



United Methodist Women General Meeting Sunday, March 4 • 2:00 PM • Chapel

All women of Central are encouraged to participate in the ministries of the UMW.
*Group Leaders, please be sure to report to the church office the date, time and place of your March home meetings. This information is needed in the church office before Noon on Monday, March 12.

Golden Agers Covered Dish Lunch

Thursday, March 8, at Noon
Everyone age 50+ is invited. Join us for a fun and informative program!



Join Us!

Celebration choir will have rehearsals on Wednesday, February 21 & 28, at 7:00 PM. Easter music is available along with practice CDs. Please pick one up if you haven't done so. It is not too late to begin rehearsing with us for Easter music – please contact me if you are interested.



Praise team will play for the 11:00 AM worship service on Sunday, February 18. Please plan to meet at 9:30 AM for sound checks.



Handbells will not rehearse on February 21, but will rehearse February 28 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room.

Children's choirs will not rehearse on Wednesday, February 21 due to winter break. We will rehearse on February 28 at 5:00 PM. Children should be picked up from the choir room at 5:55 PM.



Youth band will rehearse on February 24 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the youth room. **Notice that this is a Saturday rehearsal.** John will be here to rehearse with the band. Please plan to be here and to be ON TIME as we have KOW on February 25.

Some of our youth will be attending the Son Power trip this June in Orlando, Florida. First payment is now due – please turn in to either Karla or to the church office. Contact me for further information on the trip.



Thank you to all that contributed to the Valentine's party that we hosted for special needs children in our community! The children and their families had so much fun at the party. Each child was excited with the cards and treats that they took home with them. Central's children that came to the party were wonderful hosts to our guests.

Be sure and attend children's church during Lent as the lessons will be preparing us for Easter! The lessons share the good news of God's love by focusing on the Bible's loving description of our Good Shepherd.

Please mark your calendar with the following dates:

- KOW is on February 25
- Fellowship Luncheon is on March 4

With much love, *Miss Suzanne*

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Our church policy requires that all volunteers and church employees who work with children, youth or vulnerable adults must receive training on identifying and preventing abuse. It is good to refresh that training from time to time. Following the Fellowship Lunch on Sunday, March 4, a short Safe Sanctuaries training class will be held. If you work with children, youth or vulnerable adults and have either never been trained or need to refresh your certification, please mark your calendar and plan to be present. We will meet in Brown Activity Room from 12:45 to 1:30 PM.

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

February Prayer Team: Myrtle Harper, Barbara Cagle, Betty Dyess.

Calendar

Sunday, February 18, 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

Monday, February 19

10:00 AM UMW Group 1 (at the home of Carol Weeks)
10:00 AM Adult Women's Yoga (Brown Room)
4:00 PM UMW Group 2 (Brown Activity Room)
6:00 PM Boy Scouts (Basement)
7:00 PM UMW Group 4 (Brown Activity Room)

Tuesday, February 20

10:00 AM "Jewels from 1, 2, 3 John" Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM "Men on Target" Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 21

7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

10:00 AM Adult Women's Yoga
5:15 PM Senior Adults Trip to DJ's

Sunday, February 25, 2018

9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast (Brown Room)
9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
11:00 AM Morning Worship
11:15 AM Kids Own Worship
5:00 PM Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, February 26

10:00 AM Adult Women's Yoga
1:30 PM Church Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 875 (Basement)

Tuesday, February 27

9:30 AM Pre-School Chapel Time
10:00 AM "Jewels from 1, 2, 3 John" Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM "Men on Target" (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 28

5:00 PM Children's Choirs Rehearse
5:00 PM J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal
5:45 PM Fellowship Supper
6:15 PM Confirmation Class
7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Costa Rica Team Meeting

Thursday, March 1

10:00 AM Adult Women's Yoga

Friday, March 2

3:00 PM Confirmation Class Leaves for Retreat



Cheerful Givers

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Making your gift to the Special Projects Fund just got easier! The Finance Committee is pleased to announce that it is now possible to make a direct payment toward your commitment to this fund. Please contact the church office (423-9381) to pick up the necessary forms to allow your donation to be automatically drafted from your checking account.

Helpers for February

USHERS: Chris Hughes, Captain; David Hobby, Mike Foster, Bobby Chasteen, Tosha Martin, Mike Bishop, Aimee Layfield.

