

Usher Training



If you are interested in serving as an usher during the 11:00 AM worship service, we are having a training session with lunch right after the worship service on January 14th at 12:00 Noon. Please let Susan Hughes know if you are interested, so she can reserve a spot for you at the training.

Celebration choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00 PM. We will also have fellowship supper that evening so remember to make your reservation. We will practice on January 17 at 7:00 PM also.



Celebration Choir



Praise team will practice on Sunday, January 7 at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Children's choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, January 10 & 17 at 5:00 PM. Children should be picked up from the choir room at 5:55. If your child hasn't been participating in choirs, this will be a good time to start! Please contact Karla for further information on children's choirs.



Children's Choir



Youth band

Looking ahead: Youth band will rehearse on January 21 at 3:00 PM.

Handbells will resume rehearsals on January 10 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. We will also rehearse on January 17 at 5:00 PM.



Handbell Choir



Kid's Korner

I hope that all of you enjoyed your Christmas break! You work hard each day at school, and you deserve some time to rest and relax! Now we are back at school, and your days are busy again! Be sure attending church is on your schedule. Each day we HAVE to go to school,

but going to church is a blessing. Going to church is fun, and the work is so easy! The best part is that you are spending time with God when you are at church. Your friendship with Him will last a lifetime! Can't wait to see you at Central!!

Mrs. Karla and I have met to discuss our plans for Central's children. We will have calendars for 2018 ready for the parents soon!

With much love,
Miss Suzanne

Catch the Spirit

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January 7 & 14, 2018

NO. 8



Installation of Leaders Sunday, January 14 • 11:00 AM Worship

All Committee Chairpersons, Committee members, Members-at-large and others in positions of leadership are encouraged to be present.

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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 7, 2018

9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
 9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 2:00 PM Methodist Women General Meeting
 4:00 PM Youth Advisory Council Meeting
 5:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
 5:00 PM Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, January 8

10:00 AM Adult Women's Yoga
 4:00 PM Church Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Emmaus Gathering

Tuesday, January 9

9:30 AM Pre-School Chapel Time
 6:30 PM United Methodist Men

Wednesday, January 10

5:00 PM Children's Choirs Rehearse
 5:00 PM J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 5:45 PM Fellowship Supper
 6:15 PM Youth WOW & Children's JAM
 6:15 PM Supper Program Time
 7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

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

Sunday, January 14, 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
 12:00 PM Usher/Greeter Luncheon & Training

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 16

9:30 AM Pre-School Chapel Time
 10:00 AM "Jewels from 1st, 2nd & 3rd John" Women's Bible Study
 6:30 PM "Men on Target" Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 17

5:00 PM Children's Choirs Rehearse
 5:00 PM J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 5:45 PM Fellowship Supper
 6:30 PM Youth WOW & Children's JAM
 6:30 PM Supper Program Time
 7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 18

10:00 AM Adult Women's Yoga

Saturday, January 20

9:00 AM Administrative Council Retreat (Fellowship Hall)



NEW MEETING DAY & TIME!

All men of Central are invited to participate in the ministries and events sponsored by the United Methodist Men. This active group of men have planned their first meeting of the year for Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar and plan to be there. There is always plenty of fun, food and fellowship when this group gathers!

Helpers for January

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

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

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of January 7, 2018

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

Scripture: Luke 15:1-7

Sermon: "The Mission Minded Church: Lost Sheep"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Juli-ana Massey

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennessey

Breakfast Hosts: Friends

Sunday School Greeter: Annette Braddy

Fellowship Supper Teller: Susan Hughes

Church Offering Tellers: Lisa Young, Linda Brantley

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of January 14, 2018

Rev. B. J. Funk (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)

Scripture: Luke 17:1-6

Sermon: "Mustard Seed Faith"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Susan Hughes

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Blaine Layfield

Breakfast Hosts: Journey

Sunday School Greeter: Anna Brown

Fellowship Supper Teller: Anna Oliver

Church Offering Tellers: Charlene Hatcher, Margaret Chasteen



The Aftermath of Christmas

I like the fact that New Year's Day follows shortly after Christmas. I even think that it is poetic in that the significance of Christmas with its hope, love and peace continues to go with us into the New Year with its resolutions and "clean slate" mentality.

