

Though we will have no rehearsals on January 6, I would like to meet with parents of youth at 4 PM on that day in the fellowship hall. Please plan to be here. The meeting will be held to discuss Youth Sunday coming up in March as well as the Son Power trip for June.



Time to get cranking again with choir rehearsals! We will not practice on January 2, but we will be ready to go again at 6:50 PM on January 9. See you then! Thanks once again for the beautiful music during the Advent and Christmas seasons.



Handbell rehearsals will not resume until January 16. Please notice that this is one week after children's choirs begin. See you at 5 PM on the 16th!

† Children's choirs, supper and JAM will resume on Wednesday, January 9. Please plan to start out the new year with us!
† There will be no children's choir rehearsals on January 2.



"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.



Central's United Methodist Men will meet on Tuesday, January 8, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All men of Central are invited to attend the monthly UMM meetings and to participate in the ministries of our UMM.

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



Emergency 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. Please register online at <https://sgaumc-reg.brtapp.com/ERTTrainingCentral2018>. Call Susan Hughes for more information."

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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 6, 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
4:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Library)
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship
6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (Brown Room)

Monday, January 7

10:00 AM Ladies Yoga (Brown Rm.)
6:00 PM Wolf Scouts (Brown Rm.)
6:30 PM Emmaus Gathering

Tuesday, January 8

9:30 AM Preschool Chapel
10:00 AM District Superintendent with area clergy (Library)
5:30 PM Bear Scouts (Brown Rm.)
6:30 PM United Methodist Men

Wednesday, January 9

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

Thursday, January 10

10:00 AM Ladies Yoga (Brown Rm.)
12:00 PM Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 PM Tiger Cubs (Brown Rm.)

Saturday, January 12

9:00 AM "Un-Hang" the Greens
6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (Brown Rm.)

Sunday, January 13

9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
11:00 AM Morning Worship
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship
6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (Brown Rm.)

Monday, January 14

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 15

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

Wednesday, January 16

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 17

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

Saturday, January 19

9:00 AM Administrative Council Retreat (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (Brown Rm.)

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 6, 2019

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

Scripture: Numbers 6:22-27

Sermon: "A New Year's Blessing" – Leadership Installation

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Juli-ana Massey

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Action Life

Sunday School Greeter: Annette Braddy

Acolytes: Davis Holt, Gregory Calhoun

Children's Church Helpers: Kristie Thompson, Rob & Amber Hughes

Church Offering Teller: Linda Brantley, Lisa Young

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of January 13, 2019

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

Scripture: _____

Sermon: " _____ "

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: New Beginnings

Sunday School Greeter: Anna Brown

Acolytes: Anna Marie Elrod, Cassidy Peavey

Children's Church Helpers: Andy & Mandy Johnson, Heath & Mia Parrish

Church Offering Teller: Charlene Hatcher, Margaret Chasteen



Why Us?

As we begin a new year, I thought about why God makes his will known to us. I want to share those brief thoughts with you to help us all start off on a good foot in 2019.

God revealed the way we are to go when he created us. God made it possible for us to be born with certain talents and abilities that are to be used for building up his Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

God provides us with opportunities to fulfill his will for humanity and for ourselves. These opportunities are times when we are to use those God-given talents and abilities to share the good news of Christ.

God gives us wisdom, knowledge, and reason to help us make proper judgments about options that present themselves to us as we venture into the opportunities that are before us when we are to use the talents and abilities that God has provided when he created us.

You see, God has been letting us know his will ever since each one of us were born. Will you have a Happy New Year? I think that you can if you pursue God's will in your life! God wants what is best for each one of us. All we need to do is listen for his guidance and then obey. I pray that you and your family have a very blessed 2019!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*



Help un-decorate the sanctuary! The worship committee asks for your help in removing the advent and Christmas decorations from the sanctuary and getting them stored away. Many hands will make light work. Join us on Saturday, January 12 from 9:00 AM to noon. Your help will be very much appreciated!

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.



Emmaus Gathering

The Fitzgerald Emmaus Cluster meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. The group gathers first in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish meal and then moves to the chapel for a Fourth Day program and communion. Anyone who has participated in an Emmaus event is invited to attend. In addition, if you are interested in Emmaus or would like more information you are encouraged to attend. The next meeting for this group will be on Monday, January 7.

I hope you all had a fun New Year's Eve celebration with family and friends and are ready to bring in the new year with God at the center of everything you do. Have you already made a New Year's Resolution? Think about things like reading your Bible every day or making sure you say a prayer to start each day. Maybe you can even make a resolution to make a new friend or two at school and invite them to church with you. Jesus said we are supposed to be fishers of men, and school is an ocean full of people you can reach out to and teach about God. Helping bring people closer to Jesus would be an awesome resolution! I will be praying for you all as we get back into a normal routine with school, church, and other activities. Can't wait to see you (and hopefully a new friend or two) soon!



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 9 – Chicken Pot Pie, Salad Bar, Dessert

Menu: January 16 – Beef Stew, Salad Bar, Dessert

Name _____

Adults/Teens _____ #Age 4-12 yrs. _____ #Age 0-3 yrs. _____
January 9 only _____ January 16 only _____ Permanent Reservation _____



- ⇒ Remember the remainder of your ski trip deposit was due January 2! Paperwork has been mailed to you.
- ⇒ We will do an activity with Arbor on January 6 and will be at the church on the 13th.
- ⇒ Please pray for Justin Thompson who will be attending a Chrysalis walk the last weekend of January!
- ⇒ I can't wait for confirmation! Please be sure to check your email.



OUTRAGEOUS & CONTAGIOUS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 2, 9 AM – 3 PM at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center. Tickets available at www.itickets.com or visit them on Facebook at Outrageous & Contagious 8.



GOLDEN AGERS LUNCHEON

Everyone age 55+ is invited! Golden Agers covered dish lunch on Thursday, January 10, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Great food, fun and fellowship!



Members of the 2019 Administrative Council and all Committee Members and Chairpersons are encouraged to be present at the 11 AM worship service on January 13. There will be a special dedication and installation service during worship on that day.

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 6: Scott's Chapel and Emory Chapel United Methodist Churches and their pastor, Brenda Johnson.
- Week beginning January 13: Shelton's Chapel United Methodist Church and their pastor, Walter Brooks.



- Golden Agers will begin again on January 10 at 12:00 noon! We have a great speaker so bring your dish and call a friend and come join us!
- Confirmation classes begin January 16 and will meet every Wednesday at 6:15 in the Brown Room, unless otherwise indicated in the bulletin or through text messages.
- On January 31, our senior adults will be going to DJ's! We'll meet at the church breezeway at 5:00 to leave by 5:15.
- Don't forget to register for the Disaster Relief ERT/Chainsaw training class that will be held on January 26. Call me for details.
- Ladies yoga will begin on Monday, January 7. We will meet all Mondays and Thursdays in January except for Martin Luther King Day on January 21.



Adult Ministries

Susan Hughes