



Please plan to meet February 3, immediately following church for lunch and rehearsal. Our February 10 rehearsal will be at 4 p.m. We will finish each week in time for UMYF. It is important that you be here because we are preparing for Youth Sunday in March!

- Please plan to be with us for rehearsal on both February 3 & 10 from 6:50-7:45 PM. Easter music has arrived so we will be reading through it in the next couple of weeks. See you there!
- 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.



Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, February 6 & 13, at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. Please plan to be here for practice! For further information on handbell choirs, please contact either Donna Owens or Karla Foster.

- Children's choirs will meet on Wednesday, February 6 & 13, at 5:00 PM. Please contact Karla for further information on children's choirs.
- Joy Choir – thanks so much for reminding us of the A – Z names of Jesus in your Call to Worship last Sunday!



"Men on Target" Men's study group meets 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.

We extend our love and sympathy to several of Central's families who are mourning the loss of loved ones. Please remember the following families in your prayers:

- Mrs. Nancy Smith and family upon the death of her husband, Dr. Morgan Smith. Funeral services for Dr. Smith were conducted in Central's sanctuary on January 18. Dr. Smith was known and loved by many in our community and church. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.
- Amy & Jay Dailey upon the death of Amy's grandmother, Mrs. Patricia Reinhardt McCorvey. Services for Mrs. McCorvey were conducted on January 19 at First Baptist Church in Ashburn.
- Mrs. Nancy Kimball and family upon the death of her husband, Mr. Harold Kimball. Funeral services were conducted in Central's sanctuary on January 28. Mr. Kimball was known and loved by many in our church and community. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family.



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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 3:** St. John's United Methodist Churches and their pastor, Bob Jernigan.
- **Week beginning February 10:** St. Mark (Douglas) and West Green United Methodist Churches and their pastor, Chris Calhoun.



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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

Calendar

Sunday, February 3, 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
 12:00 PM.....Lunch & Youth Sunday Practice
 1:30 PM.....Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, February 4

10:00 AM.....Ladies Yoga Class
 6:00 PM.....Wolf Scouts (Brown Room)
 6:30 PM.....Emmaus Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, February 5

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 6

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 7

10:00 AM.....Ladies Yoga (Brown Rm.)
 5:15 PM.....Adult Ministries Planning Team (Library)
 5:30 PM.....Tiger Cubs (Brown Rm.)
 5:30 PM.....Walk & Talk

Friday, February 8

6:00 PM.....Younger Adults Trip to DJs

Friday, February 9

11:30 AM.....Confirmation Class Goes to Synagogue

Sunday, February 10

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.....Youth Sunday Practice
 5:00 PM.....Youth Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, February 11 - 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 12

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

Wednesday, February 13

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 14

10:00 AM.....Ladies Yoga (Brown Rm.)
 12:00 PM.....Golden Ages
 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 3, 2019

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

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:7

Sermon: "Does Jesus Care?"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Journey Class

Sunday School Greeter: Annette Braddy

Acolytes: Banks Parrish, Jackson Parrish

Children's Church Helpers: Roger & Allison Merritt, Chris & Katy Calhoun

Church Offering Teller: Linda Brantley, Lisa Young

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of February 10, 2019

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

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: "Scout Sunday: Do Your Best"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Ward Burke

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Covenant Class

Sunday School Greeter: Anna Brown

Acolytes: Brett Martin, Elliott Oliver

Children's Church Helpers: Mike & Ellen Burke, Tosha Martin

Church Offering Teller: Charlene Hatcher, Margaret Chasteen

Lesson of the Cocoa



I like chocolate cake...a lot! As I was watching a movie, I was reminded about the ingredients that make the cake what it is. One of those ingredients is cocoa. It is what makes the chocolate color and flavor in the cake.

Cocoa in the finished form of the cake is sweet and tasty. However, in its purest form, cocoa tastes...well, nasty! I wouldn't eat a spoon of cocoa at all. I would eat a huge chunk of cake. What happened to the nasty taste of the cocoa?

By itself, cocoa is not appealing. That is like some of us! By ourselves, we are bitter, less attractive, and not as nice. But when combined with other ingredients, the cocoa turns into something wonderful. When we combine ourselves with others in worship and study, then we turn into something wonderful...committed children of God who worship together and try to survive this life.

I pray that you will join us for worship so that you, as a single ingredient, can combine with others to turn you into something wonderful by the hand of God! See you Sunday!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*

Soles for Souls is a ministry that we are participating in. This benefits Living Bridges Ministries in Valdosta. If you have new or gently used shoes that you would like to donate to this ministry, please place shoes in the containers on the stage. Donated shoes are used to help set up people in business in third world countries. Thank you for any help that you can give. See Karla for more information.



