



The monthly general meeting of Central's United Methodist Women will be held on February 11. This is a special meeting for the UMW and will be followed by a Ladies' Tea Party in the Brown Activity Room. All women of Central are invited to participate in the ministries and events hosted by our United Methodist Women

Celebration choir will have rehearsals on Wednesday, January 24 & 31 at 7:00 PM. Easter music is available along with practice cd's. Please pick one up if you haven't already done so.



Looking ahead: Praise team will practice on Sunday, February 4 at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Children's choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, January 24 & 31, at 5:00 PM. Children should be picked up from the choir room at 5:55 PM. Choir CDs for VBS music have been handed out. Some of these songs will also be used for Children's Sunday in April. Please let me know if you need one!



Youth band will rehearse on January 21 at 3:00 PM. We will finish by 4:00 PM.

Handbells will rehearse on January 24 & 31 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room.



All children are invited to attend Sunday School at Central! Melissa Wilson and Paige Dorminy keep our nursery for infants through 2 years old. We have six teachers that rotate turns teaching children's Sunday School. The teachers are Victoria Thompson, Andrea Sutton, Brittany Eidson, Amy Shiver, Ellen Burke and Suzanne Reaves. Children's Sunday School is taught in the green room upstairs. Each week, the children watch a short video of the Bible story, talk about the story, read their Bible Storybook or Bible, and then create a leaflet activity. The children love the lessons! Our Sunday School teachers are all so dependable, and I appreciate them so much! Through their faithful dedication to serving our Lord and our church, Central's children are learning lessons that will be meaningful for a lifetime!

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.
- With much love, Miss Suzanne

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January 21 & 28, 2018

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St. Peter's UMC's Women's Conference is again scheduled for the last Saturday in January (Jan. 27, 2018). Registration begins at St. Peter's UMC (808 W. Sultana Drive, Fitzgerald, GA 31750) at 8:30 AM.

Cost is \$10 which includes lunch. The Conference begins promptly at 9:00 AM and ends with Holy Communion at 3:00 PM. Our three preachers for the day are B. J. Funk, Shirley Strawter, and Cathy Pipkin. Our Music leaders will be Dawn Diamond and Marlow Wright from Valdosta. Please come and join your sisters in worship as we celebrate being the daughters of the King. Bring others with you. Hope to see you on this glorious day in the LORD.

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

January Prayer Team: Betty Abell, Virginia Snowden, Linda Brantley

Calendar

Sunday, January 21, 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 in Chapel
11:00 AM..... Morning Worship
3:00 PM..... Youth Band Rehearsal
4:00 PM..... Youth Parents Meeting
5:00 PM..... Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, January 22

10:00 AM..... Adult Women's Yoga
1:30 PM..... Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 24

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 in Adult Sunday school building
6:30 PM..... Youth WOW & Children's JAM
6:30 PM..... Supper Program Time
7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 25

10:00 AM..... Adult Women's Yoga
6:00 PM..... Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, January 26

10:30 AM..... Senior Ladies Trip to Tifton

Sunday, January 28, 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 in Chapel
11:00 AM..... Morning Worship
4:00 PM..... Methodist Youth Fellowship Bowling Trip

Monday, January 29

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

Wednesday, January 31

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 in adult Sunday school building
6:30 PM..... Youth WOW & Children's JAM
6:30 PM..... Supper Program Time
7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 1

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

Saturday, February 3

9:00 AM..... O&C7 Women's Conference (Tifton)



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 participating in worship.

Helpers for January

USHERS: Harold Kimball (Captain), Tim McDonald, Ros Nash, Art Anderson, Mike Burke, Brian Braddy, Charlie Strahan.

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

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

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of January 21, 2018

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

Scripture: Luke 15:8-10

Sermon: "The Mission Minded Church: The Lost Coin"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir & Congregation

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Covenant Class

Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen

Fellowship Supper Teller: Barbara Cagle

Church Offering Tellers: Wyndi Damato, Darrell Weeks

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of January 28, 2018

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

Scripture: Luke 15:11-24

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

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir & Congregation

Offertory: Susan Hughes

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Action Life Class

Sunday School Greeter: Pat & Joyce Ashley

Fellowship Supper Teller: Anna Brown

Mission & Evangelism: Mission and evangelism are identical in their origin. They are rooted in Jesus Christ! Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is the reason the Church is engaged in mission and evangelism.

