



If you are an adult interested in playing softball for Central in a community church softball league, please contact Mike Hobby at 425-8549.

Celebration choir will have rehearsal on Wednesday, June 13 and 20 at 7:00 PM in the choir room. Looking ahead: No choir rehearsals during the month of July. Please plan to be at all Wednesday rehearsals if possible since we will have a long break this summer!



Thanks so much to all of the families who helped with our recent lemonade sale. We made almost \$800! Great job, kids and parents! We are planning a children's worship conference for August 5. More details and information will be given at a later date, but we hope that all of our children will plan to participate!



KOW will be held this Sunday, June 10, during the 11:00 AM service. Please plan to be here at 10:00 AM to have time to sound check and run through our songs for the service.



I am so proud of all of our students who attended band camp this past week! Your program on Friday was outstanding! I feel confident that these skills learned at camp will help us with our youth choir and band. Thanks for all of your hard work!

Some of our youth will be attending the Son Power trip this June (18-22) in Orlando, Florida. Please keep our children and chaperones in your prayers for this week! Students – please pick up your rehearsal cd's from me if you haven't already done so.

For those students going on the Son Power trip, we will have a practice on Thursday, June 14, from 11:00 AM-1:30 PM. We will be going out for lunch – place TBD. Rehearsal will be held in the choir room, pick up from restaurant.

On June 10 we will have our "Kids Own Worship" service! All children and middle school youth are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for this special service!

Tonight we begin Vacation Bible School here at Central! VBS is June 10 through Tuesday, June 12 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Please join us for music, supper, Bible stories and crafts and outside recreation! It is going to be great, and I hope to see all of you there!

On June 16, we will leave for our Student Life for Kids summer camp at Shocco Springs in Talladega, Alabama! Please be in prayer for us as we travel and for the children and adults to receive many blessings from the Bible study and worship at camp!

We will kick off our new "Sunday School" year on Promotion Sunday which will be August 5. We will have a luncheon after church on that day also! Mrs. Karla and I are planning a special treat for our children for the afternoon of Promotion Sunday!

With much love, *Miss Suzanne*

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

June Prayer Team: Annette Braddy, Anne Smith, Margaret Chasteen.

Calendar

Sunday, June 10, 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 Trustees Meeting (Library)
 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School
 8:00 PM Youth Trip to Sonic

Monday, June 11

10:00 AM Adult Women's Yoga (Brown Room)
 1:30 PM Church Staff Meeting
 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 12 – Worship Bulletin Information Due

6:00 PM Vacation Bible School
 6:30 PM United Methodist Men (Brown Room)

Wednesday, June 13

1:00 PM Directory Photos begin
 7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 14

11:00 AM..... Son Power Rehearsal and Lunch
 1:00 PM Directory Photos begin

Friday, June 15

7:30 AM Children Depart for Shocco Springs Camp
 1:00 PM Directory Photos begin

Sunday, June 17

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 Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, June 18 – Newsletter & Bulletin Information Due

8:00 AM Youth Depart for Son Power Choir Camp
 10:00 AM Adult Women's Yoga (Brown Room)

Wednesday, June 20

7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 21

10:00 AM Adult Women's Yoga

Helpers for June

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.

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of June 10, 2018

Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: Colossians 3:15
Sermon: "Finding Peace"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation
Offertory: Will Reaves
Postlude: Brian Morris
Breakfast Hosts: New Beginnings
Sunday School Greeter: Anna Brown
Acolytes: Charlie Burke, Natalie Strahan
Children's Church Helpers: Brittany Eidson, Todd & Suzanne Reaves
Church Offering Tellers: Charlene Hatcher, Margaret Chasteen

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of June 17, 2018

Dr. Rich Wright (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: John 3:16-17
Sermon: "Can God Really Save Your Soul"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation
Offertory: Susan Hughes, Sherry Masee, Karla Foster
Postlude: Brian Morris
Breakfast Hosts: Women of Faith/Barnabas
Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen
Acolytes: Brett Martin, Gregory Calhoun
Children's Church Helpers: Roger & Allison Merritt, Todd & Suzanne Reaves
Church Offering Tellers: Jimmy Johnson, Patricia Walker

Photography Dates Are June 13, 14, 15

If you have already scheduled your photography appointment, thank you so much. If you haven't yet scheduled, there are just a few time slots left. Contact Susan Hughes to claim one of the remaining time slots. Each family photographed will receive a free 8" x 10" portrait, a copy of our new directory and the opportunity to purchase portraits at a 20% discount on Life Touch's regular prices.



"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 Bible study.



