

- Celebration Choir will rehearse on October 4 and 11 from 7:00-8:00 PM in the choir room. We are getting into our Christmas music pretty heavily now so please plan to be at all rehearsals if possible.



- Looking ahead: We will have praise team rehearsal on Sunday, November 5 at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please plan to be here for our practice

- Children's choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, October 4 from 5:00-5:55 PM. Please pick up your children from the choir room or the playground.
- No children's choir rehearsal on Wednesday, October 11, due to fall break at BHCS. Enjoy your break! I may try to get some small groups of children together for practices during that week. Watch your text messages for further details.
- Christmas cds, parts and practice schedules have been given out. Please encourage your child to begin learning his/her lines and solos so that rehearsals will go more smoothly. Please let me know if you need a copy of either our Christmas cd or our fall songs cd. I also have extra copies of your child's lines if you need them.
- Looking ahead: Joy Choir will sing for our Homecoming service on October 22 beginning at 10:30 AM.



- Youth Sunday practice (skits, dance, prayers, songs) will be held at 4:00 PM on October 1. All lines should be memorized. We will go over all parts of the service on that day.
- We will also rehearse for our Youth Sunday on the morning of our service on October 8. We will meet at 9:00 AM for practice followed by breakfast at 10:00 and then the service at 11:00 AM. Be sure to invite your family and friends to take part in this worship service.



- Handbells will rehearse on Wednesday, October 4, from 5:00-6:00 PM handbell room. There will be no handbell rehearsal on October 11.



We have started our new Fall curriculum in Sunday School! Please join us on Sunday mornings for these fun and interactive Sunday School lessons! Pre-K children through 5th graders now meet upstairs. Three year olds and under meet in the nursery. We have dedicated Sunday School teachers here every week to teach our children the classic Bible stories!

We are so excited to have four new acolytes! Newly trained acolytes are Natalie Strahan, Maci and Madi Shoultz, and Gregory Calhoun! We can't wait to see you serving your church in such a special way! If you are a third through fifth grader and would like to acolyte, please let us know!

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).

October Prayer Team: Karla Foster, Judy Hobby, Lynne Smith, Beth Bryant, Susan Hughes

Calendar

Sunday, October 1, 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 Sunday Rehearsal
 5:00 PM.....UMYF

Monday

10:00 AM.....Senior Women's Yoga
 4:00 PM.....Church Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM.....Emmaus Gathering

Tuesday

9:30 AM.....Preschool Chapel Service

Wednesday

11:00 AM....."Help, I'm Lost" Bible Study
 5:00 PM.....Children's Choirs
 5:00 PM.....J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir
 5:45 PM.....Fellowship Supper (serving line open from 5:45 to 6:15)
 5:45 PM.....Youth Worship on Wednesday
 6:15 PM....."Help, I'm Lost" Bible Study
 7:00 PM.....Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

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

Sunday, October 8, 2017

9:00 AM.....Youth Sunday Rehearsal
 9:15 AM.....Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM.....Sunday School For All Ages
 11:00 AM.....Morning Worship
 5:00 PM.....Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday

7:00 PM.....Tiger Club Scouts (Brown Room)

Tuesday

6:00 PM.....Zaxby's Spirit Night (for Costa Rica Mission Trip)

Wednesday

7:00 PM.....Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

10:00 AM.....Senior Women's Yoga
 12:00 PM.....Golden Agers Luncheon
 6:30 PM.....United Methodist Men



Praying for the Body of Christ

Each week we are praying for those in ministry in other churches of the South-Central District. Our upcoming prayer focus includes: Pastor Allen Hartsfield and the people of Alma & Elizabeth UMCs (for the week of October 1) and Pastor Lori Howell and the people of Antioch UMC (Clinch) (for the week beginning October 8).

Helpers for October

USHERS: Bobby Chasteen (Captain), 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 & Helpers the Week of October 1, 2017

Dr. Rich Wright (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: Exodus 6:6-7
Sermon: "The 4 Cups of Passover"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation
Offertory: Becky Anderson
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennessey, Dakota Elrod
Breakfast Hosts: Women of Faith/Barnabas Classes
Sunday School Greeter: Annette Braddy
Church Offering Tellers: Linda Brantley, Lisa Young
Fellowship Supper Teller: Anna Oliver

Worship Notes & Helpers the Week of October 8, 2017

Youth Sunday (11:00 AM - No 9:00 AM Worship)
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Offertory: Amelia Lee
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson
Breakfast Hosts: Friends
Sunday School Greeter: Anna Brown
Church Offering Tellers: Charlene Hatcher, Margaret Chasteen



World Communion Sunday 2017

Sunday, October 1, 2017 is World Communion Sunday. A day when we join all Christians in the catholic (also known as the universal) Church for a spiritual feast at the Lord's Table. I join Jesus Christ is urging you to come and partake. I will be preaching about the meaning of Passover cups of wine as it relates to our lives.

