

Please plan to meet on January 27 at 4:00 PM in the choir room to discuss plans for Youth Sunday on March 24. We will finish in time for Youth at 5:00 PM.



- We are back in full swing following the Christmas break! Please plan to be with us for rehearsal on both January 23 and 30 from 6:50-7:45 PM. We have LOTS of new music to read through! 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, January 23 and 30, 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 have begun again! Please plan to let your child be a part of this wonderful ministry at Central! We generally have a short lesson each week along with learning new songs and lots of FUN! Please contact Karla for further information on children's choirs. Next practices are scheduled for 5:00 PM on January 23 & 30.
- Joy Choir (ages K-5) will sing for the 11:00 AM service on January 27. Please plan to be here at 10:30 AM for practice (immediately following Sunday school).



"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.

Middle School students who have not yet been confirmed are invited to participate in this year's confirmation class. Classes began on January 16 and will meet every Wednesday at 6:15 PM in the Adult Education Building unless otherwise indicated in the bulletin or through text messages. If you need more information please contact Susan Hughes.



Disaster Response Training

"Anyone interested in serving on our disaster relief team in the future may go online to register for the upcoming disaster relief training class on January 26. As you know, to serve on a UM Disaster Relief Team, you now MUST be ERT trained. We will also offer a Chainsaw Training class on January 26. The policy of the South Georgia Conference is that no one may serve on a DR team or operate a chainsaw on a disaster relief trip without taking the DR ERT training class and the Chainsaw Training class. The cost for both classes is \$31 and this includes your badge, lunch, and t-shirt. The cost for ERT class alone is \$25. The cost for Chainsaw class alone is \$12. This training is free for all Central members (you will be reimbursed for your registration fee). Please register online at <https://sgaumc-reg.brtapp.com/ERTTrainingCentral2018>. Call Susan Hughes for more information."

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January 20 & 27, 2019

NO. 8

Outrageous & Contagious Women's Conference

Saturday, February 2 • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center



Tickets available at www.itickets.com or visit them on facebook at Outrageous & Contagious 8. It is too late to order a T-shirt or lunch, but conference tickets are still available.

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 January 20: South Baxley United Methodist Churches and their pastor, Bobby Gale.
- Week beginning January 27: Sparks United Methodist Church and their pastor, John Harrington.



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Our Prayer Concerns

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

January Prayer Team: Betty Abell, Virginia Snowden, Linda Brantley

Calendar

Sunday, January 20, 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

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King Day – Church Office Closed

10:00 AM UMW #1 at the home of Linda Brantley
 4:00 PM UMW #2 in the Brown Activity Room
 6:00 PM Wolf Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 PM UMW #4 in the Brown Activity Room

Tuesday, January 22

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

Wednesday, January 23

4:00 PM D.S. consults with area SPRCs (Library)
 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, January 24

10:00 AM Ladies Yoga (Brown Rm.)
 5:30 PM Tiger Cubs (Brown Rm.)
 5:30 PM Walk & Talk
 6:00 PM Finance Committee (Library)

Saturday, January 26

8:00 AM Disaster Response Training Class

Sunday, January 27

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 Forks 'n Fellowship Lunch
 4:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Library)
 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
 5:00 PM Children's Parents Meeting (Chapel)

Monday, January 28 - 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, January 29

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

Wednesday, January 30

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, January 31

10:00 AM Ladies Yoga (Brown Rm.)
 5:00 PM Senior Adults Trip to DJs
 5:30 PM Tiger Cubs (Brown Rm.)
 5:30 PM Walk & Talk

Saturday, February 2

9:00 AM O & C8 Women's Conference (Tifton-UGA Ctr)

Helpers for January

USHERS: Art Anderson, Captain; Tim McDonald, Ros Nash, Harold Kimball, 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 January 20, 2019

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

Scripture: Isaiah 26:4

Sermon: "The Rock of Ages"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Jason Holt

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Women of Faith & Barnabas Classes

Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen

Acolytes: Austin Griffin, Cohen Griffin

Children's Church Helpers: Shawn & Brandy Elrod, Mike & Mande Bishop

Church Offering Teller: Jimmy Johnson, Patricia Walker

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of January 27, 2019

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

Scripture: Revelation 2:8-11

Sermon: "Revelation Churches: Smyrna – Hold Fast to Thy Crown"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Joy Choir

Offertory: Pat Ashley, Karla Foster, Lee Masee, Donna Owens

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Friends Class

Sunday School Greeter: Dianne Engelmann

Acolytes: Ethan Shiver, Charlie Burke

Children's Church Helpers: Brittany Eidson, Jennifer Shoultz

Church Offering Teller: Wyndi Damato, Darrell Weeks



The New Year Anxiety

We are in the New Year by a few weeks. I pray that it is going well for you so far. However, as I think about the weeks and months ahead for the rest of 2019, it is easy to let anxiety about the unknown creep in. I re-read a pastoral care article by Russell L. Dicks about the healing emotions for anxiety. My summary for that article is here for your use.

