



Watch your text messages for upcoming youth band rehearsal schedule. We will try to rehearse at least once per month.

- Children's choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, November 2 & 9, at 5:00 PM. Please plan to be here! Parts have been assigned for our Christmas musical. Please let me know if you need another copy of your child's lines or solo.
- Extra rehearsal November 1 from 4:00-5:00 PM: Wise men; Mary and Joseph.
- Extra rehearsal November 8 from 4:00-5:00 PM: Sheep; Daniel, Cody, Jackson P, Emma, Hallie, Ashley, Mallory, Madi, Maci
- Looking ahead: The Children's Choirs will sing for November 13 service which is also shoebox dedication Sunday.



Children's Choir

- The praise team did a great job for our Homecoming services as well as for our Praise and Worship service on October 23. Thanks for all of your extra-hard work this month.
- Praise team will be taking a break from singing for the next two months. We will resume rehearsals in January.



We will have choir rehearsal on Wednesday, November 2 & 9, in the choir room. We begin at 7:00 PM – please plan to be here for practice. We will be hitting our Christmas music hard during the next few weeks, so please plan to be at practice if at all possible.



- Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, November 2 & 9, at 5:00 PM in the handbell room.
- Handbells will play for the October 30 service. Please plan to meet at 9:30 for practice.



Now is the time to begin packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! We will have a shoebox packing party for Central's children on November 9th during JAM. We will need lots of wrapped shoeboxes! If you would like to donate items to be packed in the shoeboxes or money for me to purchase items, please see Karla or me. We will have a special dedication on Sunday, November 13th. We will collect the filled boxes at the altar, and BJ will have a special prayer for those receiving the shoeboxes. If you need a brochure/packing label, please get one from the church office. Central's children will deliver the shoeboxes on Wednesday, November 16th to Eastside Baptist Church in Tifton, a collection drop-off for shipping to Atlanta. Kindergarteners through fifth graders are invited to help with this delivery. We will depart from the church after choir practice at 5:45. We will drop off our shoeboxes and then have supper together in Tifton. Please bring \$5.00 to help cover the cost of your meal. We should arrive back at Central around 8:30. This trip has become a tradition at Central and is always so meaningful to our children and parents!

With much love, Miss Suzanne

Catch the Spirit

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October 30 & November 6, 2016

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Congratulations to Rob & Amber Hughes upon the birth of their daughter Aubree Claire. Aubree's arrival on September 30 was eagerly anticipated by her big brother Griphyn and big sister Attica. Aubree's proud grandparents are Danny & Martha Ellen Hughes. Congratulations to you all!



Operation Christmas Child has begun! Box tags and other information about this wonderful ministry is available in the church office. Shoebox dedication Sunday will be November 13. Pack your box with new items and bring it to church with you on dedication day. What a wonderful way to share God's love with children around the world.

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

November Prayer Team: June Morris, Nancy Kimball, Anne O'Connor, Jackie Pryor

Calendar

Sunday, September October 30, 2016

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

Monday

10:00 AM..... Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga
 6:00 PM..... Webelos Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday

5:00 PM..... "Wolf" Cub Scouts (Brown Room)
 6:00 PM..... "Tiger" Cub Scouts (Brown Room)

Wednesday

5:00 PM..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir
 5:00 PM..... Children's Choirs
 5:45 PM..... Youth WOW
 6:00 PM..... Fellowship Supper
 7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

10:00 AM..... Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga

Sunday, November 6, 2016

9:00 AM.....Early Worship
 9:15 AM.....Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM.....Sunday School
 11:00 AM.....Morning Worship
 2:00 PM..... United Methodist Women
 5:00 PM..... UMYF
 6:00 PM..... Charge Conference

Monday

10:00 AM..... Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga
 6:00 PM..... Webelos Scouts (Brown Room)
 6:30 PM..... Emmaus Gathering

Tuesday

5:00 PM..... "Wolf" Cub Scouts (Brown Room)
 6:00 PM..... "Tiger" Cub Scouts (Brown Room)

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 5:00 PM..... Children's Choirs
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Thursday

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

Saturday

11:45 AM..... Cub Scouts Webelos II

Helpers for October

USHERS: Aimee Layfield, Chris Hughes, Garrett McCord, Bobby Chasteen, Troy Vaughn, Dale Wilson.
WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, Parker Wiley.

