

**2018 South Georgia Annual Conference Special Offering**

Each year the South Georgia Annual Conference receives a special offering from churches across the Conference. This year's special offering is going to be divided among several worthy causes ranging from water pumps (to allow children and adults access to clean, safe drinking water) to community gardens and food pantries. Central will take up a special offering on May 20 for this special cause. Please be generous with your special gift.

No handbell rehearsals again until August. Thank you for your faithfulness this year and for your beautiful music!



Celebration choir will have rehearsal on Wednesday, May 16 & 23, at 7:00 PM. We are learning many new songs for the remainder of spring and going into summer, and I hope to see you there!



We will not be in the choir loft on Sunday, May 20. Please enjoy sitting in the congregation that day and supporting our fantastic seniors!

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!

Children's choirs will sing the call to worship for the 11:00 AM service on May 13. Please meet at 10:30 AM to practice (right after Sunday school).

Children's choirs will not be meeting anymore for this school year. We will start again in August. Please watch the bulletin and text messages for details.

We are tentatively planning a children's worship conference for some time in August. You will be learning more information about this in the upcoming weeks – watch your bulletin for details.

- KOW date has been changed to June 10. Watch your bulletin and text messages for rehearsal details.
- Remember band camp (for those youth who signed up) will be held on May 29-June 1 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM daily at the Grand Theater. More details will be given at a later date, but please remember that a camp sign up means that you will attend each day!
- Some of our youth will be attending the Son Power trip this June (18-22) in Orlando, Florida. The final payment (\$100) is now due – please turn in to either Karla or to church office.
- For those students going on the Son Power trip, we will have a practice on Thursday, May 31, from 11:00 AM-1:30 PM. We will be having lunch that day so bring tip \$. Pick-up and drop-off from fellowship hall breezeway.



Central's Children's Department will recognize our children for their regular Sunday School attendance during the 2017-2018 year. Each child will be presented with a certificate and a treat bag! Thank you to the parents who bring their children each week to Sunday School!

Many thanks to our wonderful Sunday School teachers...Victoria Thompson, Andrea Sutton, Amy Shiver, and Brittany Eidson, and Ellen Burke! Beginning May 27 and throughout the summer, the lower and upper elementary classes will be meeting together. 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! Karla and I are planning a special treat for our children for the afternoon of Promotion Sunday.

Central's Vacation Bible School is June 10-12 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!

With much love, *Miss Suzanne*



*Catch the Spirit*

# CENTRAL

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Fitzgerald, Georgia

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May 13 & 20, 2018

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**Magnolia Manor Mother's Day Offering**

You will have an opportunity to support Magnolia Manor's League of the Good Samaritan through a special offering taken on Mother's Day (May 13). **Magnolia Manor** makes a promise to their residents that "No one having chosen to come to Magnolia Manor would ever have to leave if, by no fault of their own, they were unable to pay." The League of the Good Samaritan and this special Mother's Day offering make it possible for them to fulfil this promise. Please give generously.

The piano students of Becky Anderson invite you to their spring recital on Sunday, May 20, at 2:00 PM in Central's sanctuary. Several of Central's members will be performing. Please plan to be present for a fun afternoon of piano music.



*open hearts... open minds... open doors*  
**Central United Methodist Church**

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*Our Prayer Concerns . . .*

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

**May Prayer Team:** June Morris, Nancy Kimball, Anne O'Connor, Jackie Pryor

*Calendar*

**Sunday, May 13, 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

**Monday, May 14 – Worship Bulletin Information Due**

10:00 AM..... Adult Women's Yoga (Brown Room)  
 4:00 PM..... Church Staff Meeting  
 6:00 PM..... Boy Scouts (Basement)

**Tuesday, May 15**

10:00 AM..... Women's Bible Study with B.J.  
 6:30 PM..... "Men on Target" Men's Group

**Wednesday, May 16**

5:00 PM..... Children's Choirs Rehearse  
 4:45 PM..... Evangelism Team (Library)  
 5:45 PM..... Fellowship Supper  
 7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 17**

10:00 AM..... Adult Women's Yoga (Brown Room)  
 6:00 PM..... Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Library)

