

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 August 19: McRae United Methodist Church and their pastor, Jason Dickerson.
- Week beginning August 26: Midway and Mt. Zion United Methodist Churches and their pastor, Amy Carter.



Handbell Choir
 Handbell choir will have rehearsals on August 22 & 29 at 5 PM in the handbell room. If you are interested in playing handbells this year, please contact either Donna Owens or Karla Foster.

Celebration Choir
 We are now meeting again for rehearsals on Wednesday nights. We will meet each week at 6:50 PM, immediately following fellowship supper.
 Choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, August 19 & 26 from 6:50-7:45 PM. Please note time change!

Children's choirs have started back for this school year. Choirs are available for children ages two-5th grade.
 Angel Choir (ages two-Kindergarten) will meet in the children's choir room directly behind the sanctuary.
 Joy Choir (ages 1st-5th grades) will meet in the adult choir room. Choir rehearsal begins at 5:00 PM and ends at 5:55 PM. Please plan to pick up children from the choir room or playground each week so that they are supervised at all times. Choirs will meet on August 22 & 29.
 We appreciate our Children's Choir helpers this year. Many thanks to Jennifer Shoultz, Katy Calhoun, Pam Morrison, and Donna Wiley for continuing to help each year. We welcome Margie Bryant and Joyce Ashley as new helpers this year. We also are thankful for our youth who are so faithful to help each week: Mallory Peavey, Gracen Damato, and Amelia Lee.

I am so proud of you for the great job that you did on August 5 with the call to worship and for attending the worship conference with "In His Steps." Thanks for all that you did to make that Sunday a great day! Watch your text messages and the remind app for updates on rehearsals.



- **Laity Sunday – August 26.** Laity Day speaker is Lee Masee.
- **Tygart Camp Meeting – Sunday night, September 16,** is Central's night to fill the choir loft and help host supper.
- **Charge Conference – October 17.** Committee Chairpersons, begin writing your reports now.
- **Homecoming – October 28** with Rev. Don Adams. Join us for worship and our traditional covered dish lunch.
- **All Saints Sunday – November 4.** Be present as we celebrate the lives of those in our membership who have died in the last year.
- **Community Thanksgiving Service – November 18.** Hosted at Central UMC.
- **First Sunday of Advent – December 2.** Children's Christmas Program 11:00 AM.
- **Second Sunday of Advent – December 9.** Celebration Choir Christmas program, 6 PM.
- **Christmas Eve Communion – December 24** at 6:00 PM.



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August 19 & 26, 2018 NO. 23

Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Ward request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Leah Jordan Ward to John Braddy Foster Saturday, The Twenty-Fifth of August Two Thousand and Eighteen at Six O'clock in the Evening Central United Methodist Church Reception to follow at The Historic Grand Theatre

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .
 For immediate prayer needs contact our Prayer Chain at 423-3769 (Judy Hunter-Hill).
August Prayer Team: Barbara Cagle, Betty Dyess.

Calendar

Sunday, August 19, 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
 4:00 PM Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Monday, August 20

10:00 AM Senior Women's Yoga
 12:00 PM Worship Bulletin Information Due
 6:00 PM Lay Leadership Committee (Library)

Tuesday, August 21

10:00 AM Bible Study with B.J. (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 PM Men on Target (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 22

5:00 PM Children's Choirs
 5:00 PM J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 5:45 PM Youth WOW and Fellowship Supper
 6:00 PM Fellowship Supper
 6:50 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 23

10:00 AM Senior Women's Yoga
 5:30 PM Senior Adults Night Out at D.J.'s

Saturday, August 25

6:00 PM Leah Ward & John Foster Wedding

Sunday, August 26

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 Youth Fellowship (at the Holt's home)

Monday, August 27

12:00 PM Newsletter & Worship Bulletin Information Due

Tuesday, August 28

10:00 AM Bible Study with B.J. (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 PM Men on Target (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 29

5:00 PM Children's Choirs
 5:00 PM J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 5:45 PM Youth WOW and Supper
 6:00 PM Fellowship Supper
 6:50 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 30

10:00 AM Senior Women's Yoga (Brown Room)

Helpers for August

USHERS: Gill Braddy, 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, Haley Braddy, Raines Evans, Riley Evans, Cody Thompson, Blaine Layfield.

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of August 19, 2018

Rev. Tom Lambrecht (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: Romans 12:1-2
Sermon: "Conformed or Transformed?"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation
Offertory: Becky Anderson
Postlude: Brian Morris
Breakfast Hosts: Covenant Class
Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen
Acolytes: Anna Marie Elrod, Cassidy Peavey
Children's Church Helpers: Randall & Jennifer Shoultz
Church Offering Tellers: Jimmy Johnson, Patricia Walker

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of August 26, 2018

Lee Masee, Lay Leader (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation
Offertory: Davis Holt
Postlude: Brian Morris
Breakfast Hosts: Action Life Class
Sunday School Greeter: Pat & Joyce Ashley
Church Offering Tellers: Wyndi Damato, Darrell Weeks



The Christian Battle Cry

I heard a story about a man who visited the garden at Gethsemane. He thought he would come away from this encounter a Christian chastened, submissive, and surrendered. Instead, he came away thinking about the words of Christ, "Arise, let us be going."