There will be meeting of the Board of Trustees on Sunday, June 10 at 4:00 PM in the church library. All Board Members are asked to be present.



THANK YOU!

Can you believe it? I have been here right at one year now! What a wonderful blessing! I want to thank you for this first year.

You have graciously received Ruth and me into your presence. You helped us to learn about CUMC and Fitzgerald and the surrounding counties. We have fellowshiped together over coffee, Cokes, omelets, and fried chicken. We still have a lot to learn, so I ask that you continue to be patient with us as we move into our second year together.

With God's help, you have raised money to upgrade your facilities, to purchase safer vans, and have made plans for an even brighter future. This was all done without missing a bill payment, paying 100% of our apportionments and giving your church staff a small raise. God has truly blessed this congregation because of your faithfulness!

With God's help, you have increased your borders! We have seen a 14% increase in worship attendance, an increase in church membership, and an increase in the effectiveness of our ministries. This is all possible because you heard God's call to grow your part of His Kingdom.

Let's not stop now with my second year and with summer facing us! We still have lots of things that we can do to improve our facilities, increase our presence within our community, and invite others to encounter the Living Christ through all of our ministries. We have a lot of work to do, but God needs all of CUMC members to do their part in making this a reality today. I invite you to be a part of this spiritual growth that is happening. I want to thank you for being a part of that growth and for keeping up the momentum into another appointment year.

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*

Pastor Appreciation Day is June 24!

Plan to be present as we celebrate the return of our pastors to Central following Annual Conference. Join in the festivities and worship as we show our love and appreciation to our pastors, Rev. Dr. Rich Wright and Rev. B.J. Funk. A covered dish lunch will follow 11:00 AM worship that day. Fried chicken will be provided. Bring your favorite veggie and dessert. Mark your calendar now and plan to be with us!



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 June 10: Kirkland and Springhead UMCs and pastor, Elvin East.



The Arbor Baptist Church Adult Ministries Department and the CUMC Adult Ministries Department are joining forces for a very special event. We are planning a trip to go see the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Kentucky. This trip is open to all adults and their families (children included.) We are planning this trip for fall break, October 15-18. Please call me at the church office for details and to let Susan Hughes know you are interested

Hey, everyone! Please make our rising 6th graders feel welcome as they begin to participate in some youth activities this summer (though they are still welcome with the children, too!). We are so excited to have you all join us! Just a year ago, the current 6th graders were in your shoes, but now they're a part of the family just like our new folks will be!



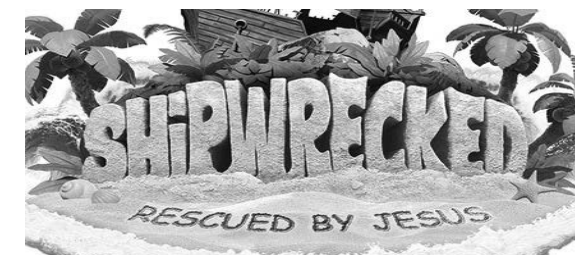
Sunday, June 10, I hope all of you are helping with Vacation Bible School! Remember how much you loved VBS and all the awesome youth who helped. Now, it's your turn! Let Mrs. Suzanne or me know if you want to help. I will take those who participate to Sonic Sunday after VBS. Just bring a couple of dollars for a tip.

We will meet for a new study, "The Way I'm Wired" on June 13 from 5:30-6:30 PM. We will meet at the Holt's home. If you don't know where that is just ask me. Parents, please let me know if you'd like to host us (only a DVD player, TV, and small snack needed). We will not have youth Sunday, June 17 since it is Father's Day. Enjoy spending time with your dad!

You should have received your June calendars by now. If you are not on my mailing list, please let me know! Remember to follow us on Instagram (@centralfitzyouth) and to join Remind to receive the most up-to-date notifications by texting @mgidde to 81010.

Take time to relax this summer. You deserve it! Just remember to prioritize your time with Jesus. Love you all!

Much love, *Mary Claire*



June 10-12
6:00-8:00 PM

meal train Many of you have inquired about ways to help Andy & Mandy Johnson as their precious Ashlynn begins 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 to them.

† Don't forget this week is directory picture week! For those of us who signed up in time, the photographers will be available on Wednesday, June 13, Thursday, June 14, and Friday, June 15 Adult Ministries from 1:00-7:50 PM. If you can't remember your photography time, call me at the church office.



† Senior adult ladies visitation will be on Friday, June 22. We will meet at 9:00 AM at Our Daily Bread. Please let me know if you plan to join us.

† Don't forget our Pastor Appreciation Lunch on Sunday, June 24. It is covered dish so bring something delicious that goes with fried chicken!

Susan