Helpers for November

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Worship Notes for Sunday, October 30, 2016

Roger Merritt (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: Romans 10:9
Message: "Who Do You Believe?"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir
Offertory: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennessey
Church Greeters: Mike & Ellen Burke, Jeremy Martin
Sunday School Greeters: Harold & Nancy Kimball
Breakfast: Women of Faith/Barnabas

Worship Notes for Sunday, November 6, 2016

All Saints Sunday

Rev. B.J. Funk (9 & 11:00 AM)
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Thomas Holt
Offertory: Lee Masee
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson
Breakfast: Friends
Sunday School Greeter: Annette Braddy
Church Greeters: John & Dianne Engelmann

Central will observe All Saints Day on Sunday, November 6, at the 11:00 AM worship service. Members of Central, who have entered their eternal home during the past year will be remembered as part of this service. Central members who will be remembered this year are: Bob Bullington, Morris Campbell, Elaine Herlovich, Lois McCord, Dell Merritt, and Charles Steed. Family and friends are invited to attend this special service of remembrance.



All Saints' Sunday



Remember to sign up for the mealtrain for the Benson's. This was done to help organize dinners for their family. Go to mealtrain.com to sign up or contact Karla Foster or the church office if you need help. There are dates available in November and December.

There are several families at Central who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Please be in prayer for the following families:

- Frank & Jeri Gilleland upon the death of Jeri's father, Mr. Jewell Sloan. Funeral services for Mr. Sloan were conducted on October 14 at Poland-Thompson Chapel in Cameron, MO.
- Jim and Neida Owens upon the death of Neida's grandmother, Milam Wilson Kocica. A memorial service for Mrs. Kocica was conducted on October 16 at Ebenezer UMC.
- Roger & Andrea Sutton upon the death of Andrea's brother, Mr. James Turk. Funeral services for Mr. Turk were conducted at Westwood Baptist Church, Ambrose, GA on October 18.
- Segrid Dennard upon the death of her father, Mr. Jeff Bryant. Funeral services for Mr. Bryant were conducted on October 16 at First Baptist Church, Fitzgerald.



Thank you for your generous Homecoming Offering. The Board of Trustees are happy to announce that just over \$3,700 was collected during our recent homecoming march. Your generous donations will make it possible for the recently begun restoration work to continue.

BACKPACK BLESSINGS MINISTRY is collecting items from now through the end of December. Items especially needed are: Individual cans of Beanie Weenies, pudding cups, individually wrapped snacks (such as crackers, chips, gummy snacks, etc.). If you wish to donate to the ministry, please drop your items off at the church. Thanks for always being so generous to ministries throughout our community!



Backpack Blessings



United Methodist Women General Meeting

Sunday, November 6 at 2 PM

All women of Central are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting program will be the annual memorial service.

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 \$7 for adults/teens; \$5 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 – November 2: Salad, Pork Chops, Mac 'n Cheese, Greens, Butter Beans, Rolls, Dessert. (Children's Option: Corn Dog)

Menu – November 9: Salad Bar, Swedish Meatballs, Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Sweet Carrots, Dessert. (Children's Option: Chicken Nuggets)

Name _____

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

November 2 _____ November 9 _____ Permanent Reservation _____



On a recent sleepless night, I read a wonderful devotional based on 2 Chronicles 20:12. King Jehoshaphat and his tiny nation found themselves surrounded by a vast army. The king called for the people of Judah to fast and pray. Young and old, men, women and children – all gathered at the temple to stand before the Lord. Jehoshaphat cried out to God and concluded his prayer with these wonderful words: "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you." Have you ever been there? Maybe that is the circumstance you find yourself in now. I know that when I look at the world around me I am overwhelmed. I just don't know where or how to begin. The simple truth is that until we turn our eyes upon God, we are wasting our time and effort. Until we so order our steps to fit His path, we can expect confusion, unease, anxiety, depression and a multitude of other maladies. I encourage you to tuck this scripture away in your memory and when you find yourself in a situation that you just don't know what to do, turn your eyes upon God and take each step as he directs you.

Cindy



Daylight Saving Time Ends
 Sunday, November 6

CUMC Administrative Council

Sunday, October 30
 5:00 PM – Chapel

All members of the Council are asked to be present. Any interested persons are invited to attend.

Charge Conference is November 6

Please join us at 6:00 PM as our district superintendent, Henry Bass, leads us through this annual business meeting and worship service. Plan to stay after charge conference for a wonderful supper and time of fellowship.



United Methodist Men
 Thursday, November 10
 6:30 PM

All men of Central are encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

• Here is the ladies YOGA schedule for the month of November: We will have YOGA on October 31, November 3, November 7, November 14, November 17, and November 28. We will NOT have YOGA on November 10, November 21, and November 24.



Adult Ministries

• Communion Servers on November 6 are Jerrie & Avery Tanner, and Pat & Joyce Ashley.
 • Charge Conference at 6:00 PM on November 6 followed by a light soup and sandwich. I want to thank Miggie Cook for putting this meal together for us.

• Don't forget Golden Agers Lunch on November 10 at 12:00 noon. Bring a dish that goes with fried chicken, and call someone to come with you.

• Beginning the new year, I am going to offer more opportunities for our adult ages for faith growth through Bible study. Be watching the bulletin for more information.

Susan