**Saturday, May 19**

Preschool Graduation

**Sunday, May 20**

9:00 AM..... Early Morning Worship  
 9:15 AM..... Fellowship Breakfast  
 9:45 AM..... Sunday School For All Ages  
 11:00 AM..... Morning Worship  
 2:00 PM..... Piano Recital  
 5:00 PM..... Methodist Youth Fellowship

**Monday, May 21 – Newsletter & Bulletin Information Due**

10:00 AM..... Adult Women's Yoga (Brown Room)  
 10:00 AM..... UMW #1 at the home of Karla Foster  
 4:00 PM..... UMW #2 in the Brown Activity Room  
 6:00 PM..... Boy Scout Troop 875 (Basement)  
 7:00 PM..... UMW #4 in the Brown Activity Room

**Tuesday, May 22**

9:30 AM..... Preschool Chapel  
 10:00 AM..... Women's Bible Study with B.J.

**Wednesday, May 23**

7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 24**

10:00 AM..... Adult Women's Yoga  
 5:00 PM..... Sr. Adults Night Out (Daphne Lodge)  
 6:00 PM..... Finance Committee  
 6:00 PM..... Cub Scout Banquet (Fellowship Hall)

You are invited to a going away party honoring  
**John & Anne O'Connor**  
**Sunday, May 20 • 3:00-4:30 PM • Brown Activity Room**  
 Hosted by family and friends

**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 May 13: Herring Memorial and pastor, Greg Battle.
- Week beginning May 20: Homerville UMC and pastor, Dan Underwood.



## Helpers for May

**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.

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

## Worship Notes & Helpers the week of May 13, 2018

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

**Scripture:** Proverbs 31:10

**Sermon:** "A Mother's Day Card from God"

**Prelude:** Becky Anderson

**Call to Worship:** Angel & Joy Choirs

**Offertory:** Will Reaves

**Postlude:** Brian Morris

**Breakfast Hosts:** Friends

**Sunday School Greeter:** Anna Brown

**Acolytes:** Maci Shoultz, Madi Shoultz

**Children's Church Helpers:** Mike & Mande Bishop, Todd & Suzanne Reaves

**Fellowship Supper Teller:** Susan Hughes

**Church Offering Tellers:** Charlene Hatcher, Margaret Chasteen

## Worship Notes & Helpers the week of May 20, 2018

**Dr. Rich Wright** (9:00 AM)

**Scripture:** Acts 2:1-13

**Sermon:** "It is Pentecost"

**Senior Sunday** (11:00 AM)

**Prelude:** Senior Processional

**Offertory:** Madelyn Massey & Colby Bell

**Postlude:** Senior Recessional

**Breakfast Hosts:** Journey (Brown Room)

**Sunday School Greeter:** Don Woeltjen

**Acolytes:** Cody Griffin, Anna Marie Elrod

**Children's Church Helpers:** Mike & Ellen Burke, Todd & Suzanne Reaves

**Church Offering Tellers:** Jimmy Johnson, Patricia Walker

### Special Days

Over the next two weeks, we will be celebrating some special days, which are Mother's Day, Pentecost, and Senior Sunday.

Mother's Day (May 13) is a great day to honor your mom by being in church. I hope this would be a great time to have pleasant memories of those moms who raised us. This is a great day to come to church to honor your mom and the other women who helped to raise you.

Pentecost (May 20) is the birthday of the Christian Church. We thank God for making this day a joyous one so that we can point to when Christ established our Church. What a great day to come to church to celebrate its birthday!

Senior Sunday (also May 20) is when we celebrate the graduation of our high school seniors. We will celebrate our college graduates by recognizing them, too. This is great day to come to church to honor those who have accomplished a major goal in their lives.

These special days in May are days in which we ought to come to church. We come to celebrate God's mercy and grace. We come to worship our Father in heaven. We come to honor people who have touched our lives. I pray that you come to experience the Living Christ on all of these special days!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*

We are creating a new photo directory and we need your help! Our directory will showcase our families, provided contact information and become a useful resource to keep us connected. Participating families will receive a free 8x10 photograph, a printed and electronic version of the new directory, and will receive 20% off LifeTouch's regular prices when purchasing photographs. No purchase is necessary to be included in the new directory. Photography dates are June 13, 14 & 15 from 1:00-7:50 PM. Sign up today by going to [centralumc.net](http://centralumc.net), scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the link provided. Call Susan Hughes for more information.



"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.

