



Administrative Council Meeting

The Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, April 22, at 5:00 PM in the Chapel. If you serve as a member at large or chair any committee, please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important meeting.

Celebration Choir will have rehearsal on Wednesday, April 18 & 25, at 7:00 PM. We are learning many new songs for the remainder of spring and going into summer, so please plan to be at rehearsal if possible. Thank you!



Celebration Choir



Children's Choir

Children's choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, April 18 & 25, from 5:00-5:55 PM in the choir rooms.

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 may 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 or of your child's part, please see Karla Foster. We will wear 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 Karla Foster ASAP if you haven't already done so.

Extra rehearsals (for Joy Choir only) will be held on Monday, April 23, and Tuesday, April 24, from 4:00-5:15 PM to prepare for Children's Sunday. Please make every effort for your children to be at these rehearsals – thanks!

- 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 this June (18-22) in Orlando, Florida. The third payment (\$100) is now due – please turn in to either Karla or to church office.
- Confirmands will sing for the April 15 service. Please meet that morning at 9:30 AM right before Sunday school to go over our song.



Youth Praise Team

- The Handbell Choir will rehearse on April 18 & 25 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room.
- Handbells are scheduled to play on Sunday, April 22. Please plan to meet at 9:15 that morning to rehearse.



Handbell Choir



Kid's Korner

Celebrating that Christ arose has been wonderful here at Central! During this season, our children have been blessed with opportunities to grow in the Lord! The children have enjoyed the Lenten and Easter lessons during Sunday School, Wednesday night JAM and during children's church. I am so excited about what they learn at church! I am thankful for this church and for my church family!

Our annual Easter egg hunt was so much fun, and I appreciate all the help and support from our parents!

Children's Sunday is coming up on April 29. We will celebrate with a luncheon following the service, and everyone is invited to eat!

Our children will be visiting our shut-ins on May 2. We will also eat supper together at McDonalds! Vacation Bible School dates are June 10-12. Please see Suzanne Reaves if you would like to volunteer...we would love to have you!!

With much love, *Miss Suzanne*

Catch the Spirit

CENTRAL

United Methodist Church

Fitzgerald, Georgia

Church Office and 24 Hour Voice Mail 229-423-9381

Staff Directory

Rich Wright, Sr., Pastor • 706-392-0433
 B.J. Funk, Assoc. Pastor • 848-1081
 Cindy Morris, Admin. Asst. • 424-2283
 Mary Claire Giddens, Youth Ministries • 425-4451

Susan Hughes, Adult Ministries Coordinator • 425-3068
 Karla Foster, Music Ministries • 425-2106
 Suzanne Reaves, Children's Ministries • 424-5345

Website: www.centralumc.net
 Email: centralumc01@windstream.net
 201 West Central Avenue • P.O. Box 428

Mediacom Cable Channels:
 81 (Analog) & 82.17 (HD)

April 15 & 22, 2018

NO. 15

We will celebrate Children's Day on Sunday, April 29, at the 11:00 AM worship service. Our children will be leading us in worship and we are looking forward to this special day. The worship schedule will not change. 9:00 AM worship, breakfast and Sunday school will be held as usual. There will be a Forks 'n Fellowship meal following 11:00 AM worship. No reservations are required. There is no cost for the meal however, donations will be happily accepted.



A NOTE OF THANKS!
 The Costa Rica team would like to thank our very generous congregation for supporting our trip. Your contributions allowed us to pour concrete in a new church, deliver bags of food to 42 families, and minister to children, youth, and women in numerous ways. We are forever grateful for your generosity. We look forward to sharing more with you on April 22!

open hearts... open minds... open doors
Central United Methodist Church
 P.O. Box 428
 Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750
Return Service Requested

Presorted Standard
 Non-Profit Org.
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID
 Fitzgerald, GA
 Permit No. 46



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 15, 2018

9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
 9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
 9:30 AM Confirmands Rehearse
 9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 4:00 PM Youth Advisory Committee
 5:00 PM Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, April 16 – Worship Bulletin Information Due

10:00 AM Adult Women's Yoga (Brown Room)
 4:00 PM UMW Group 2 in the Brown Activity Room
 6:00 PM Boy Scouts (Basement)

Tuesday, April 17

9:30 AM Preschool Chapel
 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study with B.J.
 6:30 PM "Men on Target" Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 18

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

Sunday, April 22

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 Methodist Youth Fellowship
 5:00 PM Administrative Council Meeting (Chapel)

Monday, April 23 – Newsletter & Bulletin Information Due

10:00 AM Adult Women's Yoga (Brown Room)
 1:30 PM Church Staff Meeting
 4:00 PM Joy Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 875 (Basement)

Tuesday, April 24

9:30 AM Preschool Chapel
 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study with B.J.
 4:00 PM Joy Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 PM "Men on Target" Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 25

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

Thursday, April 26

10:00 AM Adult Women's Yoga

Retirement Reception honoring Benjy and Mary Vannell

May 27, 2018 • 3:00-5:00 PM • FUMC Tifton's social hall

Praying for the Body of Christ

Each week we are praying for those in ministry in other areas of the South-Central District. Our upcoming prayer focus includes:

- Week beginning April 15: Hazelhurst & Philadelphia UMC and their pastor, Josh Duckworth.
- Week beginning April 22: Conference Director of Administrative Services, Derrick McAleer.



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.

A/V ASSISTANTS: Ward Burke, Raines Evans, Riley Evans, Angelica Hennessey, Blaine Layfield.

