



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.

- Celebration choir will have rehearsals on Wednesday, March 7 and 14, at 7:00 PM. We are in full swing with our Easter music, so please plan to be at rehearsals if at all possible.
- Celebration Choir will present "Blessed Redeemer" on Sunday, March 25 at the 11:00 AM service. Please plan to be here and bring friends with you to attend this service. Children will participate in the Palm Sunday processional too.



Many thanks for the music you provided on February 18! Our next scheduled time to play for 11:00 AM worship is April 15.

- Children's choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, March 7 and 14, from 5:00 to 5:55 PM in the choir rooms. On March 14 we will sing for residents of the Harris House during our choir time. Parents of children under age 5 should plan to transport them to the Harris House. We will transport the others on the church van. Children will return to the church by 5:55 PM for fellowship supper and dismissal.
- Children's choirs will sing for the 11:00 AM service on March 4. Please be here at 10:30 AM for practice (right after Sunday School).
- Looking ahead: Children's Sunday will be held on Sunday, April 29, at 11:00 AM.



- Many thanks to our youth band members for practicing on Saturday and for providing music for our Kids Own Worship service on February 25. The next scheduled KOW is planned for March 18. Watch your bulletin and text messages for practice times.
- Some of our youth will be attending the Son Power trip this June in Orlando, Florida. The first payment is now due – please turn it in to either Karla or to church office. Contact Karla for further information on the trip.



Many thanks to the youth praise band and the worship team for your help in making "Kids Own Worship" so much fun for our children! They love having a service just perfect for them! We will have our next "Kids Own Worship" on March 18th. It is going to be great!

Miss Karla, Miss BJ and Miss Joyce will continue with awesome lessons on Wednesday nights during JAM! I hope all children will join us!

Please mark your calendars:

- Fellowship Luncheon on March 4
- Parent Meeting on March 11 at 4:30 PM
- Kids Own Worship on March 18
- Palm Sunday on March 25
- Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 at 10:00 AM
- Central's Vacation Bible School is June 10-12

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 12:45-1:30 PM.

Handbells will rehearse on March 7 and 14 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. The handbells are scheduled to play on March 25.



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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

March Prayer Team: Pat Stafford, Anita Stafford, Don Woeltjen.

Calendar

Sunday, March 4, 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 Fellowship Lunch
 12:45 PM Safe Sanctuaries Training/Refresher
 2:00 PM UMW General Meeting
 5:00 PM Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, March 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, March 6

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 and Girls Bible Study

Wednesday, March 7

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
 6:30 PM Children's JAM, Youth WOW
 7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 8

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

Sunday, March 11

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 Costa Rica Mission Team Training
 4:30 PM Children's Department Parents Meeting
 5:00 PM Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, March 12

10:00 AM Adult Women's Yoga
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 875 (Basement)

Tuesday, March 13

6:30 PM United Methodist Men (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 14

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 15

10:00 AM Adult Women's Yoga

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.



Cheerful Givers

Helpers for March

USHERS: Stacey Bell, Captain; Becky Griffin, Terry Bishop, Pam Bishop, Clint Talton, Robert Griffin, Bob Bryant.

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 March 4, 2018

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

Scripture: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: "Going With Jesus: Through the Towns to the Cross"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Angel & Joy Choirs

Offertory: Cristina Evans

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Covenant Class

Sunday School Greeter: Annette Braddy

Fellowship Supper Tellers: Jessica Sulatycki

Church Offering Tellers: Linda Brantley, Lisa Young

Acolytes: Jackson Parrish, Madi Shoultz

Children's Church Helpers: Victoria Thompson, Charlie & Neysa Strahan

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of March 11, 2018

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

Scripture: Hosea 2:15

Sermon: "From the Valley of Trouble to the Door of Hope"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Action Life Class

Sunday School Greeter: Anna Brown

Fellowship Supper Teller: Anna Oliver

Church Offering Tellers: Charlene Hatcher, Margaret Chasteen

Acolytes: Natalie Strahan, Maci Shoultz

Children's Church Helpers: Brittany Eidson, Todd & Suzanne Reaves

MISSION TRIP The Costa Rica team will meet Saturday, March 10 at 12:00 Noon (lunch and learn) and Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 PM for a missions training time.

