



• Choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, September 19 and 26 from 6:50-7:45 PM. We have been having wonderful rehearsals. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Karla for further information.

• Camp meeting services at Camp Tygart will be held on Sunday, September 16 - Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 PM each night. Central's night to fill the choir is Sunday. We will need to meet that evening at 6:30 PM (at Camp Tygart) to rehearse the choir. Covered dish dinner is held prior to the service beginning at 6 PM (choir is allowed to go first)! A van will meet at 4:30 PM under the breezeway on September 16 to head to Camp Meeting. Please contact the church office if you plan to ride the van.

† Children's choirs will meet on Wednesday, September 19 and 26, in the choir rooms located directly behind the sanctuary. Please let me know if you need a cd of our Christmas musical, "The Christmas County Spelling Bee." Parts are being handed out this week for the play – please plan to have your child at rehearsal if he/she is interested in participating in the musical.



† Joy Choir (older children) will plan to sing the call to worship on Sunday, September 16. Please plan to meet at 10:30 AM immediately following Sunday School for practice.

• Looking ahead: I am planning for you to sing for our Homecoming service on October 28. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to be here.



• Youth Band will begin rehearsing on Wednesday evenings immediately following youth at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please let me know if you cannot be here. First practice is September 19.

• We will also plan to have some rehearsals this month and in October for our youth choir. Please watch the remind app to stay updated as these rehearsal times are added.

• **Tygart Camp Meeting** – Sunday night, Sept. 16, is Central's night to fill the choir loft and help host supper.

• **Charge Conference** – October 17. Committee Chairpersons, begin writing your reports now.

• **Homecoming** – October 28 with Rev. Don Adams. Join us for worship and our traditional covered dish lunch.

• **All Saints Sunday** – November 4. Be present as we celebrate the lives of those in our membership who have died in the last year.

• **Community Thanksgiving Service** – November 18. Hosted at Central UMC.

• **First Sunday of Advent** – December 2. Children's Christmas Program 11:00 AM.

• **Second Sunday of Advent** – December 9. Celebration Choir Christmas program, 6:00 PM.

• **Christmas Eve Communion** – December 24 at 6:00 PM.



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September 16 & 23, 2018

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• Handbell choir will have rehearsals on September 19 & 26 at 5 PM in the handbell room.

• Handbells will be playing for the September 23 service at 11 AM. Meet on that day at 9:15 for practice.

• Many thanks to Donna for arranging for several of you to attend a handbell workshop this past weekend. Eight of our choir members participated. We are thankful for your commitment to the handbell choir!



There will be a Board of Trustees meeting on Sunday, September 23, at 4:00 PM in the church library. All members of the Board are asked to be present.

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## Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

**September Prayer Team:** Pat & Anita Stafford, Don Woeltjen.

### Calendar

#### Sunday, September 16, 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  
4:30 PM..... Van Leaves for Camp Meeting  
5:00 PM..... Methodist Youth Fellowship

#### Monday, September 17 - Worship Bulletin Information Due

10:00 AM ..... Senior Women's Yoga  
10:00 AM ..... Women's Group 1 @ Nancy Kimball's home  
4:00 PM..... Women's Group 2 in Brown Activity Room  
6:00 PM..... Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Library)  
7:00 PM..... Women's Group 4 in Brown Activity Room

#### Tuesday, September 18

9:30 AM..... Preschool Chapel  
10:00 AM ..... Bible Study with B.J. (Fellowship Hall)

#### Wednesday, September 19

5:00 PM..... Children's Choirs  
5:00 PM..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
5:45 PM..... Youth WOW and Fellowship Supper  
6:00 PM..... Fellowship Supper  
6:50 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PM..... Mission to Memphis Informational Meeting (chapel)  
7:00 PM..... Youth Band Rehearsal

#### Thursday, September 20

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

#### Friday, September 21

9:00 AM..... Senior Women's Visitation Day (Daily Bread)

#### Sunday, September 23

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..... Board of Trustees Meeting (Library)

#### Monday, September 24 - Newsletter & Worship Bulletin Information Due

10:00 AM ..... Senior Women's Yoga  
4:00 PM..... Church Staff (Parlor)

#### Tuesday, September 25

9:30 AM..... Preschool Chapel  
10:00 AM ..... Bible Study with B.J. (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 PM..... Men on Target (Fellowship Hall)

#### Wednesday, September 26

5:00 PM..... Children's Choirs  
5:00 PM..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
5:45 PM..... Youth WOW and Supper  
6:00 PM..... Fellowship Supper  
6:50 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, September 27

10:00 AM ..... Senior Women's Yoga (Brown Room)  
10:00 AM ..... Senior Adults Trip to Americus

## Helpers for September

**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, Haley Braddy, Raines Evans, Riley Evans, Cody Thompson, Blaine Layfield.

