



We will plan to sing for the July 23 worship service. Please plan to be here for practice that morning at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary.

I hope that all of you are enjoying your summer! I know that I have enjoyed having a short break from choir rehearsals, but I look forward to seeing you again for practice on August 2 at 7:00 PM in the choir room. Fellowship suppers begin that evening as well, so don't forget to make your reservation!



Celebration Choir



Children's choirs will resume on Wednesday, August 2, for ages 2nd-5th grades. Volunteers this year will be: Donna Wiley, Pam Morrison, Katy Calhoun, Jennifer Shultz, and Aliceson Sulatycki. Please contact Karla for further information on children's choirs.

Handbells will begin on August 2 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. Please see either Donna or Karla if you are interested in participating in the handbell choir this year. Basic music reading skills are necessary and a practice commitment each week on Wednesdays at 5. We would love to have you join us this year!



Youth band will begin rehearsals this Sunday, July 23 at 4:00 PM each week for the next several weeks. Please make plans to be here for rehearsals as we are preparing for Kids Own Worship services as well as a Youth Sunday service in September.



The Lower and Upper Elementary Sunday School classes are meeting together this summer in the downstairs preschool room. We will meet together until Promotion Sunday on August 6. Join us for fellowship, fun, and meaningful Bible study.

The Children's Sunday School Department will celebrate a new Sunday School year on Saturday, August 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Each of Central's families are invited! We will celebrate with a cookout and a giant waterslide! The following day, Sunday, August 6, is Promotion Sunday at Central! On this day, the children will be assigned to their Sunday School classes! Please mark your calendars with these dates! I want all of our children to be a part of these exciting events!

With much love, Miss Suzanne

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

July Prayer Team: Betty Abell, Virginia Snowden, Linda Brantley.

Calendar

Sunday, July 23, 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
 4:00 PM..... Youth Band Practice
 5:00 PM..... Administrative Council Meeting
 5:00 PM..... Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday

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

Tuesday

6:00 PM..... Finance Committee (Library)

Thursday

10:00 AM..... Senior Women's Yoga

Sunday, July 30, 2017

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 9:45 AM..... Sunday School For All Ages
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Monday

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Wednesday

5:00 PM..... Children's Choirs
 5:00 PM..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir
 5:45 PM..... Fellowship Supper
 5:45 PM..... Youth Worship on Wednesday
 6:15 PM..... Fellowship Supper Program Begins
 7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

10:00 AM..... Senior Women's Yoga

Saturday

5:00 PM..... Children's Department Cook Out

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Helpers for July

USHERS: Robert Griffin, Becky Griffin, Terry Bishop, Pam Bishop, Clint Talton, Stacy Bell, Bob Bryant.

WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, Parker Wiley

Worship Notes for Sunday, July 23, 2017

Dr. Rich Wright (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Sermon: "Free Refills on God's Word"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Praise Team

Offertory: Juli-ana Massey

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennessey, Dakota Elrod

Sunday School Greeters: Pat & Joyce Ashley

Tellers: Barry Peavey, Beth Bryant, Cindy Morris, Lori Moncus

Worship Notes for Sunday, July 30, 2017

Dr. Rich Wright (9:00 & 11:00 AM)

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Sermon: "Free Refills on God's Victory"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Youth Praise Team

Offertory: Betty Dyess

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson

Sunday School Greeters: Harold & Nancy Kimball

Tellers: Rob Hughes, Wyndi Damato, Heath Parrish



My life verse is Isaiah 40:31. *But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.* This verse made me think of life in general.

Life is a journey. We can live it trusting in God. Psalm 23 reminds us that even if we are in the valley of death, God empowers us to keep moving

forward into the future boldly and unafraid. This is exciting because life does become a journey.

Life is a task. We can live in obedience to God. Jesus in John 3:22 teaches us that blessings from God occur because we keep God's commandments and do what is right in God's eyes. In this fallen world, this becomes quite difficult to sustain, thus life becomes a task.

Life is a mission. We are called to be different from others by serving God through our deeds with others. Apostle Paul commends in Ephesians 4:32 to be kind to one another with forgiveness because God forgave us. When we live within a forgiving nature, then life does become a mission that glorifies God.

Life is a contest. We can live earnestly for God contending for our faith. Paul wrote in his first letter to the Corinthians to watch, stand fast, be brave and be strong. This shows that we can be victorious in this contest called life with Christ by our side.

May you live life to the fullest while remaining loyal to Christ in all that you do!

Your Servant In Christ,
Pastor Rich

Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 25

6:00 PM

Church Library



Administrative Council Meeting

Sunday, July 23

5:00 PM

All Council members and others interested are encouraged to attend.

Fellowship Suppers will resume on Wednesday, August 2! Our wonderful Kitchen Staff will begin serving at 5:45 PM. The program for each evening will begin at 6:15 PM and end in time for choir members to make it to their 7:00 PM rehearsal. We will begin taking reservations soon. We hope that you will decide to join us each Wednesday evening.

Join Us For Supper!



The youth are selling tickets for a car wash they are having on August 19. Be sure and buy a ticket to support the Costa Rica mission trip and get your car cleaned too!

I hope you are enjoying these last few days of summer! We have a few more activities on our summer calendar, and then we will get back to our regular school year schedule!



† This Wednesday, July 19 Senior High ONLY are invited to a scavenger hunt at the Massey home from 6:00-8:00 PM. Wear comfortable clothes, and you may want to bring sunglasses and a water bottle as well.

† Sunday, July 23 we will meet at the church at 5:00 PM to go to BHMS and FHS for a prayer walk. Staff members of both schools and parents, I'd love for you to come, too! Youth, please bring \$5 for dinner afterwards.

† I am SO excited about the lock-in with Arbor on Friday, July 28! We will meet at CUMC at 7:00 PM. You need to bring \$20 and dress comfortably. This will be a great night (and morning!) of food, worship, and fun at the Fun Park in Albany!

† We will not have youth Wednesday, July 26. Sunday, July 30 UMYF resumes at its regular time from 5:00-6:30 PM at church. I need volunteers for UMYF snack suppers, so please contact me if interested! I'm always looking for chaperones, too. Thanks so much to all who have volunteered this summer! The youth group is so thankful for your time and generosity!

Love,

Mary Claire

• Senior adult ladies YOGA class will meet the rest of July on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 AM. As far as I can tell, we will meet all of August too.

• Wednesday Night Supper starts back on August 2! Don't forget to make your supper reservations!

• Golden Agers will start back on August 10 at 12:00 noon. Steve O'Neal will be speaking to us. Call as many friends as you can to join us, and bring a dish that goes with fried chicken!

• The youth are selling tickets for a car wash they are having on August 19. Be sure and buy a ticket to support the Costa Rica mission trip while sprucing up your vehicle!

• Senior adults are going to Cracker Barrel on August 24.



Adult Ministries

Susan