WORSHIP

*Special Note: As a courtesy to our fragrance-sensitive church family members, please refrain from wearing perfumes or colognes to worship services. Thank you.*

**The flowers on the altar today** are in honor of **Helen Cook’s 99th birthday**,

given by **Marvine Stamatakis**.

**CONNECT**

**Wonderful Wednesday menu for September 20:** Cherry Almond Chicken Casserole, Mission Team Salad Bar, Assorted Desserts. **Sponsored by Central’s Mission Team** in support of the Women’s Health Clinic and Birthing Center in Haiti.

**Our next scheduled Baptism Sunday is October 8.** Please contact the church office if you are interested in Christian Baptism.

**Our next New Member Classes are Sunday, October 8 at 6 p.m. or Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.** Please register in the church office.

**GROW**

**Adult Grow Groups have begun!!** Opportunities are available at a variety of days and times throughout the week. Stop by the Connections Center in the Gathering Place for details, or view the full schedule at tccentralumc.org/fallterm.

SERVE

**During September, we’re highlighting our fall fundraising campaign for the Women’s Health and Birthing Center at the Soaring Unlimited Medical Clinic in Haiti.** There are many ways that you can give to this important mission project and we hope that you will consider supporting our efforts to raise $30,000 between now and the end of 2018. If you choose to make a financial pledge to this project, you may do so in honor of Rev. David Crawford (Central Pastor 1981-86), who led Central’s first Volunteer in Mission trip to Soaring Unlimited.

**Central Community Outreach Volunteer Training—**Two opportunities to learn the skills to serve in this daily ministry of Central Church: TODAY, September 17 at 10:15 OR Wednesday, September 20 at 6:15 in Fellowship Hall. Contact Jane Lippert janerobertalippert@gmail.com to register.

**The UMW Rummage sale is September 22 & 23!!**We  will begin accepting donations in the Chapel TODAY after the 11:00 service.   **We will not accept cribs, large furniture, or televisions.** Volunteers are needed on Wednesday Sept 20 after dinner to move items to Fellowship Hall, Thursday Sept 21 to set up, and during the sale.  Sign up sheets will be posted on the UMW bulletin board. Questions? Contact Ellen Gribbell at 231-357-8823 or egribbell@att.net.

**SEPTEMBER COIN OFFERING** How strong are your arms? How mobile are your legs? In many poorer countries persons who cannot walk have mobility only with the help of other persons. We can change that? P.E.T.s make it possible for persons with no walking mobility but who have arm strength to be able to get around by themselves. There is a P.E.T. in the gathering place that you can check what it looks like. Our September CON OFFERING will help purchase P.E.Ts It costs $300 to manufacture them and send them to persons in other countries.

**Home Dinners for Soaring Unlimited—DINNER SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!**

Although some home dinners have filled, there are still many spots available. Enjoy the fellowship of other Centralites while supporting Soaring Unlimited’s Birthing Center.  GOOD FOOD, GOOD COMPANY, GOOD CAUSE. Sign up in the Gathering Place after worship (look for the folks in aprons) OR at [tccentralumc.org/haitibirthcenter](http://tccentralumc.org/haitibirthingcenter) OR call Nan Horstman, 231-492-7490.

**Attention: Families with young readers (Grandparents too!)—**Central’s own Helen Wilson, author of the children’s book ***Reggie’s Runaway Adventure****,* is offering her Advent-themed children’s book for sale in support of the Haiti Birthing Center Project. The special price for the book is $10, and all proceeds will support the Birthing Center Project. **To get your copy, contact Helen Wilson at 941-2147 or at wiltchj@charter.net.**

**The CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith events that build community while raising funds to end hunger in your own community and around the world.** In addition, CROP walks also provide water systems and increased access to safe drinking water as well as tools and training to help families grow the food they need. Look for info NEXT SUNDAY on how to register as a walker or donate to this great cause. **Traverse City’s CROP Walk is Sunday, October 8.**