

Welcome to The Centerburg United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 16, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Offering Plates are in the front and the back of the church. You may leave your offering before or after the service.

GATHERING MUSIC – Donna Ufferman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – John Thatcher

CALL TO WORSHIP – John Thatcher

(Psalm 133 – selected verses)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

CONGREGATION: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

CONGREGATION: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

OPENING HYMN SING

(Please stand as you are able.)

“The Gift of Love” #408 (verses 1,3)

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #452 (verses 1,2)

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #557 (verses 1,4)

JOYS AND CONCERNS – Pastor Amy Barr

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – Pastor Amy Barr

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – Pastor Amy Barr

SCRIPTURE READING – Brenda Steele

Genesis 45:1-15

“Joseph Makes Himself Known”

“Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, “Have everyone leave my presence!” So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh’s household heard about it.

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

"You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him."

PRAYER HYMN

(Please remain seated.)

"He Leadeth Me" #128

OFFERTORY PRAYER – Pastor Amy Barr

MESSAGE – Pastor Amy Barr

(Message based on Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 "Ingrafted Branches")

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION – Pastor Amy Barr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – Pastor Amy Barr

CLOSING HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin" #365

BENEDICTION – Pastor Amy Barr

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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Offering Received Last Week: August 9, 2026

General Fund \$915

Attendance 30

Pianist: Donna Ufferman

Bell Ringers & Acolytes: Aubree, Gavin, & Tanner White

Sound Technician: Shaun Hartong

"Button Pusher": Stephanie Binns

Pastor: Pastor Amy Barr