

- We will have choir rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9 & 16, at 7:00 PM in the choir room. I hope to see all of you there!
- Looking ahead: Camp meeting at Camp Tygart is scheduled for September 20-24 with Rev. John Ed Mathison preaching. Central's night to fill the choir loft and bring dinner is scheduled for that Tuesday, September 22. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to go with us to eat, sing, fellowship, and enjoy a great service!



- Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, September 9 & 16, at 5:00 PM. Please contact Karla or Donna if you are interested in joining our handbell choir.



We will not rehearse on Sunday, September 6, enjoy your holiday! However, we will rehearse as usual on Sunday, September 13, at 4:00 PM in the choir room. If I have not already asked for a t-shirt size for you, please let me know ASAP so that I may order them. Time is getting short and your presence at rehearsals is critical. Please make your attendance at rehearsal a priority. Our performance is September 27.



- Praise team will meet on Sunday, September 13, at 5:00 PM for rehearsal.
- Praise team will sing a couple of pieces on Sunday, September 20, for the 11:00 AM service.



- Children's choirs will be held on Wednesday, September 9 & 16, at 5:00 PM. We would love to have your child participate with us! For more information on children's choirs, please contact Karla.
- Looking ahead: Children's choirs will sing for 11:00 AM worship service on September 20. Be there at 10:30 for practice on that day.
- Parts will soon be given out for our Christmas program, "The Loaned Manger" to be held on Sunday, December 6. Please help your child in advance with lines and solos. It makes our practice times go so much more smoothly!



Wednesday night JAM is Central's mid week program for children. JAM stands for Jesus and Me. JAM begins right after supper at 6:30. Through our program, we hope that Central's children will build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Baby JAM is for our babies in the nursery with Melissa Wilson.

Wee JAM is for two year olds through kindergarteners and is led by Mike and Ellen Burke. JAM is for children in 1st grade through 5th grade and is led by Todd and Suzanne Reaves. Wednesday nights at Central are a blessing! Please join us...we would love to see you there!

***Mark your calendars...Fellowship Luncheon following worship on September 27; Homecoming on October 11; "Fall Fun on the Farm" Trip to Calhoun Produce on October 17.

With much love, Miss Suzanne



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There will be an Emmaus Gathering on Monday, September 16, at 6:30 PM. The evening will begin with a covered dish supper in Central's Fellowship Hall and end with worship and communion in the Chapel. Everyone who has attended an Emmaus event is encouraged to participate. If you would like more information about Emmaus events, please feel free to join in the evening's events.



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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

For immediate prayer needs contact our Prayer Chain at 423-3769 (Judy Hunter-Hill).

September Prayer Team: Pat & Anita Stafford and Don & Eulalie Woeltjen.

Calendar

Sunday, September 6, 2015

9:00 AM..... Early Morning Worship
 9:15 AM..... Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM..... Sunday School
 11:00 AM..... Morning Worship
 4:00 PM..... Youth Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 PM..... UMYF

Monday

Memorial Day Holiday – Church Office is Closed

Wednesday

5:00 PM..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir (adults)
 5:00 PM..... All Children's Choirs
 5:45 PM..... Youth Supper & WOW
 6:00 PM..... Fellowship Supper
 6:30 PM..... Children's JAM
 7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

12:00 PM..... Golden Agers Luncheon
 6:30 PM..... United Methodist Men

Sunday, September 13, 2015

9:00 AM..... Early Morning Worship
 9:15 AM..... Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM..... Sunday School
 11:00 AM..... Morning Worship
 2:00 PM..... Methodist Women General Meeting
 4:00 PM..... Youth Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 PM..... UMYF

Monday

4:00 PM..... Church Staff Meeting
 5:15 PM..... Daniel Plan Meeting
 5:30 PM..... Lay Leadership Committee
 6:30 PM..... Emmaus Gathering

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Saturday

4:30 PM..... Older Adults "Grapevine" Trip
 6:00 PM..... Young Adults Cookout

The Lay Leadership Committee will meet on September 14 at 5:30 PM in the church library. All members of this committee are asked to be present. If you serve on this committee and cannot attend, please contact the church office (423-9381). Members of the 2015-2016 Lay Leadership Committee are: Becky Griffin, Ellen Burke, John Bishop, David Walker, Ed Willis, Margaret Chasteen, Katy Calhoun, Ray Mann, Beth Bryant.

Helpers for September

USHERS: Robert Griffin, Dan Hudson, Tim McDonald, Ros Nash, Paulette Eastman, Troy Vaughn
WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, Avery Tanner

Worship Notes for Sunday, September 6, 2015

Rev. Mike Benson (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: Matthew 22:35-40 NIV
Sermon: "What God Expects: Love"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation
Offertory: Becky Anderson
Postlude: Brian Morris
Scripture Reader: Mildred Cook (11:00 AM)
A/V Assistants: Parker Wiley, Colby Bell
Breakfast: Friends

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Sermon: "What God Expects: Love"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Praise Team
Offertory: Eulalie Woeltjen
Postlude: Brian Morris
Scripture Reader: Jimmy Johnson (11:00 AM)
A/V Assistants: Raines Evans, Riley Evans
Breakfast: Journey



United Methodist Women General Meeting
 Sunday, September 13
 2:00 PM in the Brown Activity Room
 All women of Central are invited!



