



Our family would like to extend our appreciation for the prayers, flowers and memorials given in memory of Sis. Words will not express how much your kindness and support has meant to us. We are especially thankful for our wonderful church family.

Gene Dorminey and family

- Please remember our choir practices on Wednesday, June 14 & 21 at 7 PM.
- Celebration choir will take a break from rehearsals during the month of July, so all of our June practices are very important! Please plan to be here each week when you are in town so that we may prepare for summer worship services!



Children's choirs will be taking a break from rehearsals for the summer months. We will resume again in August. Watch the bulletin for details.

Handbells are having a few rehearsals during the summer months in order to be ready to play when August rolls around. Donna will either email or text you for the summer rehearsal times.



I plan to have a few youth band rehearsals this summer to prepare for our Kids Own Worship services this fall. Please watch the bulletin for practice times.



Central's Vacation Bible School was so much fun! We had over 80 children, youth and adult volunteers. It was an awesome way to bring our church family and friends together to grow and worship in the Lord. The youth and adult helpers enjoyed it as much as the children...what a blessing! Thanks so much for your help and support in making it a success!

During the summer, all of the children's Sunday School classes will be meeting together in the green room upstairs. Meeting as a large group will continue until August 6, Promotion Sunday. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend on Promotion Sunday...it is going to be a great day at Central!

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).

June Prayer Team: Annette Braddy, Anne Smith, Tommie Nichols, Margaret Chasteen, Myrtle Harper.

Calendar

Sunday, June 11, 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
6:00 PM UMM vs Youth Softball Game

Monday

10:00 AM Senior Women's Yoga
4:00 PM Church Staff Meeting

Wednesday

7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

10:00 AM Senior Women's Yoga

Sunday, June 18, 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
5:00 PM Meet, Greet & Eat with New Pastor

Monday

10:00 AM Senior Women's Yoga

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10:00 AM Senior Women's Yoga



We are delighted to announce that three friends of Central have made the decision to make Central their church home. Phillip Gibbs comes to Central on profession of faith. Gordon & Sharon Layton come to us by transfer of their membership. Please be sure to extend your personal welcome to these, our newest members, as you see them in worship.

Helpers for June

USHERS: Bobby Chasteen, Garrett McCord, Mike Foster, Chris Hughes, Tosha Martin, Dale Wilson, Amy Layfield.
WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, Parker Wiley.

Worship Notes for Sunday, June 11, 2017

Bishop Lawson Bryan (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir
Offertory: Cristina Evans
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennessey, Dakota Elrod
Sunday School Greeter: Anna Brown
Tellers: Jimmy Johnson, Lisa Smith, Mande Bishop

Worship Notes for Sunday, June 18, 2017

Rev. Dr. Rich Wright (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-13
Sermon: "Expectations of the Pastor"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir
Offertory: Susan Hughes, Sherry Masee, Karla Foster
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson
Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen
Tellers: Andy Johnson, Dianne Engelmann, Barbara Cagle

It's time for that annual event – the Old Codgers vs the Whipper Snappers softball game! Whether you are on the field or cheering from the stands, this game is always lots of fun for everyone. Join us on June 11 beginning at 6:00 PM for a delicious cookout and some of the finest ball playing in town.



Don't Forget Your Tithe
 Giving just got a little easier. It is now possible to set up a draft from your checking account to go directly to the church account at our bank. It is possible to make a direct draft designated exclusively for the new "Special Projects Fund" and, if you desire, also one for your regular tithe/offering. The necessary forms to begin your draft are available in the church office. You may stop by the office to pick up a form or give us a call and we will mail one to you.

The Christian Kitchen needs your help!
 Supplies are running low on canned foods that can be used for food boxes that are given out to needy families. Please bring canned goods (small cans – especially canned meats, jelly) and other non-perishables to church on Father's Day, June 18, and place them in the box by Susan's office. Thank you all so much for helping us re-stock the food pantry at the Christian Kitchen!



