

• Happy New Year to all of you! Rehearsals have begun and it is a good time to begin children's choirs if you haven't been participating! We have choirs available for ages 2 – 5th grade with wonderful, dedicated volunteers each week. Choirs meet on Wednesdays from 5 – 5:55 in the music suite. Make Wednesday night a part of your weekly routine – we would love to have you! Choirs meet January 11 & 18.

• Looking ahead: Children's choirs will sing for the 11:00 AM service on January 29.



Hello choir members! I hope that you have enjoyed your time off – it was certainly well-deserved. However, now it is time to get back to work! We will be in the choir loft again this Sunday to lead worship. Our practices have started back – each week at 7:00 PM. If you have been considering joining the choir, now is a good time! Next rehearsals are January 11 & 18.



• Handbells have resumed practice each week. Next rehearsals are January 8 & 15 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room.

• We would love to have you join the handbell choir! You do need to be able to read music to participate. Please see either Donna or Karla to received further information.



• I cannot wait to see each of you for praise team rehearsal this Sunday, January 8, at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary. I have missed you!

• Next praise and worship service is January 22 at 6:00 PM. We will meet that day at 4:30 for practice.



Youth band will meet on Sunday, January 15, at 4:00 PM in the youth room. Please let me know if you can't be here.



I hope that all of you enjoyed your Christmas break! You work hard each day at school, and you deserve some time to rest and relax! Now we are back at school, and your days are busy again! Be sure attending church is on your schedule. Each day we HAVE to go to school, but going to church is a blessing. Going to church is fun, and the work is so easy! The best part is that you are spending time with God when you are at church. Your friendship with Him will last a lifetime! Can't wait to see you at Central!!

Mrs. Karla and I have met to discuss our plans for Central's children. We will have calendars for 2017 ready for the parents soon!

With much love, Miss Suzanne

Catch the Spirit

CENTRAL

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Fitzgerald, Georgia

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January 8 & 15, 2017

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

January Prayer Team: Betty Abell, Virginia Snowden, Linda Brantley

Calendar

Sunday, January 8, 2017

9:00 AM..... Early Morning Worship
9:15 AM..... Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 AM..... Sunday School For All Ages
11:00 AM..... Morning Worship
12:00 PM..... Usher's Luncheon and Workshop
5:00 PM..... Praise Team Rehearsal
5:00 PM..... Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday

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

Tuesday

4:00 PM..... Church Staff Meeting
5:00 PM..... Wolf Cub Scouts (Brown Rm.)
6:00 PM..... Tiger Cub Scouts (Brown Rm.)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

10:00 AM..... Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga
12:00 PM..... Golden Agers Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM..... United Methodist Men (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, January 15, 2017

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MLK Day – Church Office Closed

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

Saturday

9:00 AM..... Admin. Council Planning Retreat

Helpers for January

USHERS: Tim McDonald, Ros Nash, Troy Vaughn, Art Anderson, Harold Kimball, Mike Burke.
WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, Parker Wiley

Worship Notes for Sunday, January 8, 2017

Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:5
Message: Love is Not Rude
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir
Offertory: Susan Hughes
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennessey
Church Greeters: Bob & Beth Bryant, Darrell Weeks
Sunday School Greeter: Anna Brown
Breakfast: Action Life Class

Worship Notes for Sunday, January 15, 2017

Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:7
Sermon: Love Always Protects
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Ward Burke
Offertory: Tim Anderson, Karla Foster, Mark Masee, Sherry Masee
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson
Church Greeters: Ken & Neesa Williams
Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen
Breakfast: New Beginnings Class

UNITED METHODIST
MEN

All men of Central are invited!
 Supper Meeting
Thursday, January 12
 6:30 PM
 (No reservation required!)

Membership Sunday is coming soon. If you have been thinking of making Central your church home contact B.J. or any staff member for more information. We look forward to receiving you into the church family.



Everyone age 50+ is invited!

Covered dish lunch and a program

12:00 noon

Thursday, January 12



Golden Agers Luncheon



Backpack Blessings

Backpack Blessings Ministry is collecting items from now through the end of January. 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 within our community!

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 – January 11: Pork Chops, Mac 'n Cheese, Butterbeans, Salad Bar, Dessert (Children's Option: Corn Dogs)

Program: Ted Kandler – Habitat for Humanity

Menu – January 18: Tacos and fixings, Rice, Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert (Children's Option: Cheese Quesadillas)

Program: Bring your guitar (adults, youth & children) to supper night and join with friends as we make a joyful noise!

Name _____

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

January 11 _____ January 18 _____ Permanent Reservation _____



Stay
in the
Word

I love to watch the families at Central, especially the ones with young children! It doesn't seem like all that long ago that I was a part of the group. My family moved to Fitzgerald in August 1985, and we didn't know anyone. We immediately began attending a Sunday School class. It was in that class that my friendships were formed. That class

was more than a place for Bible study. It was a support group. We were all young families with young children. We were all facing the same daily struggles. I well remember those days of arriving at church exhausted from the effort it had taken to get here! That class and those friends were a gift from God. The friendship, fellowship and spiritual growth that I received there were gifts from God. God has given each of us the gift of new year. What will you do with that precious gift of 525,600 minutes? How many of them will you give back to God through study, fellowship or service? I encourage you not to leave the gifts that God has and will send unopened. The Bible tells us that Jesus came not just that we might have life, but that we might have it more abundantly (John 10:10). Receive the gifts that God has planned for you this year. Receive them with praise and thanksgiving and remember to return to Him a tithe of all you possess because everything that you have comes from Him.

Cindy

Saturday,
February 4, 2017



UGA Conference Center
at ABAC

Tickets are still available.
Contact Karla Foster or B.J. Funk
for ticket information



Adult Ministries

- Usher Training this Sunday right after the 11:00 worship service. We welcome our newly elected sheriff, Lee Cone as our guest speaker. All ushers and chairs of SPR, Trustees, and Finance and their families are encouraged to attend this lunch meeting. Please call the church office to let me know if you have not already done so, that you will be attending.
- Senior adult ladies yoga classes will be starting back on January 9 at 10:00 am in the Brown Room. The only date we will not have yoga this month will be January 16.
- Don't forget praise & worship on January 22. We will have a sandwich supper right after the service in the fellowship hall. You do not need to bring anything except for a little donation to cover the cost of the food.
- Golden Agers will meet on January 12 at 12:00 noon. Don't forget to bring a dish that goes with fried chicken!

Susan