

- Celebration choir will have rehearsal on Wednesday, April 11, at 7:00 PM. There will be no rehearsal on April 4 due to BHCS spring break. Enjoy your night off!
- Many thanks to all of you for the extra effort that you put into our Holy Week and Easter services. As usual, your music did not disappoint! You are loved and appreciated by your church family.



Children's choirs will rehearse as usual on Wednesday, April 11, from 5:00-5:55 PM in the choir rooms. There will be no rehearsal on Wednesday, April 4 due to BHCS spring break. Enjoy your day off!

Thank you, children and parents, for having the children participate in the Palm Sunday processional and for the Joy Choir members who sang with us that morning. Joy Choir will sing again this week (Easter Sunday) with the Celebration Choir. Please meet at 10:30 AM to go over the song.

Looking ahead: Children's Sunday will be held on Sunday, April 29, at 11:00 AM. Parts have been given to your children. Please work on practicing their parts with them at home so that they will memorize them. All songs that they are singing are from the VBS cd that was handed out in January. If you need another copy of the cd, please see me. We will wear our new children's t-shirts and jeans or jean shorts on that day. Cost of t-shirts is \$10 – payable to Central. Please get your child's size to me ASAP if you haven't already done so.

- We will plan to play for the next scheduled KOW service on Sunday, May 6. Watch your bulletin and text messages for details on practice.
- Some of our youth will be attending the Son Power trip June 18-22 in Orlando, Florida. The third payment is now due – please turn in to either Karla or to church office. I need to know ASAP if your child is planning to attend because hotel reservations are being made. No new reservations may be made after April 6.
- Many thanks to Todd and Suzanne Reaves, Charlie Strahan, and all of the other wonderful youth parents who assisted with our spaghetti fundraiser last Friday. We raised close to \$700 toward our Son Power trip expenses. Thanks, church family!
- I am planning to have our confirmands sing for the April 15 service. Rehearsal dates will be April 8 & 11. Times will be announced via text message.



We had so much fun at our Easter Egg Hunt! Thank you to all the parents and youth that helped to make this annual event at Central a success! I want to give a big shout out to Rose and Marley Thompson for their hard work filling the eggs with candy. It is quite a job, and they are always so willing to help me out with any project in the children's department! They both have hearts to serve in their church!

We will not have Wednesday night JAM on April 4 . . . enjoy your Spring break! Join us for JAM when it starts back on April 11 for our mini lessons on The Lord's Prayer and fun with your church friends on the playground at Central!

Victoria Thompson and I will be teaching Sunday School during the month of April. We started a new unit in March. The children enjoy it and we are learning so much! Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM!

With much love, *Miss Suzanne*

Catch the Spirit

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April 1 & 8, 2018

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- Handbells will rehearse on April 11 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. There will be no practice on April 4.
- Looking ahead: The Handbells are scheduled to play on Sunday, April 22.



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## Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

**April Prayer Team:** Karla Foster, Judy Hobby, Lynne Smith, Beth Bryant, Susan Hughes.

## Calendar

**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

7:00 AM.....Easter Sunrise Service (Breezeway at First Baptist Church)  
 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, April 2**

Worship Bulletin Information Due

10:00 AM..... Adult Women's Yoga (Brown Room)  
 6:00 PM..... Boy Scouts (Basement)

**Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

All Wednesday Church Activities are Canceled

**Thursday, April 5, 2018**

10:00 AM..... Adult Women's Yoga  
 3:00 PM..... Senior Adult Ladies Visitation

**Sunday, April 8, 2018**

9:00 AM.....Early Morning Worship  
 9:15 AM.....Fellowship Breakfast  
 9:45 AM.....Sunday School For All Ages  
 11:00 AM.....Morning Worship  
 4:30 PM..... Trustees Meeting (Library)  
 3:45 PM..... Methodist Youth Fellowship (at Grand Theatre)

**Monday, April 9, 2018**

Newsletter & Bulletin Information Due

10:00 AM..... Adult Women's Yoga (Brown Room)  
 4:00 PM..... Church Staff Meeting  
 6:00 PM..... Boy Scout Troop 875 (Basement)  
 6:30 PM..... Emmaus Gathering

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

9:30 AM..... Preschool Chapel  
 5:00 PM..... Adult Ministries Planning Team Meeting  
 6:30 PM..... United Methodist Men Supper & Meeting

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

5:00 PM..... Children's Choirs Rehearsal  
 5:00 PM..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 5:45 PM..... Fellowship Supper  
 7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 12, 2018**

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

**Friday, April 13, 2018**

Salad Fair



The United Methodist Women will host their annual Salad Fair Luncheon on Friday, April 13. Tickets are now available but are selling quickly. To purchase a ticket, see or contact Karla Foster.

### 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:

- Week beginning April 1: Hahira UMC and their pastor, Mike Davis.
- Week beginning April 8: Harpers Chapel and their pastor, Abra Lattany-Reed.



