

- Please plan to be with us for rehearsal on February 27 from 6:50 PM until 7:45 PM. Easter music has arrived and rehearsal cd's are now available. We also have a practice cd of winter/spring anthems. Please pick these up on either Wednesday or Sunday.
- We will not have choir rehearsal on Wednesday, February 20.
- If you have ever wanted to join the choir or had questions about choir, now is a GREAT time to join! We are a big, happy family who loves to sing and lead worship each week. We have rehearsals each week except for July and December. Please contact Karla for further information.



Youth will not meet on Sunday, February 17, for Youth Sunday rehearsal. We have scheduled rehearsals for the following dates and times: Wednesday, February 20, at 11:00 AM in choir room (followed by lunch). We will finish at 1:30 PM. Pick-up place will be announced. We will also rehearse on Sunday, February 24, at 3:00 PM in the choir room.

- Handbell rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, February 27, at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. Handbells will not meet on February 20.
- Looking ahead: Handbells will play for the 11:00 AM service on March 10.



- Children's choirs will NOT meet on Wednesday, February 20, due to BHCS winter break. We will meet as usual on February 27 at 5:00 PM in the choir rooms located directly behind the sanctuary. Please contact Karla for further information on children's choirs.
- Looking ahead: Angel and Joy Choirs will sing for the 11:00 AM worship service on March 17. This is a change from the originally scheduled date of March 10 – please make a note of it!



"Men on Target" Men's study group meets the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays (unless otherwise announced) at 6:30 PM in the Library. 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.



Our Prayer Concerns

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

February Prayer Team: Barbara Cagle, Betty Dyess, Lydia Cook.

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Calendar

Sunday, February 17, 2019

9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
 9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 5:30 PM Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, February 18

10:00 AM Ladies Yoga Class
 10:00 AM UMW Group 1 with Anne Smith
 4:00 PM UMW Group 2 in the Brown Room
 6:00 PM Wolf Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 PM UMW Group 4 in the Brown Room

Tuesday, February 19

5:30 PM Bear Scouts (Brown Rm.)
 5:30 PM Walk & Talk

Wednesday, February 20

11:00 AM Youth Sunday Rehearsal and Lunch

Thursday, February 21

10:00 AM Ladies Yoga (Brown Rm.)
 4:30 PM Senior Adults Trip to Perry
 5:15 PM Adult Ministries Planning Team (Library)
 5:30 PM Tiger Cubs (Brown Rm.)

Sunday, February 24

9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
 9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 3:45 PM Youth Fellowship (Grand Theatre)
 3:00 PM Youth Sunday Practice

Monday, February 25

Newsletter & Worship Bulletin Due

10:00 AM Ladies Yoga (Brown Rm.)
 4:00 PM Church Staff Meeting
 6:00 PM Wolf Scouts (Brown Rm.)

Tuesday, February 26

9:30 AM Preschool Chapel
 5:30 PM Bear Scouts (Brown Rm.)
 5:30 PM Walk & Talk
 6:30 PM Men on Target

Wednesday, February 27

5:00 PM Children's Choirs & Handbell Choir
 5:45 PM Fellowship Supper
 6:15 PM Youth WOW, Children's JAM & Confirmation Class
 6:50 PM Celebration Choir

Thursday, February 28

10:00 AM Ladies Yoga (Brown Rm.)
 5:30 PM Tiger Cubs (Brown Rm.)
 5:30 PM Walk & Talk

Helpers for February

USHERS: David Hobby, Captain; Mike Foster, Chris Hughes, Bobby Chasteen, Tosha Martin, Mike Bishop, Amy Layfield.

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 February 17, 2019

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

Scripture: Revelation 2:12-17

Sermon: "Revelation Church: Pergamum - Hold Fast to Christ's Name"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Action Life Class

Sunday School Greeter: Dianne Engelmann

Acolytes: Maci Shoultz, Madi Shoultz

Children's Church Helpers: Anna Oliver, Charlie & Neysa Strahan

Church Offering Teller: Jimmy Johnson, Patricia Walker

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of February 24, 2019

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

Scripture: Revelation 2:18-29

Sermon: "Revelation Churches: Thyatira – Hold Fast to What You Have"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Susan Hughes

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: New Beginnings Class

Sunday School Greeter: Nancy Kimball

Acolytes: Davis Holt, Gregory Calhoun

Children's Church Helpers: Jason & Abby Holt, Andy & Mandy Johnson

Church Offering Teller: Wyndi Damato, Darrell Weeks



GC2019

The called General Conference of the UMC (GC2019) will be in St. Louis on February 23-26. This is the first called general conference since our unification in 1968.

I am asking you to pray for our South Georgia delegates and for all GC2019 delegates as they come together to consider a way forward for the UMC. I am also asking you to be praying for our local church!

No matter what is decided at GC2019, Central will still be a Methodist Church in Fitzgerald. BJ and I will still be your pastors. We will still be doing ministry in our part of the world.