We extend love and sympathy to Janie Jones, Julie Robitzsch, Jerrie Tanner and Jeanie Bishop upon the death of their mother, Mrs. Tommie Nichols. Funeral services for Mrs. Nichols were conducted in Central's sanctuary on April 30. Mrs. Nichols served for many years as Central's church secretary, financial secretary and church hostess. Please remember Mrs. Tommie's friends and family in your prayers.



Senior Sunday is May 20! High school seniors who will be honored at Central this year are: Colby Bell, Raines Evans, Lindley Gibbs, Danny Hope, Madelyn Massey, Tyree Pryor, and Alex Talton.

We also want to extend our congratulations to our spring 2018 college graduates: John Foster (GA Tech), Daniel Pelham (UGA), Britton Robitzsch (GA Tech), and Leah Ward (GA Tech).

Join with others as B.J. continues to lead women through a study on Revelation. The group meets on Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The study began on Tuesday, April 17, and go through May 29.



Central will observe Memorial Day on Sunday, May 27. As part of that observance this year, we will publish a small booklet containing the names of our deceased veterans. If you have a loved one who served in any branch of the US military, who was a member of Central, and is now deceased, please contact the church office so that we can include them in our Memorial Day program.

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 5:45-6:15 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 – May 16:** Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Salad Bar, Dessert.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

May 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Hi, youth! We will have Sunday school this Sunday, May 13 but no UMYF. It's Mother's Day, so spend some time with your mom! May 20 is Senior Sunday, so be sure to support our seniors. They have meant so much to all of us, so let's be sure to show them some love! That night, we will swim at Brian and Rebecca Braddy's home for UMYF. Meet at their house from 5:00-6:30 PM.



May 16 is our last Wednesday Night Supper and therefore last regular WOW of the year! Be upstairs from 6:15-7:00 PM. Our plans for May 23 are still TBD, so be sure you are following us via Remind (if not, text @mgidde to 81010).

Finally, if you are a middle-schooler this year and want to go to Wild Adventures Sunday, June 3, let me know ASAP. The trip is \$35 and includes your ticket and a sack lunch (dinner is not included). We will leave right after church and return that evening. Your money is due May 16!

Remember to finish this school year STRONG! Remember who you are and WHOSE you are. Love you all!

Much love, *Mary Claire*

### Emergency Response Team/Chainsaw Training Class Pittman Park UMC

1102 Fair Road • Statesboro, Georgia

**May 19 • 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Cost: \$25/person

Cost covers badges, registration, t-shirt, and lunch

Please go to [sgaumc.org](http://sgaumc.org) to register in advance.

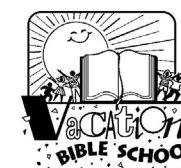
Click on Disaster Response and scroll down to [www.sgaumc.org/ertrainings](http://www.sgaumc.org/ertrainings)

You will need to be safe sanctuary approved

and have a background check upon arrival for class

For questions call Susan Hughes at 229-423-9381

We have welcomed several new members recently and are so excited that Central is now their church home. Members of the 2018 Confirmation Class who were welcomed into full membership were: Ela Grace Ash, Allie Braddy, Ashley Braddy, Abbie Brown, Gracen Damato, Hallie Haggard, Daniel Hicks, Jackson Hicks, Amelia Lee, and Mallory Peavey. Several new members were also received either by profession of faith or by transfer from other churches. Those new members are: Tyler Brown, Sheri Brown, Kari Haggard, Holley Lee, and Parker Carrigan. Please be sure welcome these new members as you see them in worship.



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

To our church family at Central,  
Thank you so much for love, concern and many acts of kindness shown to our mother when she became ill. She, and we, appreciate all that you did to express your love for her.



The family of Tommie Nichols  
Janie, Julie, Jerrie & Jeanie

† Happy Mother's Day to all the moms at Central!  
† We will have our ladies YOGA class on May 14, 17, 21 & 24  
† Senior adults will be going to Daphne's Lodge in Adult Ministries Cordele for dinner on May 24. We will plan to leave the church by 5:00 PM. Please let me know if you plan to go!  
† Don't forget to sign up to get your/family picture taken for our new pictorial directory! Picture days will be June 13, 14, & 15 from 1:00-7:50 PM. Many slots have been taken so call me at the church office to find a date and time that will work for your family.



*Susan*