



**United Methodist Women General Meeting**  
**February 11**  
 2:00 PM • Chapel  
 All women of Central are invited to attend.

**Valentine Party for Special Needs Children**  
**Friday, February 9 • 4:00 to 5:30 PM**  
 Children of Central are invited to help host our guests. We are asking Central members to buy a box of Valentines, sign them, and address them to "a special friend" so we can create Valentine bags for the party guests.

**Golden Agers Covered Dish Lunch**

Thursday, February 8, at Noon  
 Covered-dish lunch and program • Everyone at 50+ is invited!



Join Us!

• Celebration choir will have rehearsals on Wednesday, February 7 & 14, at 7:00 PM. Easter music is available along with practice CDs. Please pick one up if you haven't already done so. It is not too late to begin rehearsing with us for Easter music – please contact me if you are interested!



• Please note that our February 14 rehearsal may begin a little late due to Ash Wednesday services in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM.



Praise team will practice on Sunday, February 4, at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please note date change.

Children's choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, February 7 & 14, at 5:00 PM. Children should be picked up from the choir room at 5:55 PM. Choir CDs for VBS music and spring calendars have been handed out. Please let me know if you need one!



Youth band will rehearse on February 24 from 2:00-4:00 PM. Please plan to be here and to be on time as we have KOW on February 25. Equipment needs to be moved also.

Handbells will rehearse on February 7 and 14 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room.



Wednesday Night JAM (Jesus and Me) is a wonderful time for our children to draw closer to God! Miss Karla, Miss BJ and Miss Joyce Ashley are teaching the older children on Wednesday nights right now. The lessons are really good, and the children are enjoying the variety of projects that are being done at JAM!

**Upcoming events in the children's department:**

- **February 9** – Valentine's Day Party - All of Central's children are invited to help host this party for our special needs friends! The party is from 4:00-5:30 PM.
- **February 11** – Sunday afternoon movie - We will meet at the Grand at 3:40 PM to watch Paddington 2. Parents need to pick your children up at 5:45 PM.
- **February 14** – Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM. Families are encouraged to attend.
- **February 25** – Kid's Own Worship (KOW) - Plan to attend and bring a friend!

With much love, *Miss Suzanne*

*Catch the Spirit*

# CENTRAL

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**Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14.**  
 Plan to join us for our annual Ash Wednesday Worship Service on February 14 at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. If you plan to join us for our Shrove Pancake Supper, please be sure to make a reservation.



**WOMEN'S TEA PARTY**  
 Hosted by the United Methodist Women  
**Sunday, February 11 3:00 PM**  
 Brown Activity Room  
 All women of Central are invited!

*open hearts... open minds... open doors*  
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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 4, 2018

9:00 AM ..... Early Morning Worship  
 9:15 AM ..... Fellowship Breakfast  
 9:45 AM ..... Sunday School For All Ages  
 9:45 AM ..... Confirmation Class (Chapel)  
 11:00 AM ..... Morning Worship  
 4:00 PM ..... Praise Team Rehearsal

**Monday, February 5**

10:00 AM ..... Adult Women's Yoga (Brown Room)  
 6:00 PM ..... Boy Scouts (Basement)  
 6:30 PM ..... Emmaus Gathering (Fellowship Hall/Chapel)

**Tuesday, February 6**

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" Men's Bible Study  
 6:45 PM ..... Youth "Guys & Girls" Bible Study

**Wednesday, February 7**

5:00 PM ..... Children's Choirs Rehearse  
 5:00 PM ..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 5:15 PM ..... Board of Trustees Meeting (Library)  
 5:45 PM ..... Fellowship Supper  
 6:15 PM ..... Youth Confirmation Class (Pathways Classroom)  
 6:30 PM ..... Youth WOW & Children's JAM  
 6:30 PM ..... Supper Program Time  
 7:00 PM ..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 8**

10:00 AM ..... Adult Women's Yoga  
 12:00 PM ..... Golden Agers Luncheon

**Friday, February 9**

4:00 PM ..... Valentine's Party for Special Needs Children (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

9:00 AM ..... Early Morning Worship  
 9:15 AM ..... Fellowship Breakfast (Brown Room)  
 9:45 AM ..... Sunday School For All Ages  
 9:45 AM ..... Confirmation Class (Chapel)  
 11:00 AM ..... Morning Worship  
 2:00 PM ..... Methodist Women General Meeting (Chapel)  
 3:00 PM ..... Women's Tea Party (Brown Rm.)  
 5:00 PM ..... Methodist Youth Fellowship

**Monday, February 12**

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

**Tuesday, February 13**

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

**Wednesday, February 14**

5:00 PM ..... Children's Choirs Rehearse  
 5:00 PM ..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 5:45 PM ..... Fellowship Supper  
 6:30 PM ..... Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)  
 7:00 PM ..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 15**

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

**Saturday, February 16**

9:30 AM ..... Senior Ladies Breakfast and Visitation (Daily Bread)



Central will observe Scout Sunday on February 11 at the 11:00 AM worship service. We look forward to Scout Sunday each year and enjoy seeing our Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in worship.

