

- Parts were assigned for Children's Sunday (to be held on May 1) this past week at choir rehearsal. 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. It makes rehearsal so much easier when they know their parts!
- Children are collecting food items for Backpack Blessings ministry from now through May. Please bring any donations that you have to the choir room or to Karla's office.
- Children will sing on Sunday, April 3, for 11:00 AM service. Please meet at 10:30 (immediately following Sunday School).
- Children's choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, April 6, at 5 PM as usual. On April 13, we will sing for some of our homebound members and have a special surprise following this. Watch for messages from Ms. Suzanne about this date.



- We will rehearse on Sunday, April 10, at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please plan to be here.
- Looking ahead: Praise team will sing for 11:00 AM service on April 17.



- Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, April 6 & 13 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. Please plan to be here.
- Looking ahead: Handbells will play for 11:00 AM service on April 24. Please put this date on your calendar! We look forward to hearing your wonderful music!

- What a glorious Holy Week and Easter we had! Much of this was due to YOUR beautiful music. Thanks for always being willing to go the extra mile. It is so much appreciated!
- Remember choir rehearsals on April 6 & 13 at 7:00 PM in the choir room. This time of year is so busy – we will continue to rehearse each week but will try to end a few minutes earlier each week. Please plan to be with us during this time – we have MUCH new music to learn!



Celebrating that Christ arose has been wonderful here at Central! During this Lenten season, we have been blessed with opportunities to grow in the Lord! I am thankful for this church and for my church family! Our annual Easter egg hunt was so much fun, and I appreciate all the help and support from our parents! Children's Sunday is coming up on May 1. Ellen and I will be contacting you about what to bring for the special family luncheon following the Children's Sunday service! Our children will be visiting our shut-ins on April 13 to sing and deliver crafts. Please come to Wednesday night JAM to help make the crafts. 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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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

Sunday, April 3, 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
 5:00 PM..... Administrative Council Meeting

Monday

10:00 AM..... Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga
 6:30 PM..... Emmaus Gathering

Wednesday

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 5:00 PM..... Children's Choirs
 5:00 PM..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir (adults)
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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 3, 2016

Rev. Mike Benson (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: John 20:19-31
Sermon: "I Have My Doubts"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Children's Choirs
Offertory: Becky Anderson
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennesey
Breakfast: Women of Faith Class

Worship Notes for Sunday, April 10, 2016

Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: Romans 5:20-21
Sermon: "Marvelous Grace"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation
Offertory: Eulalie Woeltjen
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson
Breakfast: Friends



We will celebrate Confirmation Sunday at Central on April 10. Be sure to be present in the 11:00 AM worship service as we celebrate this wonderful day in the life of some of Central's youth. Members of this year's confirmation class are: Marley Thompson, Blaine Layfield, Tate Cowan, Tad Cowan, Griphyn Harper, and Angelica Hennesey.

Central's United Methodist Men will meet on Thursday, April 14, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All men of Central are invited and encouraged to attend.



Emmaus Gathering

Monday, April 4 • 6:30 PM

Covered dish supper and communion. If you have attended an Emmaus event or would like more information about Emmaus this is the place to be!

- Easter at Central was wonderful! From the Stations of the Cross to the flower cross on the sanctuary steps and everything in between. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it so special.
- Seniors Ladies – we will have yoga on April 4 and April 11. Be sure to be there at 10 AM.
- Everyone age 50+ is invited to Golden Agers on Thursday, April 14. We have a great time – hope you can be there.



Adult Ministries

Thursday, April 14

12:00 Noon

Covered dish lunch and program.
 Everyone age 50+ is invited!



Golden Agers Luncheon



Wow! The Stations of the Cross display was awesome. Thanks so much to the Sunday School Classes for your participation. Everyone who went through the display and accompanying meditations was touched. Thanks to Susan Hughes, Lydia Cook and others who helped. If you missed it this year, be sure to mark your calendar for April 10-14 (Holy Week), 2017. Here is a challenge – there are six Sundays between Easter and Pentecost. How many will you attend? Prepare your heart for the coming of the Holy Spirit!

Hope to see you at 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 6: Salad Bar, Fried/Baked Chicken, Mac 'n Cheese, Turnips, Green Beans, Cornbread/rolls, Dessert.

Menu – April 13: Salad Bar, Hamburger Steak w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Biscuits, Dessert.

Name _____

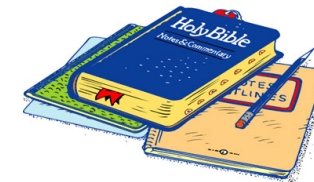
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April 6 _____ April 13 _____ Permanent Reservation _____

There will be an Administrative Council Meeting on Sunday, April 3, at 5 PM in the Chapel. All members of the Council and others interested in the business of the church are encouraged to attend.



Administrative Council Meeting



New Study Begins

study is open to men and women.

If there is an interest in an evening Bible Study, BJ 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.



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.



Monday, April 4

First Baptist Church Gym
 1:00 to 6:00 PM

Sponsored by Planters First Bank
 Pizza will be served!

Also, a donor drawing for a \$100 prize.