## Helpers for April

**USHERS:** Gill Braddy, Captain; Jeremy Martin, Lawson Owens, Mike Smith, Todd Damato, Sikes McCord, Garrett McCord.

**WORSHIP TECHNICIANS:** David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens.

**AV ASSISTANTS:** Ward Burke, Raines Evans, Riley Evans, Angelica Hennessey, Blaine Layfield.

### Worship Notes & Helpers the week of April 1, 2018

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

**Scripture:** John 20:1-18

**Sermon:** "Going with Jesus: To Being Easter People"

**Prelude:** Becky Anderson

**Call to Worship:** Joy Choir and Celebration Choir

**Offertory:** Juli-ana Massey

**Postlude:** Brian Morris

**Breakfast Hosts:** Women of Faith & Barnabas Class

**Sunday School Greeter:** Annette Braddy

**Fellowship Supper Tellers:** No Supper

**Church Offering Tellers:** Linda Brantley, Lisa Young

**Acolytes:** Analee Mann & Cassidy Peavey

**Children's Church Helpers:** Shawn & Brandy Elrod, Todd & Suzanne Reaves

### Worship Notes & Helpers the week of April 8, 2018

**Rev. B.J. Funk** (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)

**Scripture:** Mark 16:6-7

**Sermon:** "The Evidence"

**Prelude:** Becky Anderson

**Call to Worship:** Celebration Choir & Congregation

**Offertory:** Becky Anderson

**Postlude:** Brian Morris

**Breakfast Hosts:** Journey

**Sunday School Greeter:** Anna Brown

**Fellowship Supper Teller:** Anna Oliver

**Church Offering Tellers:** Charlene Hatcher, Margaret Chasteen

**Acolytes:** Anna Marie Elrod, Thomas Holt

**Children's Church Helpers:** Andy & Mandy Johnson, Todd & Suzanne Reaves



The Board of Trustees will meet on Sunday, April 8, at 4:30 PM in the church library. All members of this Board are asked to be present.

We rejoice over the infant baptism of Stella Grace Holt on March 18. Stella Grace is the daughter of Jason & Abby Holt and the sister of Thomas, Davis and Maddox. Her proud grandparents, and members of Central, are Jimmy & Betty Lynn Johnson. Welcome to Central little one. We love you already!



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### Pastor Rich Is He A King?

By the time you read this, Holy Week will be almost over (or it is). It began with Palm Sunday. As we celebrate the holiest of all weeks, I reflect over my experiences in many churches as a pastor and layperson and am amazed that our churches are not filled to capacity for these worship encounters.

Christians over the world center their thoughts on the procession of Jesus into Jerusalem as a conquering king on Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday focuses on Jesus' last Passover meal with the disciples before his arrest in the garden. Good Friday recounts the stations of the cross that details the passion of Christ up to his death and entombment. Yet, these services are not filled!

I recall Lloyd C. Douglas' book, *The Robe*. The slave, Demetrius, pushes his way through the crowd to see Jesus enter into Jerusalem. He wanted to see what all of the fuss was about. He was able to look upon the face of Jesus. Later, other slaves asked him about this encounter. "See him close up?" Demetrius nodded. "Crazy?" Demetrius shook his head emphatically. "King?" "No," he muttered, "not a king." "What is he then?" Demetrius calmly stated, "I don't know, but he is something more than a king."

I invite you, your family, and all of the folks you can bring to meet the Risen Jesus who is more than a king. Let's fill our worship center for these special services as we proclaim "Jesus is my Savior and King! See you during Holy Week as we encounter the Risen Lord!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*

A new Women's Bible Study is forming! Join with others as B.J. leads us through a study on Revelation. The group will meet on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The study will begin on Tuesday, April 17 and will continue to the end of May. Contact the church office to sign up for this new bible study.



Central will observe Memorial Day on Sunday, May 27. As part of that observance this year, we will publish a small booklet containing the names of our deceased veterans. If you have a loved one who served in any branch of the US military, who was a member of Central, and is now deceased, please contact the church office so that we can include them in our Memorial Day program.

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 \$25 limit per family (living in the same home).

**Menu – April 4:** No Supper

**Menu – April 11:** Hamburger Steak/Gravy, Rice, Sweet Peas, Carrots, Salad Bar, Dessert; (Kid's Option: Chicken Nuggets).

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

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Please continue to pray for our members who are serving in Costa Rica. Our group will leave Fitzgerald on March 30 and return on April 6. You may use the following link to keep up with our members and the work they are doing.  
<https://www.prayingpelicanmissions.org/mission-trip-journals?tripid=10054>.

Attention United Methodist Women! April 16 is the day for UMW group home meetings. Group Leaders, to have your meeting time and place printed in the bulletin, information must be turned in to the church office no later than noon on Monday, April 9.



Attention High School Class of 2018! The deadline to submit an application for the Central UMC Scholarship is quickly approaching. Please pick up an application in the church office and return it no later than April 15.

Congratulations to Lawson & Donna Owens on the birth of their grandson, Max Edin Owens. Max's parents are Andrew & Kate Owens of Edinburgh, Scotland. Congratulations on this wonderful addition to your family. We can't wait to meet Max in person!



Central's United Methodist Men  
Tuesday, April 10 • 6:30 PM • Fellowship Hall  
Cam Jordan will attend as our special guest and speaker.

- A big thanks to Charlene Hatcher, Pam Morrison, Shirley Johnston, and all the Sunday school classes for all the hard work getting the classrooms ready for Adult Ministries Stations of the Cross. What a meaningful week! God bless you all!
- Sunrise Service at First Baptist Church breezeway at 7:00 AM. Come and let's start our Easter celebration with singing, praising, and the good Word, for He is risen!
- I am having to move our **senior adult ladies visitation day** from Friday, April 6, to **Thursday afternoon, April 5 at 3:00 PM** due to a scheduling conflict. Please text or call to let me know you plan to go on April 5.
- The Adult Ministries Planning Team will meet at 5:00 PM on April 10 in the church library.

Love, *Susan*