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

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

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of February 18, 2018

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

Scripture: Luke 15:25-32

Sermon: "Missions Minded Church – The Lost Elder Son"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Praise Team

Offertory: Praise Team

Postlude: Brian Morris

Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen

Fellowship Supper Teller: No Supper

Church Offering Tellers: Jimmy Johnson, Patricia Walker

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of February 25, 2018

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

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: "Going With Jesus Into the Wilderness"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Journey

Sunday School Greeter: Pat & Joyce Ashley

Fellowship Supper Teller: Anna Brown

Church Offering Tellers: Wyndi Damato, Darrell Weeks

Fellowship Lunch

Join us for a wonderful Fellowship Lunch following 11:00 AM worship on March 4. These times of food and fellowship are always so much fun! Plan to join us! As usual there is no charge for this meal, but donations are happily accepted.

Thank you to our church family for your tremendous support of the Costa Rica mission team! Because of you, we have been able to reduce each team member's cost and have raised money for our mission projects! While we are in Costa Rica, we will be pouring the concrete for a new church (\$2,000), delivering food to as many families as we can afford (\$25 per family), and spending quality time with women, youth, and children in need. We are asking for your help one last time in helping us meet our goal of filling each of the remaining envelopes for our fundraiser. Thanks for all you do!



"Men on Target" Men's 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 led by Pastor Rich. Mark your calendar and plan to participate in this new small group study.



Goals for 2018: In our last mail-out newsletter I shared two goals. Increase worship attendance by 10% and increase Sunday School and Small Group participation by 10%. In this one, I will share two more.

GOAL 3: Pay 100% of our apportionments and the 7-Lanes of Giving by November. We were able to achieve this in 2017. With our efforts to increase attendance, we ought to be able to achieve this goal again. Thank you for making this a reality in 2017. If you can, maybe you can increase your giving so that we can do even more ministries in the name of Christ!

GOAL 4: Expand ministry participation. For us to do more ministry to the needs of our church and communities, we need volunteers. Lots of volunteers! Our ministry areas have begun this by having advisory or planning teams who assist in the planning, inviting, training, executing and evaluating the events and the programs within the various ministries of our church. To enable us to do more ministry, new ministries and expanded ministries will be needed. This is where we need every member to be involved in at least one hands-on ministry where you are able to serve God, our church, and our communities.

You are invited to be a vital part of these two goals through using your gifts for ministry in our local area and providing your financial gifts to have an impact worldwide and here at home. Thank you for helping our church fulfill these goals so that we can proclaim that God's Kingdom is at hand. God's richest blessings to you as you help Central turn these goals into reality!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*

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 February 18: Enigma UMC and their pastor, Thomas Parrish
- Week beginning February 25: Friendship UMC (Alma) and their pastor, Felton Harden.



We extend love and sympathy to the family and friends of Margaret Zorn. A memorial service for Mrs. Zorn was conducted in Central's sanctuary on February 17. Please keep the Zorn family and friends in your prayers.

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: February 21: No Fellowship Supper

Menu: February 28: Pork Chops, Rice & Tomatoes, Butter Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert

Name _____

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

February 28 _____ Permanent _____

We have had a busy February so far! I loved my first Winter Jam with you, our girls/guys Bible studies, and completing our series on the four types of love (Wednesdays) and Revelation (Sunday School). I would also like to give a shout-out to our AWESOME volunteers! If you would like to sign up to help, please contact me or Mrs. Ellen Burke.



Now, it's time to take a break and enjoy some time with your families during BHCS' winter break. We will have Sunday school both Sundays and UMYF on the 25th from 5:00-6:30 PM, but we will not have UMYF this coming Sunday (the 18th) or youth WOW on the 21st.

Wednesday February 28, some of the Literary team will be performing at Wednesday Night Supper, including our own Madelyn Massey, so non-confirmands will stay in the social hall.

As always, please be on the look-out for Remind updates (text @ mgidde to 81010 if you are not receiving these) and Instagram posts @ centralfitzyouth!

Love you all!
Mary Claire



We extend love and sympathy to Dianne Engelmann and family upon the death of her husband, John Engelmann, on February 12. Funeral service was conducted on February 15 in Central's sanctuary. Please be in prayer for the Engelmann family and friends.

UNITED METHODIST



Mark Your Calendar!

The United Methodist Men will meet on Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 PM. Men of all ages are encouraged and invited to participate in the ministries and activities of the UMM.

- Senior adults are going to DJ's on February 22. We'll meet at the church by 5:15 PM.
- Confirmation students will be visiting the Church of God February 25. Students may meet at Central to ride over together by 10:30 AM that Sunday. We'll be going to lunch together right after that service (No money needed). Parents can pick students up at Central at 1:30 PM that day.
- Packing list for Confirmation Retreat to Epworth By the Sea will be released soon. Parents watch emails for details.
- I am purchasing tickets now for the violin/piano concert as part of the ABAC Concert Series for March 15. All ages of adults are welcome to go! Tickets are \$10/person. Call, email, text, or holler at me if you want a ticket.

Love, *Susan*