Thursday, September 10
 6:30 PM
 Wonderful dinner is planned with a fantastic speaker.
 All men of Central are invited!

September 22
 Central's night to host supper and choir at Camp Meeting
 October 11
 Central's Homecoming Celebration (10:30 AM)
 November 1
 All Saints Day (11 AM Worship)
 November 8
 Charge Conference (6 PM)



Mark Your Calendar

- Join us for WOW on Wednesday nights starting at 5:45. Bring \$5 for dinner.
- UMYF starts at 5:00 p.m. every Sunday. Snack supper, devotional, and fun
- Fifth Quarter will take place after football game September 18. Praise, worship, and games. Location to be determined.



Summer break is over and it is time for us to get back together! There will be a Golden Agers Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 10. This covered dish lunch is open to everyone age 55 up. Great food is always the order for the day with an interesting and informative program thrown in for good measure. Ya'll come now – ya hear!

In an effort to keep you informed, we are starting a new ministry of phone calls and emails whenever there is church related news that you might want to know. If this ministry is to be successful, we will need your help. Please fill in the information requested below and place it in the offering plate. It is hoped that these two methods of communication in addition to the regular Bulletin will keep the Central family informed of needs and events in the church. If you do not currently receive an email from the church office notifying you when a new Bulletin is posted online, please call the church office and leave your email address or simply email Cindy at centralumc01@windstream.net and ask to be added to the email list. If you prefer to be notified by phone, please be sure we have your current home or mobile phone number.



Name _____
 Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____
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Fellowship Supper Reservations

Reservations for supper should be made by 3:00 PM each Monday. Permanent reservations may be made. Reservations can be made via phone, email, text, or you may fill in the form printed below and place it in the offering plate. The serving line is open from 6:00 to 6:30 PM. Cost is \$6 for adults/teens; \$4 for children age 4-12; children age 3 or younger are free. There is a \$20 limit per family (living in the same home). Make a reservation and join us, you will be glad you did!

Menu: September 9: Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Biscuits.
Menu: September 16: Pork Chops, Squash & Onions, English Peas, Sweet Potatoes, Cornbread / Rolls.

Name _____
 # Adults/Teens _____ # Children _____ # age 0-3 _____
 Sept. 9 only _____ Sept. 16 only _____ Permanent _____



Please Remember Central In Your Will or Trusts

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Worship Attendance.....205
 Sunday School Attendance.....100

Sunday, August 30, 2015

Worship Attendance221
 Sunday School Attendance62



It's a boy... and a girl! **Congratulations to David & Judy Hobby** upon the birth of a grandson and a granddaughter. Bryce Tyler Culpepper was born on June 21 to Cassi & Drew Culpepper. Harper Florence Dolbeer was born August 26 to Traci & Jeff Dolbeer. Congratulations to you all upon these wonderful additions to your family.

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Congratulations to Kay Faircloth on the birth of her grandson, Pace Cannon Farmer, on August 19. Pace has an older brother, Warren. Pace and Warren's parents are Jenny & Matt Farmer of Warner Robins.

45th Annual Tygart Camp Meeting For the South Central District September 20-24 • Special Speaker: Dr. John Ed Mathison

(former Pastor of Frazer UMC and Chairman of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy)
 Evening services 7 PM each evening

Covered dish supper each evening at 6 PM

NOTE: Tuesday, September 22, is Central's night to sponsor the choir and host supper. We hope to have a great crowd from Central! This is a special time as churches of the South Central District gather and the preaching will once again be outstanding! The address (for your GPS) is 436 Camp Tygart Rd., Ray City, GA.

- Scripture Reader for the 11:00 worship service on September 6 is Mildred Cook, and September 13 – Jimmy Johnson.



- We will NOT be having our senior adult ladies YOGA class on September 7; however, we will resume on September 14.
- Golden Agers Lunch will be September 10th at 12:00 noon. Please bring a covered dish and come join us for good entertainment.
- We have Third Thursday coming up at the Carnegie Center for adults of all ages, on September 17. The artist reception starts at 6:00 PM and a superb performance with Megan Fowler begins at 6:30! Let's all meet at the Carnegie at 6:00 PM on the 17, and sit together.
- Younger Couples/Singles cook-out on September 19 at 6:00 PM at Rob & Amber Hughes home. Call church office for directions if you don't already know how to get there. Bring your kids!
- Senior adult trip to Hawkinsville Opera Theater on September 19. We leave the church at 4:30 PM on that Saturday. If you have not already let me know you are going, please call me at the church ASAP! We will eat out before the concert so bring a little money.
- Don't forget, Prime Timers (ages 45ish-65ish) ARE meeting at Fat Daddy's on September 24 at 6:30 to fellowship at dinner together. We have the room reserved so we can all be together.