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of April 15, 2018

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

Scripture: John 15:12-17

Sermon: "What Does God Require"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir & Congregation

Offertory: Confirmands

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Covenant Class (Brown Room)

Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen

Fellowship Supper Tellers: Susan Hughes

Church Offering Tellers: Jimmy Johnson, Patricia Walker

Acolytes: Charlie Burke, Jackson Parrish

Children's Church Helpers: Kristi Thompson, Randall & Jennifer Shultz

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of April 22, 2018

Rev. Wayne Racz (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir

Offertory: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir

Special Music: Masee McKinley

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Action Life Class

Sunday School Greeter: Pat & Joyce Ashley

Fellowship Supper Teller: Anna Brown

Church Offering Tellers: Wyndi Damato, Darrell Weeks

Acolytes: Brett Martin, Natalie Strahan

Children's Church Helpers: Anna Oliver, Billy & Amy Shiver

South Central District Conference

April 29, 2018 • 5:00 PM • Tifton First United Methodist Church
107 12th Street West • Tifton, GA



What An Awesome Day!

It was a first for me as a pastor. I baptized five young people in a swimming pool! With more than 50 people present, we saw a miracle as five people professed their faith and were initiated into the Body of Christ through baptism.

Now those five young people, along with 13 others will be joining our church this Sunday (April 15) on Confirmation Sunday. These people understand that church membership is important!

It means that you are one of God's children dedicated to serving God through the ministries of the church that you support already! It means that you become a part of something that is much larger than yourself! It means that you have others who will support you during your walk with God!

I would love to discuss the various options of joining that are available. But you have to contact me! I would love for our church to see another 18 people join again. We can, but you have to help us. Call me and let's make you an official member of Central!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*



"Men on Target" Men's Bible study group will meet on Tuesday, April 17 & 24 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to participate. This study is facilitated by Pastor Rich. Mark your calendar and plan to participate in this Bible study.

We extend love and sympathy to the family and friends of Myrtle Harper. Funeral services for Mrs. Harper were conducted in Central's sanctuary on March 31. Please keep Myrtle's son, Louie, and other family members and friends in your prayers.



We extend love and sympathy to Mr. Paul Dunn upon the death of his wife, Gladys M. Dunn. Funeral services for Mrs. Dunn were conducted on March 24 in The Paulk Funeral Home Chapel. Please keep the family and friends of Mrs. Dunn in your prayers.



Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. & Mrs. Tom Green who were united in marriage on March 31. Mrs. Green is the former Kay Jankiewicz. Our prayers are with you as you begin your marriage.



Senior Sunday is May 20! Parents, if you have a student who is graduating from high school or college this spring, please contact the church office with their full name and the name of the institution they have been attending. We want to be sure that our list of high school and college seniors is complete and that we know the correct spelling of their names. We look forward to hearing from all of you proud parents and graduates.

A new women's study group 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 go through May 29. Contact the church office to sign up!



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 18: Pork Chops, Sweet Potatoes, Turnip Greens, Butter Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert (Children: Corn Dog)

Menu – April 25: Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Dessert; (Children: Pizza Rolls)

Name _____

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

April 18 _____ April 25 _____ Permanent _____

I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break! Please join me in congratulating Tyler, Ela Grace, Abbie, Hallie, and Amelia on their baptism! Four of these are confirmands, and we are so excited as they and the rest of the confirmands will be honored in church April 15! Please be there to support your brothers and sisters in Christ.



The Youth Advisory Council's quarterly meeting set for April 15 will be virtually based. I will be in touch this week!

April 15, youth will meet at the church for UMYF from 5:00-6:30 PM. On April 22, we will meet at the church at 4:00 to attend DeBerry Baptist's "Out of Darkness" event. This free event will include worship, food, games, and prizes! Please let me know ASAP if you are planning to attend. We will return at 7:30 PM.

Parents, mark your calendars for our Spring Parent Meeting of April 29 at 4:00 PM.

I love you all and hope you will have a great week! *Mary Claire*



The Costa Rica Mission Team will meet Wednesday, April 18, at 7:00 PM in the social hall. Pizza will be served as we talk about our trip and plan on how we will share during the April 22 service.

May 5 is Fitzgerald's Great Day of Service! To serve on a team, contact Susan Hughes (423-9381). Let's work together and make it a GREAT Day of Service!



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.

All adult ages who are interested, can sign up for an upcoming mission trip to the UMCOR Depot, Sager-Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana, September 3-7, 2018. Call Susan Hughes for details by May 1st if interested. The cost is \$250/person which includes lodging, meals, transportation, and t-shirt. You will be responsible for meals en route. Background checks are needed. We will be working with some of their outreach ministries that include, organizing relief supplies for disasters, and working at a homeless shelter, etc.



Special supper program on Wednesday, April 18. Tara Smith will present information on the Called to Care program which supports foster children in the Ben Hill County area. Make a supper reservation and join us for an interesting and informative program.

✠ Congratulations to our Confirmands of 2018 and their families! We are so happy to welcome you all into our Central family and the Family of God! Love you all!



✠ Prime Timers (adults ages 45-65) will meet at 7:00 PM at Cirillos on April 27. Please either text, email or call the church to let me know you plan to join us so I can call for reservations.

✠ All high school seniors need to make sure their completed scholarship applications are in. Deadline is now!

✠ Next Golden Agers will be May 10 at 12:00 Noon.

✠ Senior adults will be going to Daphne's Lodge on May 24. Mark your calendars!

Love, *Susan*