### Worship Notes & Helpers the week of September 16, 2018

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

**Scripture:** Luke 12:33-34

**Sermon:** "Making an Eternal Difference"

**Prelude:** Becky Anderson

**Call to Worship:** Joy Choir

**Offertory:** Becky Anderson

**Postlude:** Brian Morris

**Breakfast Hosts:** Friends

**Sunday School Greeter:** Don Woeltjen

**Acolytes:** Brett Martin, Madi Shoultz

**Children's Church Helpers:** Roger & Allison Merritt, Clint & Kimberly Talton

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

### Worship Notes & Helpers the week of September 23, 2018

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

**Scripture:** Matthew 26:36-46

**Sermon:** "The Lord's Prayer: Your Will Be Done"

**Rev. Dr. Rich Wright** (11:00 AM)

**Scripture:** Luke 10:1-12

**Sermon:** "The Lord's Prayer: Your Kingdom Come"

**Prelude:** Becky Anderson

**Call to Worship:** J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir

**Offertory:** J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir

**Postlude:** Brian Morris

**Breakfast Hosts:** Journey Class

**Sunday School Greeter:** Pat & Joyce Ashley

**Acolytes:** Gregory Calhoun, Maci Shoultz

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

**Church Offering Tellers:** Wyndi Damato, Darrell Weeks

Those interested in the mission trip to Memphis (June 29-July 5, 2019; \$500) need to meet Wednesday, September 19, at 7:00 PM in the chapel with your \$100 deposit and completed paperwork. Please let Mary Claire know if you are interested and need more info and/or the paperwork!



The United Methodist Women's Executive Committee will meet on October 11 at 11:00 AM in the church library. Members of this Committee are asked to be present. All others interested are welcomed.

### Loving Our Neighbors

I spent Labor Day Week at the Sager Brown United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. It was educational and rewarding.

My job was verifying cleaning buckets. Sounds easy. It was. But it was a necessary task to ensure that the people who will be using these buckets have the right items. Four people were able to verify over 450 buckets!

I sensed that I was loving our neighbors, even if I will never see the people who will be using these buckets. However, I was able to share the love of Christ literally around the eastern United States. With several tropical storms or hurricanes headed toward the Atlantic coastline, I am sure that these buckets will be used.

Thank you for allowing me to go and do God's work at Sager Brown!  
Your Servant In Christ, Pastor Rich



### 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 September 16: Director of Ministerial Services, Jay Harris.
- Week beginning September 23: Nashville United Methodist Church and their pastor, Mark Addington.



### 2018 Tygart Camp Meeting – September 16-20, 2018 Meals begin at 6:00 PM • Worship begins at 7:00 PM

Bishop Lawson Bryan, will be speaking on Sunday, September 16. Bishop Richard C. Looney, the first bishop of the South Georgia Conference, will be the guest preacher for the remaining days of camp meeting. Sunday, September 16, is Central's night to help host supper and fill the choir loft. Supper will be served in the air conditioned conference center. Worship will be in the open-air tabernacle.



The Staff-Parish Relations Committee will meet on Monday, September 17, at 6:00 PM in the church library. All members of the SPRC are asked to be present.

### Reservations must be made by 3:00 PM each Monday.

Reservations can be made via phone, email, or you may fill in the form printed below and place it in the offering plate. Please understand, if you make a reservation and do not come or cancel it you are expected to pay. Food will be prepared only for the number of reservations. 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 – September 19:** Hot Dogs, Sausage Dogs, Salad Bar

**Menu – September 26:** Spaghetti, Salad Bar

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

September 19 \_\_\_\_\_ September 26 \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent \_\_\_\_\_



Hi, everyone! I know it's the time of the year when the busyness sets in, so thanks for your continued faithfulness. Adults have to remind ourselves of this too, including myself, but remember to prioritize your time with Jesus! This Sunday the 16th, we will meet at the church for dinner and will then go on a scavenger hunt! The time is 5:00-6:30 PM.

If you are a high schooler going to Jacksonville, your \$75 is due Friday by noon to the church office.

We have two more sessions of our Jesus and Culture Wednesday series! I hope you will join us Wednesdays from 6:15-7:00 PM in the youth room.

Remember you can follow us on Instagram at @centralfitzyouth, and you can stay up-to-date with reminders via the Remind app!

Much love to you all, *Mary Claire*

"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 men's group.



United Methodist Men will meet on Tuesday, October 9 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All men of Central are encouraged to participate in our Methodist Men's group. There is always lots of food, fun and fellowship!

### UMW Odds & Ends Sale

Central's United Methodist Women will hold an "Odds & Ends" sale on November 2 and 3. Donations for this sale are needed. Please save your garage sale items. All donations are welcome. For more information about making a donation, contact Charlene Hatcher at 425-0240.



Charge Conference is Wednesday, October 17, at 6:30 PM. All committee chairpersons and committee members are asked to be present for this very important annual meeting with our District Superintendent. Be sure to make a supper reservation and join us for supper and Charge Conference.

† Senior Adult Ladies Visitation Group will meet September 21 at 9:00 AM at Our Daily Bread. Please let me know if you plan to come.



† Senior Adults will be going to Americus on Thursday, September 27, for lunch and shopping. We will leave the church by 10:00 AM. Please let me know if you are planning to go.

† Don't forget, we are still collecting small cans of food for the Christian Kitchen. Just drop your cans off by the church office and place on the floor by my office.

† I'm so excited to report that we have a new Sunday school class that has been organized. Pat & Joyce Ashley will be leading the younger singles and couples class that will meet in the Brown Room. If you are interested in more information, contact *Susan Hughes*