

- What a great job you did on Children's Sunday and also on Mother's Day. You always sing so very well! We will be taking a break from choir rehearsals until school resumes in August. Watch the bulletin for details on choir dates for August.



Children's Choir

- Looking ahead: Music camp will take place July 26-28. Please put this date on your calendar.

- Next Praise team rehearsal will be held on Sunday, May 15, at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please plan to be here and to assist with set-up immediately following morning worship service.
- Looking ahead: Praise team will sing for 11:00 AM service on May 29.



Watch the newsletter for upcoming information on youth choir and handbells.

- Remember choir rehearsals May 18 & 25 at 7:00 PM in the choir room. Please plan to be with us as we prepare summer anthems.
- For the summer, we will plan to take a break during the month of July. Our current rehearsals are very important so that we can be prepared for those summer months when so many of you are out of town. Thanks for your faithfulness!



Central's Children's Department will recognize our children for their regular Sunday School attendance during the 2015-2016 year. Each child will be presented with a certificate and a treat bag! Thank you to the parents who bring their children each week to Sunday School!

Many thanks to our wonderful Sunday School teachers...Melissa Wilson, Victoria Thompson, Ellen Burke, Brittany Eidson, and David Hicks!

Beginning on May 29, the lower and upper elementary classes will be meeting together through the summer. We will kick off our new "Sunday School" year with a cookout on Saturday, August 6, and Promotion Sunday will be August 7.

Central's Bible Camp is June 5-7 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Please join us for music, supper, Bible stories and crafts and outside recreation! It is going to be great, and I hope to see all of you there!

With much love, Miss Suzanne

Catch the Spirit

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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.

Calendar

Sunday, May 15, 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
 5:00 PM..... Praise Team Rehearsal

Monday

10:00 AM..... UMW Group 1 with Betty Dyess
 5:00 PM..... Circle #3 with Betty Abell
 6:30 PM..... UMW Group 4 in the Brown Activity Room

Wednesday

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

Friday

6:00 PM..... Thomas-Gilleland Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday

6:00 PM..... Hannah Thomas – Justin Gilleland Wedding

Sunday, May 22, 2016

9:00 AM..... Early Worship
 9:15 AM..... Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM..... Sunday School
 11:00 AM..... Morning Worship
 2:00 PM..... Piano Recital
 5:00 PM..... UMYF

Monday

10:00 AM..... Senior Ladies' Yoga
 1:30 PM..... Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday

6:30 PM..... "Wilderness" Book Study (leader, B.J. Funk)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Older Adult Trip to Epworth-by-the-Sea

Friday

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Saturday

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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 15, 2016

Rev. Mike Benson (9:00 AM)
Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
Sermon: "Preparing for Life"

Senior Sunday (11:00 AM)
Rev. Mike Benson
Opening Prayer: Will Reaves
Scripture: Will Mann
Sermon: "Preparing for Life"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Senior Processional
Offertory: Will Reaves
Postlude: Senior Recessional
A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennessey
Breakfast: Women of Faith/Barnabas Classes

Worship Notes for Sunday, May 22, 2016

Rev. Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: John 14:15-31
Sermon: "The Power You Need"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir
Offertory: Becky Anderson
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson
Breakfast: Friends

Hannah Jane Thomas and Justin Tyler Gilleland

together with their parents
 invite you to attend the celebration of their marriage
 on Saturday, the twenty-first of May, two thousand and sixteen
 at six o'clock in the evening
 in the sanctuary of Central United Methodist Church
 Reception to follow in the Grand Conference Room, Grand Theatre



Spring Recital

The piano students of Becky Anderson invite you to attend their spring recital on Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 PM in Central's sanctuary. Mrs. Becky's students always provide a program that is enjoyable and entertaining. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend for a fun afternoon of music.



- We **will not** have our senior adult ladies YOGA class on Monday, May 16, but we **will** meet on May 23. We will NOT have YOGA on May 30.



Adult Ministries

- We will not be having our monthly senior adult outing the month of May as we have a group going to Epworth-by-the-Sea May 26-28. Our next senior adult outing will be June 23. We'll be taking a trip to Yoder's restaurant! Let me know if you'd like to go!
- Prime Timers next outing will be June 10.
- The Younger Couples/Singles group will meet at the home of Jason and Abby Holt on June 4 at 7:30 PM. Everyone between ages of 25-45 are invited. Please bring a dish that goes with grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. It's always a great time for getting to know one another while enjoying good food, so bring the kids (if you have any) and come join us!"

Susan



New Sunday School literature will be out soon. Many of our classes will be beginning new studies. If you have been thinking about joining a class, now is a great time.

Class members don't forget your brag strips. Anytime you have good news let us help you share it. There is an old saying that says "sorrow shared is sorrow halved, joy shared is joy multiplied". As the family of God at Central, we love and support other members through their sorrows and rejoice with our friends who are rejoicing.

Parents of young children, be sure to stay in touch with Ms. Suzanne and read the Kid's Korner. She has some great plans for the summer and you will want to participate in all the fun!

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

We send love and sympathy to Mrs. Lawana Steed and family upon the death of her husband, Mr. Charles Steed. A graveside service for Mr. Steed was conducted on April 30 at Evergreen Cemetery. Please keep the Steed family in your prayers.



A new Central Newsletter is published every two weeks. Information you would like included in the Newsletter should be turned in to the office by noon on Tuesday of the publication week (example: information for this newsletter which is for May 15 & 22 should have been turned in by May 10). These deadlines are noted

on the monthly birthday/event calendar. In an effort to improve our Sunday morning worship time, our pastors will no longer be making non-emergency announcements. Circle meetings, committee meetings or other regular announcements will no longer be made from the pulpit.

We extend our love and sympathy to Mark & Sherry Masee and family upon the death of Sherry's mother, Mrs. Dot Cumby. A memorial service for Mrs. Cumby was conducted on May 3 at the Ocilla United Methodist Church. Please keep the family and friends of Mrs. Cumby in your prayers.



"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)

- The youth are almost finished with raising funds for the summer mission/conference in Panama City. Thanks to all of those that have helped, purchased t-shirts/spaghetti plate, and to those that have donated money for the trip. Please pray for each of us to be moved by the Holy Spirit and for us to build our relationship with Christ.



- On May 14 (Great Day of Service) we will work on parts of the High School that need attention. We are currently looking for mission work here in Fitzgerald or surrounding areas. If any church member sees a need in our community and believes our youth can meet that need, please contact Roger. We need to and believe in helping and serving others.
- Congratulations to Will Reaves and Will Mann on graduating. We are proud you both.