

- Please remember our choir practices on Wednesday, May 17 and 24 at 7:00 PM.
- Celebration Choir presents "Homeland" on Sunday, May 21 for 11:00 AM service. Please invite your friends/family to attend our special worship service that day. We will wear something either red, white or blue for this service.



- Celebration Choir will present "Homeland" on Sunday, May 21. The children will have a part in this service – please have them here at 10:30 AM on that day dressed in something red, white or blue.



- There will be no children's choir rehearsal on Wednesday, May 24. But please remember that they WILL participate in the adult musical program on May 21 at 11:00 AM.

- Many thanks to each of the children for a WONDERFUL children's Sunday! The choir ministry could not exist without dedicated parents who bring children to practice, help with lines and solos, and volunteer in so many extra ways. Thanks for being great parents to our special children here at Central!



- Handbells will rehearse on Wednesday, May 3 & 10 at 5:00 PM.
- Thank you for the wonderful music for the service on April 23!



Central's Children's Department will recognize our children for their regular Sunday School attendance during the 2016-2017 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, Andrea Sutton, Amy Shiver, Brittany Eidson, and Ellen Burke!

Beginning on May 28, 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 5, and Promotion Sunday will be August 6.

Central's Bible Camp is June 4-6 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

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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

Calendar

Sunday, May 14, 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

Monday

10:00 AM UMW Group 1 with Betty Dyess
10:00 AM Senior Ladies Yoga Class
5:00 PM UMW Group 3 with Gudrun Mills
6:00 PM Webelos Scouts (Brown Room)

Tuesday

5:00 PM Wolf Cub Scouts (Brown Room)

Wednesday

5:00 PM Children's Choirs
6:00 PM Tiger Cub Scouts (Brown Room)
7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

10:00 AM Senior Ladies' Yoga Class
6:00 PM Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 21, 2017

9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
11:00 AM Morning Worship
2:00 PM Piano Recital
5:00 PM UMYF

Monday

10:00 AM Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga

Wednesday

7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

10:00 AM Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga

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Helpers for May

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

Worship Notes for Sunday, May 14, 2017

Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 AM & 11 AM)
Scripture: "Meddling Monica"
Sermon: Luke 18:1-7
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Gracen Damato
Offertory: Madelyn Massey and Juli-ana Massey
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennessey, Dakota Elrod
Sunday School Greeter: Anna Brown
Breakfast: Action Life Class
Tellers: Jimmy Johnson, Lisa Smith, Mande Bishop

Worship Notes for Sunday, May 21, 2017

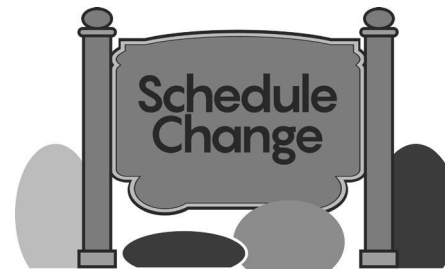
No 9:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship
"Homeland" presented by the Celebration Choir
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Offertory: Becky Anderson
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson, Janne Benke
Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen
Breakfast: New Beginnings
Tellers: Andy Johnson, Dianne Engelmann, Barbara Cagle



We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Queen Esther Lately. Queen, while never a member at Central, was a part of our family for many years. Queen was our ever faithful nursery worker. She cared for and loved Central's children for more than 40 years. Please keep the Lately family in your prayers.

The piano students of Becky Anderson invite you to attend their spring recital on Sunday, May 21 at 2:00 PM in Central's sanctuary. Becky's students are always a joy to listen to! Mark your calendar and plan to be in Central's sanctuary that afternoon.



Please note that there will not be a 9:00 AM worship service on Sunday, May 21. Everyone is encouraged to attend the 11:00 AM worship presentation "Homeland". This beautiful patriotic service and program will be presented by Central's Celebration Choir.



Children's Bible Camp
June 4 -6
6:00 to 8:00 PM
 Music, Supper, Bible Stories, Crafts and Outside Recreation

You want to mark your calendar for this one! We are pleased to announce that on June 11 we will welcome our Bishop Lawson Bryan, Bishop of the South Georgia Conference. Bishop Bryan will be leading worship at Central and 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!



Busy. That is the only way that I know to describe the church office these past few weeks. Spring usually is a busy time for those of us in church work, but it seems especially so this spring. Throw into the usual church activities a few personal activities and events and a glance at the calendar can, quite frankly, be overwhelming. The scripture that comes to mind for me today is "Be still and know that I am God." Steven Curtis Chapman wrote a beautiful song titled "Be Still and Know". Some of the words are "Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is holy . . . Be still and know that He is faithful." Business can take many forms. It can be a physical business with many tasks to be done. It can be a mental business with our time spent worrying or making plans that may never come to fruition. Or perhaps you are experiencing an emotional or spiritual business and exhaustion is quickly overtaking you. Maybe you are overwhelmed with a grief that words cannot express. The answer to all of this is "be still and know". He is God, He is holy, and He is faithful to those who will place their trust in Him. In the coming weeks, I plan to practice being still – come Holy Spirit and rest on us.



Cindy



Please extend a warm Central welcome to our new pastor, Rev. Dr. Rich Wright. Bro. Rich and his wife, Ruth, will be moving to Fitzgerald on June 14. His first Sunday in Central's pulpit will be June 18. We are planning a welcome cookout on the evening of June 18. We are planning a fun time for the whole family, so please mark your calendar and plan to be present. If you would like to send the Wrights a welcome card, their current address is 3406 Pontiac Dr., Columbus, GA 31907.

- Communion Servers for May 14 – Kristie Thompson, Cody, Rose, and Marley Thompson



Adult Ministries

- We will have senior adult ladies yoga class on May 15, 18, 22, and 25.

- Our senior adult Noah's Ark trip is fast approaching and if you are serious about going with us, please call me at the church office for trip details and to confirm your spot. We will be leaving on June 22 and return on June 26.

Susan