2018 End-Of-The-Year General Budget Financial State

2018 Budget = \$ 535,189.00
Expenses = \$ 525,693.34 (\$ 9,495.66 under budget)
Contributions = \$ 542,648.20 (\$ 7,459.20 over budget)
Net Total = \$ 16,954.86

Thank you CUMC for fully funding all of our ministries. May we continue this legacy by being great stewards in 2019 as we build God's Kingdom by being committed members who use our financial and spiritual gifts for God's glory!

The United Methodist Men are hosting a Father & Daughter dinner on Tuesday, February 12, at 6:30 PM. An Italian feast will be served. Tickets are available from Jim Owens.



A big thank you to the parents who came to the parent meeting on Sunday. I appreciate your willingness to share your desires for our church and your children.

Super Bowl Sunday is February 3! Let's help stock the Christian Kitchen with canned goods! Bring any canned and non-perishable goods you can spare. This is a great opportunity for our children to participate in the mission field.

Boy Scout Sunday is coming up on February 10. The older children (3rd-5th graders) will be staying in the service to show support for their friends and the Scouts of our church. The younger children will still go to children's church.

Go ahead and mark your calendar for VBS! We'll be going to Mars and Beyond June 23-27. This will be a whole church VBS with a class for adults taught by Pastor Rich. We will need many volunteers to make VBS happen, so please begin praying about where God can use you in this very important ministry. We will need volunteers to help with sound and video, decorating, clean up, teaching lessons, arts and crafts, recreation, snacks, music, and more! If you feel a calling for a particular post at VBS, don't hesitate to let me know. Just email the church office at centralumc01@windstream.net using VBS as the subject of your email.



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 6: Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Dessert

Menu – February 13: Tacos, Salad Bar, Dessert

Name _____

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

February 6 _____ February 13 _____ Permanent _____



Hi everyone,

What an awesome January! Our ski/spiritual trip to Lake Junaluska was so much fun, and we are all so proud of Justin Thompson for completing his Chrysalis Walk! He is excited to tell us more about it soon.

Wednesdays in the near future will either consist of our study called "Feed the Dog: Seven Spiritual Disciplines to Help You Grow in Your Faith" or a study of the exciting book of Acts with Mrs. Susan on the nights I am teaching confirmation. Both of these studies are so great for furthering your walk with God, so don't miss them! We meet in the youth room Wednesdays from 6:15-7:00 PM. You can also join us for supper beforehand at 5:45 PM by calling the church office by Monday of each week to reserve your spot. Supper is seven dollars. Bring a friend!

This Sunday is SOUPER bowl Sunday! Be sure to bring canned goods to church. Our activity will be earlier to allow you all to watch the Super Bowl. Please join us for lunch at noon followed by Youth Sunday rehearsal and painting and redecorating the youth room! Parents are invited and encouraged to help if possible. I am especially seeking adults with tools who can help put new furniture together. Thanks again to our church family for making this redecoration possible through our casserole fundraiser!

If you are going to Winter Jam, please pay your \$75 ASAP. Contact me if you are interested in going!

Be on the lookout for your February calendars soon for more information on upcoming youth events! I love you all and hope you have a blessed February knowing how LOVED you are by our Father!

Love, Mary Claire



Congratulations to Lee & Connie Massee upon the birth of their granddaughter, Annie Rachel Walker, on January 21. Annie Rachel is the daughter of Leah and Daniel Walker. Congratulations upon this wonderful addition to your family. Welcome to the world little one!



Souper Bowl Sunday is February 3! Please bring your donations of canned goods and non-perishable food items with you to church on that day. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please support our local Christian Kitchen and the work they do in our community.



Join us on Thursday, February 14, for our covered dish luncheon. Everyone age 55+ is invited! Jennie Jay will be presenting our program. Bring your favorite dish and join us for good food, fun and fellowship.

- February 3 is Souper Bowl Sunday! Please, please bring your cans of food for our Christian Kitchen and place them near the box right outside my office and if you can, bring a donation to drop in the pots after the service. Thanks everyone!
- Communion Servers for February 3 – The Damato's and Dianne Engelmann and Barbara Cagle
- Parents, don't forget confirmation classes this month – February 6, 13, and 27. No confirmation class during winter break.
- Adult Ministries Planning Team meets on February 7 at 5:15 PM in the church library.
- Young adults going to DJ's on February 8. We'll leave the parking lot by 6:00 PM.
- Confirmation students are going to the Jewish Synagogue February 9. Parents we will meet here at Central by 11:30 AM to go to lunch so we can get to the synagogue by 12:30 PM.
- Scholarship meeting on February 13 at 4:00 PM in my office.
- Golden Agers will meet February 14 with Jennie Jay as our program.
- Senior adults are going to DJ's on February 21!



Susan Hughes