Original Goal: \$500,000

Collected through January 2018: \$87,500

Gift On Hand: \$27,805

Projects Completed: Nursery, office and sanctuary security updates, new playground equipment and credit line/van balance paid in full.

Projects Pending: Youth room A/C, mildew removal and painting in choir/handbell area, sanctuary upkeep and repairs, Fellowship Hall renovation and bathroom added to upstairs preschool area.



"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 facilitated by Pastor Rich.



Lent Means Becoming A Master

Many of us fear the Lenten Season because we have to "give up something that we like." Here is another way of looking at the Lenten Season. It is a time for us to become masters.

Become masters of your mind. God wants us to have pure minds so that we can hear and do the things that God asks us to do in our world.

Become masters of our time. When we focus on God, we are able to prioritize our time so that we can serve God and humanity.

Become masters of our will. We find the time and the will power to do the things we want to do. Our will drives us toward the things that are important to us.

Become masters of yourselves. If we do the previous three things, then we have become masters over ourselves. When we take charge of our actions, words, and thoughts, then we are free to serve God as God directs us without fear of what others think or believe.

As we make our way from Ash Wednesday to Easter, I invite you to avoid the Easter rush and join us in church this Sunday. It is the start of becoming masters during the Lenten Season. You will find out that the Christian life is a joy instead of a burden! I will be in my place this Sunday and expect to see you in yours, too!

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 March 4: Gilchrist Park UMC and their pastor, Robbie Clark.
- Week beginning March 11: Grace UMC (Tifton) and their pastor, Candice Butler.



Thank you for supporting Gideons International in sharing God's Word around the globe. Your contribution to this ministry on Gideons Sunday was \$ 1,765.21! You can continue supporting this ministry through their card program by sending bibles in honor or memory of someone special. See the card rack by the chapel near the church office.

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: March 7: Chicken Pot Pie, Broccoli, Salad Bar, Dessert; (Kid's Option: Chicken Nuggets).

Menu: March 14: Beef Tips w/Rice, Sweet Carrots, Stewed Squash, Sweet Peas, Salad Bar, Dessert; (Kid's Option: Corn Dogs).

Name _____

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

March 7 _____ March 14 _____ Permanent _____

It is never too late to get involved in youth! Even if we are in the middle of a series, you will not be lost whenever you join us! Now is a perfect time, though, as we are beginning a new Sunday school series on March 11 (by your request, we are looking at Jesus' family tree) and a new Wednesday night series on social media beginning March 7. I hope you will join us whether it's for the first time ever, the first time in a long time, or the five hundredth time!



We will hang out at Wheeler Park on March 4 if the weather is good, and we will meet at the church on March 11. More details coming soon.

Our next girls-and guys-only Bible studies will take place on Tuesday, March 6 from 6:45-8:00 PM. Hope to see you there!

Be on the lookout for a March calendar soon, and be sure to stay up-to-date via Remind by texting @mgidde to 81010. You can also follow us on Instagram @centralfitzyouth! Have an awesome week!

Love, *Mary Claire*

Golden Agers Covered Dish Lunch

Thursday, March 8, at Noon
Everyone age 50+ is invited.
Join us for a fun and informative program provided by the 4-H Club!



Join Us!



Daylight Saving Time Begins March 11

Set your clock forward 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

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.



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.

- Communion Servers for March 4: Paulette Eastman, Mande Bishop, Jerrie Tanner, and Aimee Layfield. Thank you ladies!
- We will have senior adult ladies YOGA class on March 5, 8, and 12. Our March 15 class will be shortened due to meetings.
- We will be having confirmation classes every Wednesday in March and students will meet with Ms. BJ for the last time on March 11. You will be meeting individually with Pastor Rich either March 18 from 10:00-10:30 AM, March 25 from 9:30-10:30 AM and March 28 from 6:30-7:00 PM. Parents please look at these dates and times and let me know which will work best for your child to meet with our senior pastor, either by text, email, or phone. Thanks!



Love, *Susan*