In the short term, there will be no changes for us. The pastors and the lay leadership will discuss what the impact is for the long term based on the GC2019 decisions. We will inform you about what those impacts are after they are determined. However, these long-term results may take more than a year to implement across the UMC.

So not only do I ask you to pray, but I also ask you not to worry. There will be lots of mis-, wrong-, and inaccurate-information coming from GC2019 by people who want a specific outcome and/or by people who don't know the UMC structure. Remember that we are not in control, but God is. As long as we remember that God is in charge and we urge the Holy Spirit to make a way out of no way for God's will to be done at GC2019, then we have done our part. Our part can and ought to be done without any anxiety attached to it.

Thank you for praying, not worrying, and for being faithful United Methodists at Central!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*



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participate in this important meeting about the future of our church property.

Post-General Conference Information Session

March 9 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center

South Georgia United Methodists are invited and encouraged to attend a post-General Conference information session. This is an informational meeting – not a special session of our annual conference – the gathering is open to everyone in the South Georgia Conference. No votes will be taken.

This information session is to share with laity and clergy the decisions made during the denomination's special called General Conference. Bishop Bryan, South Georgia's conference delegates and other conference leaders will be in attendance.

"I encourage everyone to come, and I especially encourage every church to send a delegation...Our goal is to provide clarity for laity and clergy and all of our churches so that we know what came out of General Conference and what the next steps are in our journey as we move together into God's future for our annual conference." Bishop Bryan said.

We extend love and sympathy to Dale Wilson upon the death of his father, Rev. Jerry Wilson. Funeral services for Rev. Wilson were conducted at the Paulk Funeral Home chapel on February 6. Please keep the Wilson family in your prayers.



I hope you all have something relaxing and fun planned for winter break! This is a great time to re-set and work on getting our focus on God. If you signed up for camp, be on the lookout for more information about getting your deposit paid and setting up a payment plan for the remainder of the balance. Remember to be in prayer for VBS (June 23-27). Parents, VBS volunteers are needed! Please let me know which area of VBS you are being called to serve in – God can use us all to reach the children of our community and grow their faith.



Mrs. Christina

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 – February 20: No Fellowship Supper

Menu – February 27: BBQ, Salad Bar, Dessert

Name _____

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

February 27 _____ Permanent _____



Hi everyone,

Thanks so much for all your help with our youth room! I am loving the new look and hope you do, too. A special thanks to the Burkes, Chance, and my mom (Karla) for your help!

Sunday, February 17, we will meet at the church at 5:30 PM for dinner and will then head to Arbor from 6:00-7:00 PM to play ultimate frisbee! Pick-up will be from our church at 7:00 PM.

We will not have youth Wednesday, February 20, due to winter break. We are also taking a break from our girls/guys Bible studies this month but will resume in March.

Finally, we will meet at the Grand Theatre on the 24th at 3:45 PM to see *A Dog's Way Home*. Bring money for snacks if you want them, but your ticket will be covered. Have a safe and restful winter break!

Love, Mary Claire



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. There will be a special Ash Wednesday worship service following our Fellowship Supper that evening.

Worship will begin at 6:45 PM in the sanctuary. If you would like to join us for supper before worship, please be sure to make a reservation.

If you are interested in supporting the **Fitzgerald Partnership for Youth** by sponsoring a Ben Hill County child for camp this summer, please contact Mary Claire Giddens.

B.J. is leading a women's Bible study on the book of Isaiah beginning March 6 - April 10. We will meet in our church fellowship hall every Wednesday during these dates from March 6 to April. Please call Susan at the church office to sign up.



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 February 17: St. Peter's UMC and their pastor, Rev. Annette Brooks.
- Week beginning February 24: Statenville United Methodist Church and their pastor, James Yarbrough.



- † We will not have a Confirmation class on February 20 due to school winter break. We will resume on the 27th.
- † Senior adults will be going to the Swanson House in Perry on February 21. We will plan to leave the church by 4:30 PM. Please let me know by February 20 if you would like to go so I can make reservations.

† Please remember to pray for our UM General Conference which begins meeting February 23.

† Walk-N-Talk every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 PM unless it rains or otherwise indicated through texts and emails. We will not meet on February 21 due to the senior adult trip that day.

† Let's be in prayer for Ruth Bunch, Steve O'Neal and Barbara Cagle as they go on their Emmaus journey the weekends of February 2 and March 1.

† We will leave for Epworth for our Confirmation Retreat on March 1. All confirmation students and parents will need to be at our church by 2:15 PM on that Friday. We will leave by 2:30 PM.

† Looking ahead – Senior adults will be going to see the Turtle Island String Quartet on March 28 at ABAC campus. Also, our Younger/Middle-aged adults will be going to Salty Snapper in Valdosta on March 30. Mark your calendars!



Adult Ministries

Susan Hughes