

- Parts have been assigned for Children's Sunday (to be held on May 1). If you have questions or need an additional copy of your child's lines, please contact Karla. Please assist your child with memorizing his/her lines as soon as possible.
- T-shirt money for Children's Sunday is now due! We purchased shirts from the youth department as a fundraiser to help with their summer mission trip. Cost of shirts is \$15 each – make checks payable to CUMC. Money should be turned in to either Allison Merritt or me.
- Children's choirs will rehearse as usual on April 27 but will not practice on April 20 due to BHCS spring break.
- Extra rehearsals: Monday, April 25: 4-4:30 – Parable of the Shapes skit; 4:30-5:00 – And This is Love skit; The Blind Shall See skit. We may also rehearse at these same times on Tuesday, April 26 – this will be announced at a later time. All lines should be memorized prior to these practices. Thanks for your help with this!
- Looking ahead: Children's choirs will sing for 11 AM worship service on May 8 (Mother's Day).



Children's Choir

- Next Praise team rehearsal will be held on Sunday, May 1 at 5 PM in the sanctuary.
- Looking ahead: Praise team will sing for 11 AM service on May 29.



- Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, April 20 & 27 at 5 PM in the handbell room. Please plan to be here.
- Handbells will play for 11 AM service on April 24. We will meet for practice that morning at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary.

- Remember choir rehearsals April 20 & 27 at 7 PM in the choir room. This time of year is so busy – but we will continue to rehearse each week. Please plan to be with us during this time – we have MUCH new music to learn!
- For the summer, we will plan to take a break during the month of July, so current rehearsals are very important so that we may be prepared for those summer months when so many of you are out of town. Thanks for your faithfulness.



Spring Break is finally here! Woo-hoo...enjoy your break from school! We will not have Wednesday Night JAM this week. We will meet again until April 27th.

Children's Sunday is coming up on May 1st. Our children are very talented and I can't wait for them to share with us! Ellen and I will be contacting you about what to bring for the special family luncheon following the Children's Sunday service!

We have gotten started with VBS registration....it will be here soon! VBS dates are June 6th through 9th. Please see me if you would like to volunteer...we would love to have you!!

With much love, Miss Suzanne

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Congratulations to Jeaneanne Sledge and Ken & Neesa Williams upon the birth of their grandson, Judah Kerr Williams, on April 6. Judah resides with his parents, Michael & Hannah Williams, in the Atlanta area



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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

April Prayer Team: Susan Hughes, Judy Hobby, Lynne Smith, Beth Bryant, Karla Foster

Prayer Requests: Sonya Ryan (sister of Stacey Bell), Anne O'Connor, Kay Faircloth, Christy Cagle.

Calendar

April 17, 2016

9:00 AM..... Early Worship
 9:15 AM..... Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM..... Sunday School
 10:30 AM..... Children's Choirs meet
 11:00 AM..... Morning Worship
 5:00 PM..... UMYF

Monday

10:00 AM..... UMW Group 1 with Myrtle Harper

Tuesday

10:00 AM..... "Will of God" Study (leader, B.J. Funk)

Wednesday

11:00 AM..... Bible Study with Mike (Fellowship Hall)
 5:00 PM..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir (adults)
 7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

5:15 PM..... Senior Adults Night Out (at DJ's)

Sunday, April 24, 2016

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

Monday

1:30 PM..... Church Staff Meeting
 4:00 PM..... Joy Choir Rehearsal (Skit Participants)
 4:30 PM..... Joy Choir Rehearsal (Skit Participants)

Tuesday

10:00 AM..... "Will of God" Study (leader, B.J. Funk)
 6:30 PM..... "Wilderness" Book Study (leader, B.J. Funk)

Wednesday

11:00 AM..... Bible Study with Mike (Brown Room)
 5:00 PM..... Children's Choirs
 5:00 PM..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir (adults)
 5:45 PM..... Youth W.O.W.
 6:00 PM..... Fellowship Supper
 6:30 PM..... Children's JAM
 7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Helpers for April

USHERS: Art Anderson, Jeremy Martin, Lawson Owens, Troy Vaughn, Darrell Weeks, Michelle Strickland
WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens.

