



CALENDAR OF BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

Sun. March 7--Bishop Linda Lee, former bishop of the Michigan Area and former Associate Pastor of Central will preach at the 10 a.m. service.

Sun. March 14--Ange Smith and friends concert. Ange, a member of Central is well known as singer in the local jazz scene. This concert is a benefit to raise money for the U.S. Social Forum which will be held at Cobo Hall in June.

Sun. April 11-- Native American Sunday with **Rev. Ray Buckley** guest preacher/storyteller at the 10 a.m. service. Buckley is Interim Director of the Center for Native American Spirituality and Christian Study in British Columbia and member of the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is former director of Native American Communications Office of the United Methodist Church. He is an author, artist and storyteller and Native American advocate. Native American singer/songwriter Joe Reilly of Ann Arbor will provide special music for the service.

Sun. April 25 7 p.m.--Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir-- A Grammy-nominated ensemble, they employ vocals and African percussion. There will also be a workshop for local choir members in the afternoon prior to the concert.

Sat. May 8th 8 p.m.-- Fred Hersch concert. A multiple-Grammy nominee, Fred is a brilliant jazz pianist and arranger. He's also a very active fund-raiser for AIDs awareness and related causes.

Sun. June 6th. Marianne Williamson will preach at the 10 a.m. service. Williamson is a minister in the Unity Church, former pastor of Renaissance Unity Church in Warren, MI, best selling author of eight books and internationally known speaker on spirituality. Ms. Williamson is founder of the Peace Alliance, a grassroots movement for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace.

Sun. May 16-- Rev. Norman E. (NED) Dewire, retired dean of the United Theological School in Delaware, OH and former Associate Minister of Central in the 1960s will preach at the 10 a.m. service.

June 22-26 Central will participate in the U.S. Social Forum at Cobo Hall, a grassroots "movement of movements" across many struggles, race, age, color etc. to create social change and common solutions to build "a new United States of America for the people and by the people." The forum participants will be part of Central's worship service on June 27th.

Sun. July 25--Rev. DaVita McCallister, former Associate Pastor at Central will preach at the 10 a.m. service.

Sun. Oct. 3-- Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton will lead **Worldwide Communion Sunday** and a **Bicentennial Homecoming Service** to be held in the afternoon to allow clergy, choirs and members of other Michigan congregations can join at Central for the celebration which will include a wide diversity of musical styles, dance and drama.

Sun. Oct. 24. Rev. Barbara Lewis-Lakin former Associate Pastor at Central will preach at the 10 a.m. service.

November 12, 8 p.m. Janis Ian concert--Grammy winning singer/songwriter, she wrote two seminal songs in the folk/rock movement, "Society's Child" about a relationship between a black boy and white girl and also, "At Seventeen" about how love was only for the beautiful.

Sun. Nov. 14. Rev. Dr. Richard C. Devor, former senior pastor of Central will preach at the 10 a.m. service. He is a New Testament scholar and one of the leaders of the movement that lead to the official designation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday in Michigan.

Dec. 5. Central's Annual Peace and Justice Banquet will culminate the year's celebration.

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