In a very real sense, the old things have passed away and the new things are before us. God in Christ is removing the old things that hold us back and replacing them with new things that are holy and right.

I pray that you have a very blessed New Year. A year where you let God guide you to doing what he needs you to do for the Kingdom. Let's make this a wonderful year for Central UMC as we grow our ministries, guide more people to an encounter with the Living Christ, and make strides on our own spiritual journeys! Happy New Year!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*



United Methodist Women
General Meeting
Sunday, January 7, 2018 • 2:00 PM
Dorminy Memorial Chapel (Across from the church offices)
All women of Central are invited!

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 January 7: Broxton Circuit UMCs and Pastor Gary Griffin.
- Week beginning January 14: Campground UMC and Pastor Andy Capshaw.



Council Retreat
Saturday, January 20 • 9:00 AM to Noon
Fellowship Hall

All 2018 Committee Chairpersons, Committee members, Members-at-large and others in positions of leadership are encouraged to be present.

Golden Agers Luncheon

Everyone age 55+ is invited!
Thursday, January 11, 2018 • Noon
Covered dish lunch and program



Bible study for men, begins January 16. This group will meet 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays (unless otherwise announced) at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to participate. This study will be 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: January 10: Pork Chops, Rice & Tomatoes, Butter Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert (Children's Option: Corn Dogs).

Menu: January 17: Fried Chicken/baked Chicken, Mac 'n Cheese, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert (Children's Option: Chicken Nuggets)

Name _____

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

January 10 _____ January 17 _____ Permanent _____

✦ Happy 2018! I hope you enjoyed time with your families this Christmas. Now is the perfect time to set goals for your relationship with Christ in 2018. It's never too late to get involved. You are always welcome (and encouraged) to bring friends, too!



- ✦ Our Sunday schedule of Sunday school at 10:00 AM and UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) at 5:00 PM is back beginning January 7. We typically meet upstairs for Sunday school and in the fellowship hall for youth. January 14, meet at the Grand at 3:45 PM for a movie outing. Bring snack money if you want snacks.
- ✦ We will resume our normal schedule of WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) January 10. Each Wednesday, we meet upstairs after fellowship supper from 6:15-7:00 PM.
- ✦ Are you excited for Winter Jam?! Join us February 3-4 in Atlanta for an awesome night of concerts. The total cost is \$75, and your first payment of \$50 is due January 12 by Noon to the church office.
- ✦ Special prayer request: Please pray for our youth going through confirmation and for Mrs. Susan and Mrs. B.J.'s awesome leadership. I am so excited for these youth!
- ✦ Stay up-to-date by joining our Remind group (text @mgidde to 81010), and follow us on Instagram (@centralfitzyouth). God bless you in this exciting new year!

Mary Claire



Outrageous & Contagious 7 Women's Conference

February 3, 2018

UGA Conference Center
Tifton, Georgia

Tickets available in the church office



CAN'T WAIT!!

B.J. can't wait to begin a January Women's Bible Study! We will start on Tuesday, January 16, and meet for six weeks in the Brown Activity Room (10:00 to 11:30 AM). The name of the study? I thought you'd never ask! "Jewels from 1st, 2nd and 3rd John" will be an enjoyable journey into the treasures found in these three books. Please come! Call the church office and sign up.

† Communion servers for January 7: Mike & Ellen Burke and Joey & Christina Robitzsch



† Golden Agers lunch on January 11
† All those senior adults who are going to Tifton on January 11, please be at the church no later than 5:00 PM. We will go to Cracker Barrel before going to the concert.

† All ushers are asked to attend the usher training on January 14 immediately following the 11:00 AM worship service that day. We will begin with a good lunch provided by the Strahans. Please call the church office if you cannot be there.

† Confirmation classes begin on January 17 at 6:30 PM. Class will be held in the "Pathways" Sunday school classroom in the Sunday school building.

Love, *Susan*