- † Let me begin by saying I am so incredibly excited to be your new youth director. My years as a member of the youth group were so special, and it is my hope that you all will have an amazing experience as well. Our mission is growing as Christ's disciples through our faith, philanthropy, and friendships. Church family, please pray for our youth group this year in these specific areas.
- † Youth and parents not already connected with the Remind app, please text the message @mgidde to (949) 357-1920 to receive reminders and updates.
- † Looking ahead, we have some exciting events! Tonight, June 11, please meet at Paulk Park at 5:30 PM with your softball gear. Our game against the Old Codgers begins at 6:00 PM. Your whole family is invited to watch, and there will be food as well, so please come even if you're not playing!
- † We will be going to Epworth by the Sea in St. Simons June 30-July 2! We have an awesome weekend planned. A deposit of \$25 is due to the church office by June 12 to reserve your spot. The total cost of the trip is \$50. The remaining money is due to the church office by June 22.
- † Wednesday, June 14, meet at Brian and Rebecca Braddy's house for swimming, games, and dinner. Don't forget a towel! Parents of non-drivers, pick-up time is 8:00 PM.
- † Sunday, June 18, spend some QT with your dad, and then we will be participating in the church-wide cookout to welcome our new pastor. Your whole family is invited to come to CUMC at 5:00 PM for food and fellowship.
- † Please be thinking about a talent you can perform for a talent show fundraiser on June 25! On Wednesday, June 21, we will do a practice run of our talent show at the nursing home. Please meet at CUMC at 6:00 PM (time subject to change) with any materials you need for your talent. We will go out to eat afterwards, so please bring \$5.
- † CHURCH FAMILY: If you are interested in attending a pretty "sweet" talent show (because there will be some pretty awesome talent and also dessert), please purchase a ticket from a youth group member after church June 11 or 18! The show will be June 25 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults. Are you interested in teaching Youth Sunday School, leading a discipleship group, or baking a pound cake for us? If so, please contact me!



Best, *Mary Claire*

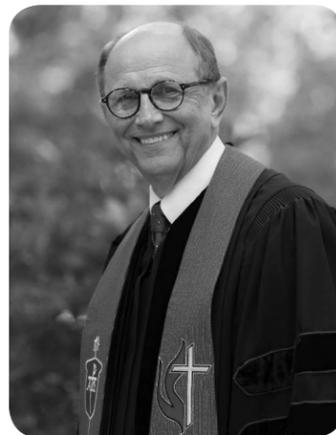
Dates to add to calendar:

- June 11: Ticket sales for Youth Talent Show after church
- June 12: \$25 deposit due to church office for Epworth Trip
- June 14: Youth Swim Night at Braddy Home
- June 18: Ticket sales for Youth Talent Show after church
- June 21: Youth trip to nursing home
- June 22: \$50 due to church office for youth Epworth trip
- June 25: Youth Talent Show at CUMC at 7:00 PM



You want to mark your calendar for this one! We are pleased to announce

that on June 11 we will welcome Bishop Lawson Bryan, Bishop of the South Georgia Conference. Bishop Bryan will be speaking at both the 9:00 AM and the 11:00 AM worship services. Bishop Bryan is a wonderful speaker and Central is in for a treat. Plan to be with us on this special Sunday!



Central UMC has a rich history and a great reputation in our community, district and conference. We also have a very generous congregation. After reviewing a long list of safety and maintenance needs, the "Special Projects Committee" has identified several projects that are high priority. These projects are not new and in fact some of them have been recognized as needs for several years. The time has come to address these needs and make a plan to provide the financial resources necessary to achieve our goal. Our first project will be a complete renovation of our playground. As funds become available, other projects on our list will be tackled. Over the next three years (June 2017 to June 2020), Central is going to have an ongoing "Special Projects" fundraiser. We are counting on \$500,000 over the next three years. That is a lot of money but is completely within the ability of our great church. Please look over the "needs" list below, decide how you can support this project, fill in the pledge card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

"Special Projects" list of identified needs: playground equipment; security system in office & nursery/panic locks on sanctuary building doors; new vans & pay off credit line from bus purchase; replace air conditioning unit in the Youth Room; Handbell & Choir Room - mildew repair & painting; sanctuary building repair – carpet /paint; air conditioning – Lee Street side of the sanctuary; new fencing around playground; social hall renovation; remove ventilation pent-house on sanctuary building; add bathroom upstairs in preschool area.

"Special Projects" 3 Year Fund Raising Campaign

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we hereby pledge to support the "Special Projects" Fund Raising Campaign of Central United Methodist Church.

Committing My/Our pledge of \$ _____ per _____.

Name: _____

Address: _____



It will soon be time to welcome Bro. Rich & Ruth Wright to Central! We look forward to getting to know our new pastor and family. Bro. Rich and Ruth will be moving into Central's parsonage on June 14 and his first day in Central's pulpit will be June 18. A welcome cookout, hosted by our UMM and UMW, will be held on the afternoon of June 18. Suzanne has some fun outdoor activities planned for our children (water slides!), and our UMM and UMW are providing supper for us. The fun will begin at 5:00 PM and our meal will begin at 6:00 PM. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us as we gather to welcome our new pastor to Central.

- Senior adult ladies YOGA class starts back on Monday, June 12 at 10:00 AM in the Brown Room. We will meet every Monday and Thursday during the month of June.
- Don't forget Sunday night, June 18, we are celebrating Pastor Rich and wife, Ruth. Join us at 5:00 PM for a time of getting to know the Wrights and then we're having a cook-out at 6:00 PM provided by our UMM and UMW.
- Be watching for your next "Susan's Scoop" Newsletter that will be mailed out by the last week of June!
- We had a good turn-out for our middle-age adult lunch this past Sunday! Thanks for sharing your time as a group.



Adult Ministries

Suzanne