories: Invitations to Faith & Wonder*. He served seventeen years in the pastorate and now enjoys being a guest speaker and teacher. With his graduate degree in Preaching and the New Testament, he published his first book in 2000 and has taught in both theological seminaries and secular settings. A lifelong travel and photography enthusiast, he also founded and runs a successful travel agency.

A livestream of the worship service is available in the library for families. Nursery is available in Room 309 for children ages 0-5.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the Ushers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We Are Hiring!** – We are in need of a Nursery Supervisor, Nursery Staff and Nursery Substitutes. If this is something you might be interested in doing, please contact Maggie Christy at [mchristy@centralumc.org](mailto:mchristy@centralumc.org).

**Senior Sunday** - May 31 we will celebrate our graduating seniors! If you know of a student graduating high school, college, or post-grad, please let Maggie know so that we don't miss out on celebrating anyone! [mchristy@centralumc.org](mailto:mchristy@centralumc.org)

**College Student Summer Addresses** - If you know of a college student who will have an address change for the summer, please let Jan know at [jgriffin@centralumc.org](mailto:jgriffin@centralumc.org).

### SAVE THE DATES!

We have two summer events we want to remind everyone about – the Broadway Review is happening on Friday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, and Vacation Bible School from June 15-29 (you can sign up in Realm). Look for more later about these upcoming events!

Heath Towson will be hosting a community and family-friendly event, the **"Motor Mile" Car Show** on Saturday, May 30 from 10am - 2pm on Coxe Avenue. This show pays homage to the many automobile dealers who were once in business on Coxe Ave. The show is free to both enter a car and free to attend as a spectator.

**Eve Circle** will meet June 9 at Lake Louise Park for brunch at 10:00 am. Attendees should bring plate, silverware, drink, and a brunch dish to share. After eating, members who wish will share their journeys for better understanding of how each is still "Mapping Our Way Forward." Visitors are always welcome! if you are interested or have questions, please contact [dlballandy45@gmail.com](mailto:dlballandy45@gmail.com) or [sandracwells@gmail.com](mailto:sandracwells@gmail.com).

**Blood Drive Coming in June!** On Wednesday, June 10 from 1-5:30 pm, we will be hosting a Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall. To all who are able, we encourage you to donate blood. You may click [here](#) to schedule an appointment. Thank you!

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given in memory of a wonderful mom, Mary Ann Boutin. Happy Birthday to you in heaven. Love you, Joanne, Roger, Zachary, Ryan and Sidney.

**Plainclothes law enforcement officers** are present during our services so that all may feel welcome, secure and free to worship, fellowship and experience God's grace freely. Our staff members are in direct communication with the officers should you feel the need to ask for assistance or voice a concern.

## Central.Giving.

### Financial Update through April 2026:

2026 Year to Date Tithes & Offerings: \$540,369

Total Annual Budget: \$1,550,000

**ECO-Tip:** Our food sources are important, even essential, in God's plan for creation. We can look for locally grown produce and protein. We can encourage farmers who are using regenerative soil practice. Our choices can heal rather than harm our environment. Let the "meditation of my heart" include how humans use, not abuse, God's gift of creation.



Central's Child & Family Care Ministry can embrace your family with support when needed! Today's families with young children and teens face so many challenges! You do not have to go it alone. Please reach out to Pastor Lisa or Maggie Christy and let us wrap our care around you!

### SUMMER NEWSLETTER CHANGE!

Instead of a newsletter this summer, we are planning to send out a very detailed calendar for the month of July. **Please send any event that needs to be on the calendar during the month of July to [announcements@centralumc.org](mailto:announcements@centralumc.org) no later than June 12.** Thank you!