Worship Notes for Sunday, April 17, 2016

Rev. Mike Benson (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: John 10:22-30
Sermon: "Good Sheep"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir
Offertory: Becky Anderson
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennesey
Breakfast: Journey

Worship Notes for Sunday, April 24, 2016

Rev. Mike Benson (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: John 13:31-35
Sermon: "All We Need is Love"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir
Offertory: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson
Breakfast: Covenant

- Scripture Reader for April 17 is David Hobby
- Scripture Reader for April 24 is Patricia Walker
- No YOGA on April 18 or 25! Will resume on May 2.
- No Wednesday night supper on April 20 during spring break
- Senior Adults will be going to DJ's on April 21. Meet at the church at 5:15 to ride church van
- Good news! Jason & Abby have graciously agreed to host the next younger couples/singles cook-out at their home on June 4! Watch bulletin for details and times. Thank you Jason and Abby!



A new Grief Support Group is forming. If you have experienced the grief of losing a loved one, you are invited to join this group led by Mike and B.J. This group will begin meeting on Tuesday, April 19, at 2 PM in the church parlor. For more information or to sign up contact B.J. or Mike.



The Barnabas Sunday School Class will be starting a new Bible study soon. If you would like to join them for their "Disciple's Heart" study, please contact Tom Jackson or the church office. Bro. Mike's scripture for his sermon this week is John 10:22-30. Do you know your master's voice? Do you spend time with Him daily? Do you regularly read His Word? If your answer to any of these questions is no, turn over a new leaf and begin today! I hope to see each of you in Sunday School this week!

"Let the wise hear and increase in learning..." *Proverbs 1:5*

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: April 20: No Supper.

Menu: April 27: Salad Bar, Beef Tips & Gravy, Broccoli, Rice, Carrots, Rolls Dessert.

Name _____

Adults/Teens _____ # age 4-12 yrs. _____ # age 0-3 _____

April 27 _____ Permanent Reservation _____

The 2016 Confirmation Class became official Professing Members of Central on April 10. As you see these youth in worship, please speak a word of encouragement and let them know you are glad to see them: Marley Thompson, Blaine Layfield, Tate Walker, Ty Walker, Griphen Harper, and Angelica Hennesey. Welcome to you all, we are so glad you decided to make Central your home church.



New Study Begins

Rev. Funk will also be leading an evening Bible Study. She will teach the book "A Way Through the Wilderness. Growing in Faith When Life is Hard" by Rob Renfroe for six weeks, starting on April 26th and going through May 31st. We will begin at 6:30 and end promptly at 8:00. Please call the church office if you would like to put your name on the list. Books are \$8.50. This study is open to men and women.

Central's Preschool Enrichment Program is in desperate need of a refrigerator. If you would like to donate one (new or used – in good condition of course) please contact Melissa Wilson or the church office. Also, we appreciate the gifts and donations that we have received on behalf of the Preschool, but more is needed. If you can make a donation of any size toward our Preschool Program it will be very much appreciated.

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Orders are due by April 29, 2016



The Fitzgerald Hebrew Congregation will observe Holocaust Memorial Day on Friday, May 6th, at 11 AM. Located in the Jewish Cemetery in the Evergreen Cemetery here in Fitzgerald. The observance will be conducted by Rabbi Max Nissan. Since it is our obligation to remember this tragic event, we have invited the FHS to send a class to attend. We also invite the public and urge their attendance.



Great Day of Service

Fitzgerald's Great Day of Service will be May 14.

Volunteers and donations are needed now. If you would like to help with this wonderful ministry by volunteering your time or making a donation (or maybe both!) contact Susan Hughes at 423-9381.

The youth are in the process of raising money for the EXTREME conference this summer in Panama City. The dates of the conference are June 13-17. Parents, if you have any questions, please see Roger or Allison. WOW will be every Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:00. Please remember to sign up for dinner if you plan to eat. UMYF will be on Sunday at the church from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Please encourage youth to bring a friend to any youth event or church. Who is your "One"? Upcoming events: April 3rd – Fun Park in Albany, cost \$15, May 14th – Great Day of Service, July 29th – Lock-In at Arbor.