"Faith is a defense against anxiety. Joy is a defense against hostility. Self-awareness is a defense against guilty feelings. Courage is a defense against pain. Creative work is a defense against boredom. Hope is a defense against despair. Love is a defense against loneliness."

Notice that the first word to these healing emotions is faith! Without faith we would have no defense against these negative things that will occur in our lives at some point in 2019.

I pray that you will join us for worship so that your faith can increase as we worship the Living God together. I pray that 2019 is a year filled with an increase in your faith! See you Sunday!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*

Soles for Souls is a ministry that we are participating in through the month of January. 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.



You are invited to the Forks & Fellowship church lunch on Sunday, January 27. Join us in the fellowship hall immediately following 11:00 AM worship for a delicious lunch prepared by Todd & Suzanne Reaves. Our menu is Chicken, Rice/Gravy, Green Beans, Creamed Corn, Stained Glass Fruit and Rolls. As always, no reservations are required and there is no cost for the meal. Donations are happily accepted!

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.



I hope you have had a chance to slow down and enjoy time with your family over the holidays. Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 27! The children's choir will be singing in the 11:00 AM worship service. Church will be followed by a delicious fellowship lunch prepared by Mrs. Suzanne and Mr. Todd. We will need some desserts to go with the meal, so parents please let me know if you'd be willing to bring something. We will also have a parent meeting at 5:00 PM in the chapel on the 27th. Parents, this is a very important meeting. I would like to get your feedback about Sunday School and Children's Church and give you some important details for VBS and summer camp. I hope to see you there!!



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 – January 23: Pork Chops, Salad Bar, Dessert

Menu – January 30: Soup, Salad Bar, Dessert

Name _____

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

January 23 _____ January 30 _____ Permanent _____



It's almost Martin Luther King Day, and while I know we're all thankful for a day off of school, remember to thank God we live in a country where all races have equal rights.



Many of us will be gone on a ski trip this weekend – please pray for our safety – so we will not have youth Sunday night. We will, however, have Sunday school at 10:00 A.M. I hope you'll enjoy the extra time with your families!

January 27, we will meet at the church from 5:00-6:30 PM. That weekend, please remember to be in prayer for our senior, Justin Thompson, who will be on his Chrysalis journey!

This past Sunday, we had a great parent meeting followed by a fun but slightly gross time in youth. At the parent meeting, we talked about The Body of Christ from Romans 12 and were reminded that we are all an essential part of the church! I am so grateful for volunteers. Please let me know if you would like to know how you can volunteer. I know volunteering isn't possible for everyone, so please know I am also so appreciative for prayers for our ministry. Parents, if you missed the meeting, send me your e-mail so I can send you a copy of our agenda. Youth, if you missed Sunday night, read Hebrews 5:11-6:1. We talked about being "babies" in Christ!

Wednesday, we will begin a new series called "Feed the Dog." This series focuses on improving our spiritual disciplines. The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to start forming new habits! This includes coming to church/youth. If you haven't been able to make it in a while, we miss you! I hope you all will join us Wednesdays from 6:15-7:00 PM. Confirmands, remember you will stay until 7:15 PM on Wednesdays.

Mrs. Karla and I need to know about two things ASAP: Winter Jam and Son Power! Winter Jam, a Christian concert event, will be in Atlanta March 16-17. The cost is \$75. Son Power is a week-long event that includes worship, speakers, missions, and fun! The approximate cost is \$400, but we will do at least one fundraiser. Please let us know THIS WEEK if you are interested in either!

Finally, if you have the Remind app, some changes are being made January 28, and Verizon customers will no longer be able to receive the Reminders via text. PLEASE be sure to download the app and enable push notifications before this time so you don't miss out on important reminders! If you need to join Remind, text @mgidde to 81010, and be sure to follow us on Instagram @centralfitzyouth!

Much love, Mary Claire



Souper Bowl Sunday in 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.

- Currently, Walk-N-Talk meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 PM. All adult ages are invited along with youth and children (children have to be accompanied by an adult). Depending on what our participation is, we may decrease it down to one afternoon a week. Watch your bulletin for updates. But come join us because we will be able to get in shape while we pray for one another! We will meet in front of the sanctuary at 5:30 PM.
- Confirmation classes have begun! Confirmands are asked to meet in the first classroom on the left as you come in the Central Avenue door of the Sunday school building. We will meet starting this week at 6:15 PM. Be sure and get to Wednesday Night Supper by 5:45 PM so you'll have time to eat.
- Senior adults will be going to DJ's on January 31. We'll leave the church by 5:15 PM.



Susan Hughes