The sacrament of Holy Communion is designed to remind us not only of a moment in history when Jesus gathered his disciples for one last meal together before His execution. It also affirms the moment in time when we are all sharing this divine feast with those who gather at the table with us in our church and around the world. The simple gifts of bread and juice direct our attention to a special moment when God, the Creator, and we, as His creation, are united together for a holy meal.

I'll see you at the table for World Communion. I can guarantee that you and all of us that will gather will be blessed as we see God at work in, for, and through our lives. Happy World Communion Sunday!

Your Servant In Christ,
Pastor Rick

Charge Conference Wednesday, October 25

Work Area Chairpersons are asked to turn in annual reports by October 4. If you serve as a Work Area Chairperson and are unsure what to do, please contact Cindy in the church office.



Welcome to Central! We are so happy that Alex, Steffi, Bo and Liz Tillman have decided to make Central their church home. They have been worshipping with us for some time and we are delighted that they have made it official. Please be sure to welcome Alex, Steffi, Bo and Liz as you see them in worship.



Golden Agers Luncheon

Thursday, October 12

12:00 Noon

Covered dish lunch
 and program

Everyone age 50+ is invited!

We extend love and sympathy to Phillip Gibbs upon the death of his father, Mr. Jack Gibbs. Funeral services for Mr. Gibbs were conducted at the Paulk Funeral Home Chapel on September 17. Please keep Mr. Gibbs' family and friends in your prayers.



To our church family,
 Thank you for your prayers, cards and thoughtfulness during the past months. Your expressions of love and concern were greatly appreciated.
 Thurman & Sylvia Ellis and Sharon Beckly and family

Reservations for supper should be made by 3:00 PM each Monday. 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 5:45 to 6:15 PM. Cost is \$7 for adults/teens; \$5 children (ages 4-12); children age 3 or younger are free. There is a \$20 limit per family (living in the same home).



Menu – October 4: Pot Roast with Potatoes and Carrots, Peas, Steamed Cabbage, Salad Bar, Dessert (Children's Option: Corn Dog).

Menu – October 11: No Supper.

Name _____

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

October 4 _____ Permanent _____



Hi everyone,
 I want to give a special thank you to our group of senior high that went to Atlanta! I had such an incredible time with all of you, and the best part of all was seeing a member of our youth group accept Christ as her Savior! Please continue to love and encourage this person in her walk of faith.

Youth Sunday is so close! Thanks so much to all of you that have faithfully been at practice. I am so excited for our congregation to see your hard work and, most of all, for us to glorify God. Please be at practice this Sunday, October 1, at 4:00 PM. We will then go to the Massey home for a scavenger hunt! I will take you there in the van, and your parents can pick you up from the church at 6:30 PM. I will let you know of additional practices for certain groups via Remind.

As for your fall break, my plan right now is to have no activities October 8 or 11. However, I'll keep you posted with Remind messages. If several of you stay in town and want to do something, we can! Just let me know if you will be in town and are interested.

Parents, please be on the look-out for your October newsletter and calendar. I am asking for several volunteers, so please contact me if you can help!

You are the salt and light of the world, and you are so loved!

Love, *Mary Claire*



Thursday, October 12
 6:30 PM

All men of Central are encouraged to attend and participate in UMM activities.

Central will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, October 22! Please mark your calendar and make plans to be present for this very special Sunday in the life of our church. We are pleased to announce that Rev. Keith Goodlett has accepted our invitation to be our speaker for that day. It will be wonderful to renew our friendship with the Goodletts and to see many friends who return to Central to share in our Homecoming celebration.



✚ The only day in October that we will **not** have our ladies YOGA class on Oct. 9. We should be able to have it all other Mondays and Thursdays in October, but pay attention to bulletins and emails.



Adult Ministries

✚ Don't forget your yard sale items, and price each item before bringing them to the UMM women's yard sale for Oct. 6 & 7.

✚ This month, our ladies breakfast will fall on Friday, October 20. We will meet at Café Budapest at 9:30 AM before going to visit some of our homebound. Let me know if you can meet.

✚ I have scheduled a wreath/floral arrangement class set for October 26 with Angie Day. The cost is \$35/person. Supplies will be provided. Please call the church office if you'd like to attend so Angie will know how many supplies will be needed.

Love,
Susan