Where, Jesus, would we be going? He was going to meet the betrayal by a friend, to receive the rejection from his own people, to face the accusation of the religious authorities, to wear the spittle heaped upon him as he carried his cross, and dying a death on that cross.

This man came away from that garden, not depressed into submission but with a Christian battle cry sounding in his heart. Let us be going into the world to share the good news of Jesus Christ! That battle cry was affirmed as Christ ascended into heaven...go and make disciples.

Will you allow your heart to shout this Christian battle cry? I hope you will because you are the one who can reach your family and friends. God is calling you to get going on this task. I will join you, just as Christ joins you, as you allow this battle cry to guide your ministry. Thank you and God bless all of your ministerial work!

Your Servant In Christ, Pastor Rich

Training Opportunity!

The South Central District is offering a combined Basic/Advanced Lay Servant Training event on Saturday, October 27 at Baxley First UMC. This training is open to all laity who would like to receive lay speaker/lay servant certification. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/BfLasCB>.

Interested in joining a youth/adult mixed group for a mission trip to Memphis? Possible mission work includes church repairs, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital visits, homeless shelter work, and more.

Trip dates: June 30-July 5, 2019
 Approximate cost: \$500 • Age: High school and up
 An interest meeting will be held
 Sunday, August 19, at 4:00 in the Chapel.



Dinner on the Bricks 2018

Thomasville Amphitheater • September 22

An evening of food, music and fun. Money raised goes directly to continuing the Vashti Center's mission of healing, hope, and transformation for children and families across the state of Georgia. For more information visit www.vashti.org

We have an opening for a part-time Director of Children's Ministries. If you are interested, submit your resume to the church office.



"Men on Target" Men's Bible study meet the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays (unless otherwise announced) 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 men's group. The next gatherings for this group will be August 21 and August 28.



Reservations must be made by 3:00 PM each Monday.

Reservations can be made via phone, email, or you may fill in the form printed below and place it in the offering plate. Please understand, if you make a reservation and do not come or cancel it you are expected to pay. Food will be prepared only for the number of reservations. 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 – August 22: Tacos, Salad Bar

Menu – August 29: Hamburgers, Salad Bar

Name _____

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

August 22 _____ August 29 _____ Permanent _____



Hey everyone, I'm so excited to be back in our Wednesday night swing of things! Remember that we have supper in the social hall at 5:45 PM on Wednesdays (call the church office to make a reservation) and then meet in the youth room from 6:15-7:00 PM. We have one more week of The Way I'm Wired and will then begin a new study!

This Saturday, August 18, we will be working at the Christian Kitchen! Meet at CUMC at 10:00 AM. We will go to lunch when we're done working. We won't have youth Sunday since we're doing that, but there will be an interest meeting on Sunday the 19th for a mission trip to Memphis next summer. If you are a high schooler or adult who is interested, meet me in the chapel at 4:00 PM!

Sunday the 26th, we will meet at the Holts' to swim! See you there from 5:00-6:30 PM.

Finally, if you are a high schooler interested in a weekend getaway to Jacksonville the weekend of September 21-23, let me know ASAP!

Remember to stay up-to-date via the Remind app (or text @mgidde to 81010), and follow us on Instagram @centralfitzyouth!

Much love to you all, *Mary Claire*

Welcome Rev. Tom Lambrecht

Rev. Lambrecht is Vice President and General Manager of Good News. We are fortunate to engage Rev. Lambrecht and look forward to hearing him speak about his work on The Commission on a Way Forward. He will also be available during the Sunday School hour to answer questions. Please be sure to be present for the important message Rev. Lambrecht has for us.



You are invited to meet with Bishop Lawson Bryan as he discusses the report of the Commission on a Way Forward. Bishop Bryan will be in the South-Central District on Monday, August 27, at First UMC, Valdosta. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. In preparation for this meeting, please be familiar with the three plans being offered for consideration. This meeting is open to both clergy and laity. To view the various plans go to www.sgaumc.org, under the "News" column click on "A note from Bishop Bryan", then click on "English Version".



Many of you have inquired about ways to help Andy & Mandy Johnson as their precious Ashlynn continues her chemo treatments. As always, your prayers are very much welcomed. If you would like to do something a little more "hands on" may we suggest Meal Train. Go online to <https://mealtrain.com/00y68z> to schedule a night that you can take a meal.

† For the rest of August, here are the dates for our Senior Ladies YOGA class - August 20, 23, and 30. NO YOGA ON AUGUST 27.

† BJ's Bible study starts back on August 21! Adult Ministries Fellowship Hall 10:00-11:30 AM

† Senior Adults going to DJ's on Aug 23! Meet at the church by 5:30 PM!

† Don't forget our church office will be closed on September 3.



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