

- Sunday, May 1, is Children's Sunday at Central. We will be in charge of the entire service. Children should wear their new T-shirts with either jeans or jean shorts. Please arrive at 10:00 AM on Sunday for sound checks and practice.



Children's Choir

- 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 the shirts is \$15 each – make checks payable to CUMC. Money should be turned in to either Allison Merritt or me.
- Children's Choirs will sing for the 11:00 AM worship service on May 8 (Mother's Day). Please plan to have your child here at 10:30 AM (immediately following Sunday school) for practice.
- Wednesday, May 4, will be our final Children's Choir rehearsal for this school year. Choirs will resume again in August – watch the bulletin and newsletter for details.
- Looking ahead: Music camp will take place July 26-28. Please put this date on your calendar.

- Our next Praise team rehearsal will be held on Sunday, May 1, at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please plan to be here and to assist with set-up immediately following the morning worship service.
- Looking ahead: Praise team will sing for the 11:00 worship service on May 29.



- Handbells will be taking a break from rehearsals for the summer. Practice will resume in August – watch your newsletter for details.
- Thank you for the beautiful music last Sunday!

- Remember Celebration Choir rehearsals are May 4 & 11 at 7:00 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.



- For the summer, we will plan to take a break during the month of July. Current rehearsals are very important so that we will be prepared for those summer months when so many of you are out of town. Thanks for your faithfulness!



Welcome to Central's Children's Sunday! Today we worship our Lord while enjoying the talents of our children! Our children are precious, and we are so proud of them as they lead our service today!

We will honor our children with a special luncheon in the fellowship hall following our service today. Everyone is invited to attend!

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

With much love, Miss Suzanne

Catch the Spirit

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May 1 & 8, 2016

NO. 16



Thursday, May 12
6:30 PM

Fellowship Hall
All men of Central are invited!

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 meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in May, at 2 PM in the church parlor. For more information or to sign up contact B.J. or Mike.



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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

May Prayer Team: June Morris, Nancy Kimball, Anne O'Connor, Jackie Pryor, Pam Mann.

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

Calendar

Sunday, May 1, 2016

9:00 AM Early Worship
9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Children's Choirs meet
11:00 AM Morning Worship
12:00 PM Fellowship Lunch
5:00 PM UMYF
5:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

Monday

10:00 AM Senior Ladies' Yoga

Tuesday

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
5:45 PM Youth W.O.W.
6:00 PM Fellowship Supper
6:30 PM Children's JAM
7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

National Day of Prayer

Sunday, May 8, 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 Senior Ladies' Yoga
4:00 PM Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday

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Thursday

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

Saturday

10:30 AM Preschool Graduation
A Great Day of Service

Helpers for May

USHERS: Pam Bishop, Robert Griffin, Dan Hudson, Tim McDonald, Ros Nash, Troy Vaughn.
WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens.

Worship Notes for Sunday, May 1, 2016

Rev. Mike Benson (9:00 AM)
Scripture: John 14:23-37
Sermon: "Love and Obey"

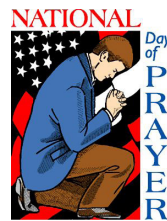
Children's Day Celebration (11:00 AM)

Prelude: Brian Morris
Call to Worship: Cassidy Peavey
Offertory: Gracen Damato
Music Special: Ashley Braddy
Program: Angel & Joy Choirs
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennesey
Breakfast: Action Life Class

Worship Notes for Sunday, May 8, 2016

Rev. Mike Benson (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: John 17:20-26
Sermon: "A Mother's Love"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation
Offertory: Angel and Joy Choirs
Special Music: Sherry Masee
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson
Breakfast: New Beginnings

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 5. There are two opportunities that day for our community to come together in prayer. The first will be held at noon at the courthouse. This will be a brief service of prayer around the flagpole on the courthouse lawn. The second opportunity is presented to the community by Christian Fellowship International Church located on Perry House Road. This service will begin at 7:00 PM. Pastors from local churches will be leading this prayer service and congregations across Fitzgerald are invited and encouraged to attend.



The Fitzgerald Hebrew Congregation will observe Holocaust Memorial Day on Friday, May 6 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.



- We will have our senior adult ladies yoga class on May 2 and May 9 at 10:00 AM in the Brown Room.
- Communion Servers for May 8 are Karla and John Foster, and Leanna, Jackson, Daniel, and Levi Hicks
- Scripture Reader for May 8 is Eulalie Woeltjen
- Golden Agers lunch on May 12 at 12:00 noon. Bring a dish that goes with fried chicken!
- Great Day of Service – May 14! See me to sign up to volunteer!
- There is still time to sign up for the senior adult trip coming up May 26-28 to Epworth-By-The-Sea, St. Simons Island, GA. If you are age 65 and up, and would like to go, call me at the church office. I'll be glad to give you the details.
- Younger couples/singles cook-out at the Holt's home, June 4. Details coming soon...
- Prime Timers (adults age 45-65) will be going out to eat on June 10. Reserve this date on your calendar. We'll be going to Olive Garden.



Adult Ministries

Susan



Central offers so many opportunities for worship, fellowship, fun and study! Just read this edition of our Newsletter and you will see just a few of the events planned or being planned. Worship in heaven is not an observatory event, it is a participatory event (read Revelation 4). I encourage you, while in worship commit yourself wholly to the worship of the one, true God! Fellowship and fun abound in so many areas of life at Central. We all know how important fellowship is to building strong relationships among the members of Central. Study is equally important. To know our God, we must spend time with Him. We grow spiritually through Bible study and prayer. Our Sunday school classes have excellent, well-prepared teachers who can help lead you in study and prayer. Join us each Sunday morning, you will be blessed!

Families with small children, don't forget that we have classes for the very youngest through senior high. It is so important to "train up our children". Please bring your children/youth and give them the opportunity to begin building their relationship with Christ early in their lives.

"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 – May 4: Salad Bar, Fried/Baked Chicken, Mac 'n Cheese, Turnips, Green Beans, Cornbread/Rolls, Dessert.

Menu – May 11: Salad Bar, Hamburger & Hotdogs and all the "fixins", Dessert.

Name _____

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

May 4 _____ May 11 _____ Permanent Reservation _____

"Grace Gifts"
 Two minutes of Grace to begin your day
 Radio Ministry by B.J. Funk
 Monday-Friday mornings at 9:00
 on WRDO (96.9)
 Beginning May 2



New Study Begins

B.J. Funk is leading an evening Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. She will teach the book "A Way Through the Wilderness. Growing in Faith When Life is Hard" by Rob Renfroe for six weeks. This study will go through May 31. 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 \$7.50. This study is open to men and women.



Saturday
 May 14
 10:30 AM
 in the
 Sanctuary

**Golden Agers
 Lunch**



Thursday, May 12

Covered dish lunch
 and program

Everyone age 50+ is invited!



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.

WOW will be every Wednesday from 5:45 until 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. A text will be sent if location changes. Please encourage youth to bring a friend to any youth event or church. Who is your "One"? We are selling spaghetti dinner plates to raise money for youth trip. Cost is \$8 and can be picked up at the church from 5 to 7 on May 8. See Roger or Allison or any youth going on trip for tickets. May 14 is Great Day of Service, Youth will be working together on a project.