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

## Worship Notes & Helpers the week of February 4, 2018

**Rev. B.J. Funk** (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)  
**Scripture:** John 7:37-39  
**Sermon:** "The Wonder of It All"  
**Prelude:** Becky Anderson  
**Call to Worship:** Angel & Joy Choirs  
**Offertory:** Mark Masee with Celebration Choir  
**Postlude:** Brian Morris  
**Breakfast Hosts:** New Beginnings  
**Sunday School Greeter:** Annette Braddy  
**Fellowship Supper Teller:** Jessica Sulatycki  
**Church Offering Tellers:** Linda Brantley, Lisa Young

## Worship Notes & Helpers the week of February 11, 2018

**Dr. Rich Wright** (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)  
**Scripture:** Ephesians 6:4  
**Sermon:** "A Scout's Toolbox"  
**Prelude:** Becky Anderson  
**Call to Worship:** Boy Scouts Troop 875 & Cub Scouts Pack 875  
**Offertory:** Becky Anderson  
**Postlude:** Brian Morris  
**Breakfast Hosts:** Women of Faith/Barnabas Classes (Brown Room)  
**Sunday School Greeter:** Anna Brown  
**Fellowship Supper Teller:** Anna Oliver  
**Church Offering Tellers:** Charlene Hatcher, Margaret Chasteen

**Goals for 2018:** We had a great Council retreat this year! It is a blessing to hear about the plans the various ministries have for 2018. With those plans, I challenge us to meet or exceed some goals. For us to do this, all of us must strive together to build up God's Kingdom.

**GOAL 1: Increase worship attendance by 10%.** This equates to 20 more people attending on an average week. I know I said this means two a week, but this is why I am not a mathematician! We can do this if we continue to have inspiring, exciting, and fun worship services and if each of us endeavors to invite one or two people each week to join us in having an encounter with Christ.

**GOAL 2: Increase Sunday School and Small Group participation by 10%.** This equates to only one more person attending on an average each week. We can achieve this if we each invite someone to join us for these spiritual growth activities. We could even begin a new Sunday School class or small group!

I am inviting all of Central's members to be committed in meeting or exceeding these goals! We can reach these goals when we work together for God's Kingdom on earth. There are a few more goals that I will share over the next few weeks. None of them are too hard for us to make happen when we have God as our shepherd! God bless your efforts to build up our part of the Kingdom for God's sake.

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 4: Vashti Center and Pastor Shane Lavvorn.
- Week beginning February 11: Douglas First UMC and Pastor Doug Walker.



Births in the Church Family

**Reed Henry Masee** born to Luke & Courtney Masee on December 21, 2017. Proud grandparents are Mark & Sherry Masee.

**Quincy Franklin Gilleland, III** born to Justin & Hannah Gilleland on January 16, 2018. Proud grandparents are Frank & Jeri Gilleland.

**Stella Grace Holt** born to Jason & Abby Holt on January 22, 2018. Proud grandparents are Jimmy & Betty Lynn Johnson.

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!



**FIGHT HUNGER IN FITZGERALD!**  
**Bring canned goods and financial donations**  
**on Souper Bowl Sunday February 4!**  
 (benefits the Christian Kitchen)



"Men on Target" Men's Bible study meet the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Bible study.

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 7:** Hamburger Steak, Rice/Gravy, Sweet Peas, Carrots, Salad Bar, Dessert (Children: Pizza Rolls).

**Menu: February 14:** Pancake Supper (Ash Wednesday), Salad Bar, Dessert

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

February 7 \_\_\_\_\_ February 14 \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent \_\_\_\_\_



- ✦ WINTER JAM IS HERE! Remaining balances need to be covered before we leave. Additional information was mailed with calendars/newsletters to those attending. If you are not going, please note that we will not have Sunday school or youth on February 4 since a lot of us will be gone.
- ✦ This Wednesday, February 7, we wrap up our series on the Four Types of Love based loosely on the book by C. S. Lewis. We will have a "love party" on Sunday evening, February 11! More details coming soon.
- ✦ Our girls- and guys-only studies meet on Tuesday, February 6, from 6:45-8:00 PM. Remember that girls meet at the Giddens home and boys meet at the Foster home.
- ✦ Have you heard that our own Pastor Rich is coming to Sunday school on February 11!? Even if you weren't in Sunday school during our 1 John/Revelation series, this will be an awesome opportunity to hear the preacher's answers to your questions about Revelation!
- ✦ We will meet for Wednesday night supper at 6:00 PM instead of 5:45 PM on February 14 for a pancake supper followed by Ash Wednesday at 6:30 PM! This is a very special time. You and your families are invited and encouraged to attend!
- ✦ Please be on the look-out for your February calendars and newsletters for more in-depth information. If you are not receiving a calendar and newsletter each month, please call the church office to give us your address! As always, you can stay up-to-date by texting @mgidde to 81010 to get Remind updates, and follow us on Instagram @centralfitzyouth! Thanks, and God bless!



Mary Claire



### Cheerful Givers

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.

### DADS & DAUGHTERS NIGHT OUT

Hosted by Central's United Methodist Men

**Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 PM • All men are welcome!** Dads are encouraged to bring their daughters and/or granddaughters with them. Special guest speaker will be Joyce Ashley! Tickets are available from Mel Buckley, Jim Owens or Harold Kimball.



### Emmaus Gathering

The Fitzgerald Cluster of Walk to Emmaus will hold its monthly gathering on Monday, February 5 at 6:30 PM. The gathering will begin in the fellowship Hall with a covered dish supper and then move to the chapel for a 4th Day Program and communion. Everyone who has attended an Emmaus event or would like more information about Emmaus is invited to attend.

- Our senior adult ladies will be visiting our homebound on Friday, February 16. Let's meet at Our Daily Bread at 9:30 AM for breakfast before going out. Text, call or email if you plan to go.
- Confirmation students will be going to our Jewish Adult Ministries Synagogue on February 17. Confirmands (and parents who can go,) can meet at Central by 10:45 AM and we'll go over to the synagogue together. After the meeting, we'll go to lunch at Ronny's (previously known as Floyd's).
- Confirmation students will be visiting the Fitzgerald Church of God on February 25. Meet at Central that morning no later than 10:30 AM and we'll go on the van. Plan to eat lunch together that day too. Bring "tip" money.
- Confirmation students will leave for Epworth by the Sea on March 2. Watch for details.

