

- 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. This makes rehearsals so much easier!
- 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 participate in the Palm Sunday processional this Sunday morning during the 11:00 AM worship service. Please have children here at 10:30 AM immediately following Sunday school. They will either go to children's church or sit with parents following the processional.



YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

If you are interested in participating in a youth handbell choir, please contact Karla. Tentative start date is April 5 from 4:30 – 5:00. (Tuesday afternoons)



- Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, March 23 & 30 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. Please plan to be here.
- Handbells will play for Easter Sunday service on March 27. There will be only one service at 10:30 AM. Please plan to be here at 9:00 AM for practice.

- Thanks, choir members for all of your extra-hard work during Holy Week and Easter. Please plan to be here Sunday, March 20, at 10:15 AM in the choir loft. On Easter Sunday, the service begins at 10:30, so plan to meet in the choir room at 10:00 AM.
- We will have a short choir rehearsal in the sanctuary on Wednesday, March 23, at 7:00 PM and another on March 30 at 7:00 PM in the choir room.
- For Maundy Thursday service at Holsey Chapel, please meet at 6:30 on Thursday, March 24, in the sanctuary at Holsey.
- Remember the Tenebrae service on Friday, March 25, at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. The choir will not sing that evening, but the service will be one that you will want to attend. A nursery will be provided.



Join us for Wednesday Night JAM this week! Ms. Susan will be taking the children on a tour through the "Stations of the Cross." Make plans for your children to attend this week to experience the stories leading to the death and resurrection of Christ.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 26th at 10:00 AM. We will do a family craft project, the egg hunt and have a fellowship lunch. I am looking forward to this annual fun Central family event!

Mark your calendars . . . VBS is June 6th through 9th . . . Monday through Thursday from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

With much love, Miss Suzanne

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March 20 & 27, 2016

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We will not be singing during the month of March, so next rehearsal is April 10 @ 5 PM.



Plan to attend this special service on Friday, March 25, in Central's sanctuary. We will begin worship at 6:00 PM. A nursery will be provided for this service. Please mark your calendar now and make plans to attend this special service.

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

March Prayer Team: Pat & Anita Stafford, Don & Eulalie Woeltjen.

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

Calendar

Sunday, March 20, 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 Virginia Snowden
5:00 PM..... UMW Group 2 at the home of Gudrun Mills (Martha Glover hostess)
5:00 PM..... UMW Group 3 with Anne O'Connor
7:00 PM..... UMW Group 4 with Frances Hudson

Tuesday

2:00 PM..... Grief Support Group (Parlor)

Wednesday

11:00 AM..... Bible Study with Mike (Fellowship Hall)
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
7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

7:00 PM..... Maundy Thursday Communion at Holsey Chapel CME

Friday

6:00 PM..... Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Saturday

10:00 AM..... Children's Dept. Easter Egg Hunt (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 27, 2016

9:00 AM..... Handbell Choir meets
9:45 AM..... Sunday School
10:30 AM..... Morning Worship
5:00 PM..... UMYF

Monday

Church Office Closed

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Helpers for March

USHERS: Becky Griffin, Harold Kimball, Roger Sutton, Clint Talton, Stacey Bell, Troy Vaughn.
WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, Avery Tanner.

Worship Notes for Sunday, March 20, 2016

Rev. Mike Benson (9:00 AM)
Sermon: "A New War"
Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Program: "Forever Glorified" (11:00 AM)
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennesey
Breakfast: Action Life

Worship Notes for Sunday, March 27, 2016

Rev. Mike Benson (10:30 AM)
Scripture: Luke 24:1-12
Sermon: "What a Difference a Day Makes"
Prelude: Eulalie Woeltjen, Masee McKinley
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation
Offertory: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson
Breakfast: New Beginnings
Scripture Reader: Pat Ashley
Communion Servers: Frank & Jeri Gilleland and Tim & Becky Anderson



Easter Sunday Morning
 7:00 AM
 Paulk Park Pond



Presented by
 The Celebration Choir
 Palm Sunday, March 20
 11:00 AM

Welcome!

Caroline Maxwell DeMott • Born on February 25
 Parents are Britt & Max DeMott
 Grandparents are Margie & Charles Benoit
 Great Grandparents are Jean & Ron Paulk



9:45 AM ~ Sunday School
 10:30 AM ~ Worship
 No Fellowship Breakfast
 No 9 AM Worship Service

- We will NOT have YOGA Monday, March 21 nor 28. We'll meet back together on April 4.
- Don't forget to come by the church to visit the "Stations of the Cross" during Holy Week! We will be open to receive visitors from 12:00-1:00 PM and 7:00-8:00 PM every day from March 21 – March 25. Please remember to enter in silence.
- Our Maundy Thursday service will be at Holsey Chapel this year at 7:00 PM. Come join us for a meaningful worship service.
- Don't forget our Tenebrae service Friday, March 25 which commemorates the sufferings and death of Christ. Please join us in the sanctuary at 6 PM for this service in preparation for Easter Sunday.
- We will have a college-age planning lunch on April 2 at 11:45 at Ranchero's in Tifton. Anyone who is between the ages of 18-26 is welcome to join us. We will be making plans for a Bible study and fun events for the summer calendar for this age group.



Adult Ministries



Holy Week begins Sunday, March 20! Remember to stop by the church this week and visit our Stations of the Cross display. Take a few minutes to follow the journey of Jesus to the cross. Many of us tend to rush to Easter without looking at the true sacrifice Jesus made for us. Please take time during this Lent and especially during Holy Week to contemplate on the events that led to Easter. Also, remember our two special worship services held during Holy Week: Maundy Thursday Communion to be held this year at Holsey Chapel CME and the Good Friday/Tenebrae service to be held on Friday (March 25) in Central's sanctuary at 6:00 PM.

"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 – March 23: Salad Bar, Beef Tips & Gravy, Broccoli, Rice, Carrots, Rolls, Dessert.

Menu – March 30: Salad Bar, Hamburgers & Hotdogs, Dessert.

Name _____

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

March 23 _____ March 30 _____ Permanent Reservation _____

We are so pleased to announce that our sound, video and lighting equipment has recently been upgraded. These improvements have been made possible by donations from generous members of our congregation. Special thanks to David Evans, Tony Moncus, Dwain Smith and the rest of our dedicated audio-visual ministry volunteers for the countless hours they have put into training, cleaning and re-organizing. We are still learning about our new equipment so please be patient with us.



New Study Begins

BJ will teach the classic, *The Will of God* by Leslie Weatherhead on three Tuesdays in April. Please consider joining this class on April 12, April 19 and April 26 from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Social Hall. The first twenty books have already been sold for this class, and BJ has ordered more. Please sign up with her as soon as possible. Books are only five dollars. This study is open to men and women.

Also, 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 Renfro 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 down. Books are \$8.50. This study is open to men and women.



MAUNDY Thursday

Thursday,
 March 24
 7:00 PM
 At Holsey
 Chapel CME

EASTER
 EGGHUNT!



Saturday,
 March 26
 10:00 AM
 Children and
 Grandchildren of
 Central are invited!

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.



Central's Stations of the Cross will be open during Holy Week from 12:00 to 1:00 PM and from 7:00 to 8:00 PM each evening. Please be sure to drop by our adult education building during those times and visit each display as you remember the journey of Jesus to the cross.