Mission and evangelism are instruments through which the Church is able to share the good news of Christ with the world. Church folks are the servants of Christ who determine the effectiveness of mission and evangelism within our church and communities.

For Central to fulfill its spiritual mission of building up God's Kingdom on earth, we all must commit to being the servants that God needs. That type of servant is committed, dedicated, and obedient to God's will to have all people return back to him in personal relationships through Christ.

I am inviting all of Central's members to join me in being engaged in mission and evangelism by sharing your faith with others who may not have hope and peace in this world like you. When we tell others of how Christ has made a difference in our lives, then we point others to the savior of the world! Enjoy sharing peace and hope with others!

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 Jan. 21: Chula/Harding UMCs and Pastor Dan Robinson.
- Week beginning Jan. 28: Clyattville UMC and Pastor Aaron Kight.



Praying Our Way Forward. We are in the midst of our conference's designated week of prayer for The United Methodist Church and the work of the Commission on a Way Forward. During this week of prayer we are joining together with other churches in our denomination to worship and pray daily for the work of this Commission and the United Methodist Church.



Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, which comes 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays) and ends on the Saturday before Easter Day. Sundays in Lent are not counted because, like all other Sundays, they are little Easters and days of Christian celebration. Lent is a period of repentance and preparation for baptism and renewal of baptism. Plan to join us for our annual Ash Wednesday Worship Service on February 14 at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.

We extend love and sympathy to Rev. Don Woeltjen and family upon the death of his wife, Mrs. Eulalie Woeltjen. Funeral services for Mrs. Woeltjen were conducted on January 14 in Central's sanctuary. Please keep the Woeltjen family and friends in your prayers.



"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 new small group experience.

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: January 24: Taco Soup and Potato Soup, Sandwiches, Salad Bar, Dessert.

Menu: January 31: Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Turnip Greens, Butter Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert (Children's Option: Chicken Nuggets)

Name _____

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

January 24 _____ January 31 _____ Permanent _____

- ✦ Hello! Please remember to pay your Winter Jam deposit if you haven't already. I am so excited about our trip February 3-4!
- ✦ Wednesdays this month are in full force from 6:15-7:00 PM each week. Those not going through confirmation will meet in the youth room, and those in confirmation will begin your Wednesday sessions at 6:15 PM on January 17. We are praying for you during this exciting process!
- ✦ I hope you have enjoyed our Sunday school study of Revelation as much as I have. If you haven't been coming, it's not too late to join! We have two more sessions, then Winter Jam, and the following Sunday, February 11, our very own Pastor Rich is joining us to answer your Revelation questions! You don't want to miss this! Confirmands will begin meeting with Pastor B.J. during Sunday school time on January 21.
- ✦ This Sunday, parents are invited to join us for our quarterly parent meeting at 4:00 PM in the social hall. Youth will immediately follow in the social hall from 5:00-6:30 PM. On January 28, we will leave from CUMC at 4:00 PM to bowl in Tifton! We will return at 6:00 PM.
- ✦ Remember to look for updates via the Remind app and Instagram! Love you all!



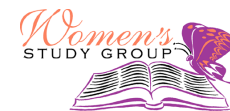
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Outrageous & Contagious 7 Women's Conference

February 3, 2018

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"Jewels from 1st, 2nd & 3rd John" is a new women's Bible study taught by Rev. B.J. Funk. The group will meet Tuesday mornings through February 27 from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Brown Room. Please come! Call the church office and sign up.

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.

† We will have our ladies YOGA classes on January 22, 25, 29 & February 1.

† Our senior adult ladies will be going to Tifton to visit Mildred Hobby on Friday, January 26. If you'd like to go, we'll leave the church at 10:00 AM that morning.

† There will not be a Bible study by BJ on January 30. Will resume February 6.

† Next Golden Agers will be February 8 at 12:00 Noon.



Adult Ministries

Love, *Susan*