

Central's Pre-School is holding a fund raiser! Purchase your ticket now for a spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 29. Tickets are available from parents of our preschool students, preschool teachers and in the church office. Please support our preschool.



Please plan to be with us for rehearsal on March 20 & 27 beginning at 6:50 PM in the choir room. We will be rehearsing a few extra minutes for the upcoming weeks in preparation for our Easter music which will be presented on April 14 at the 11 AM service.

- Youth Sunday is March 24 at 11:00 AM. Rehearsal schedule is as follows: Sunday, March 17, at 3:00 PM (upon return from Winter Jam); Wednesday, March 20, time is TBA; Sunday, March 24, at 9:00 AM in sanctuary. Breakfast will be served following practice that day. Dress for the program is our new youth t-shirt and jeans. These will be handed out on Wednesday, March 20.
- Some of our marching band students are playing a piece of music for Youth Sunday. We are meeting for extra rehearsals on Wednesday immediately following youth. Rehearsal will take place in the sanctuary from 7:00-7:30 PM on March 20. You will be notified of any additional practices.



Handbell rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, March 20 & 27, at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. We all loved the beautiful music that you provided for our March 10 service. Thank you for always doing such a wonderful job!

- We will meet as usual on March 20 & 27 at 5:00 PM in the choir rooms located directly behind the sanctuary. Please contact Karla for further information on children's choirs.
- Angel and Joy Choirs will sing for the 11:00 AM worship service on March 17. Please be here at 10:30 AM (right after Sunday school) for practice.
- Looking ahead – Children's Sunday is scheduled for April 28 at 11:00 AM. Please put this date on your calendar – we want all of our children to participate! A cd of both VBS 2019 music and "Who, What, When, Where, Why" has been sent home with your children. Music from both of these will be used on Children's Sunday. Please contact Karla if your child needs a copy of either cd.



"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.



Our Prayer Concerns

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

March Prayer Team: Pat & Anita Stafford, Don Woeltjen.

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March 17 & 24, 2019

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We extend Christian sympathy to Margaret Hair Hall and family upon the death of her son, Jeff Hair. Funeral services for Mr. Hair were conducted at The Paulk Funeral Home Chapel on March 9. Please keep the Hair family in your prayers.



We extend a warm Central welcome to Mr. Robert Lane Hall. Robert Lane joined Central by transfer of his membership from another denomination. Robert Lane has been worshipping with us at Central for some time and we are delighted that he has decided to make Central his church home. Please make him feel welcome as you see him around Central.

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Calendar

Sunday, February March 17, 2019

9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
 9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
 10:30 AM Angel & Joy Choirs meet
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 3:00 PM Youth Sunday Rehearsal
 4:00 PM Administrative Council Meeting & Facilities Walk-thru

Monday, March 18 – Worship Bulletin Due

10:00 AM Ladies Yoga Class
 5:00 PM Parsonage Committee (at parsonage)
 6:00 PM Wolf Scouts (Brown Room)
 6:00 PM United Methodist Women's Social

Tuesday, March 19

9:30 PM Preschool Chapel
 4:00 PM Walk & Talk
 5:30 PM Bear Scouts (Brown Rm.)
 6:30 PM Men on Target (Library)

Wednesday, March 20

10:00 AM Bible Study with B.J. (Fell. Hall)
 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
 7:00 PM Youth Band Rehearsal

Thursday, March 21

10:00 AM Ladies Yoga (Brown Rm.)
 4:00 PM Walk & Talk
 5:30 PM Tiger Cubs (Brown Rm.)
 5:30 PM Confirmands meet for supper (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 PM Confirmands attend Episcopal Church

Sunday, March 24, 2019

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

Monday, March 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, March 26

9:30 AM Preschool Chapel
 4:00 PM Walk & Talk
 5:30 PM Bear Scouts (Brown Rm.)
 6:30 PM Men on Target

Wednesday, March 27

10:00 AM Bible Study with B.J.
 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, March 28

10:00 AM Ladies Yoga (Brown Rm.)
 4:30 PM Senior Adults Trip to Tifton
 5:30 PM Tiger Cubs (Brown Rm.)
 6:00 PM Finance Committee (Library)

Friday, March 29

Preschool Spaghetti Lunch Fund Raiser

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 March 17: The Gathering United Methodist Church and their pastor, Devin Shultz.
- Week beginning March 24: Tifton First United Methodist Churches and their pastor, Chip Grantham.



Helpers for March

USHERS: Clint Talton, Captain; Becky Griffin, Chance Giddens, Robert Griffin, Bob Bryant, Heath Parrish, Henry Hatcher .
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 March 17, 2019

Rev. Dr. Rich Wright (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: Revelation 3:17-13
Sermon: "Revelation Churches: Philadelphia - Are You In or Out"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Angel & Joy Choirs
Offertory: Sherry Masee, Susan Hughes, Karla Foster
Postlude: Brian Morris
Breakfast Hosts: Friends
Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen
Acolytes: Ethan Shiver, Charlie Burke
Children's Church Helpers: Brittany Eidson, Shawn & Brandy Elrod
Church Offering Teller: Jimmy Johnson, Patricia Walker

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of March 24, 2019

9:00 AM Worship – Rev. Dr. Rich Wright
Scripture: Acts 16:1-5
Sermon: "Character Counts"

11:00 AM Worship – Youth Sunday
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Youth
Offertory: Youth
Postlude: Brian Morris
Breakfast Hosts: Covenant Class
Sunday School Greeter: Dianne Engelmann
Acolytes: Banks Parrish, Jackson Parrish
Children's Church Helpers: Amy & Billy Shiver, Mike & Mande Bishop
Church Offering Teller: Wyndi Damato, Darrell Weeks



The Gideons International
Spreading the Good News

Gideon Sunday is March 31. A Gideon representative will speak for a few minutes at both the 9:00 AM and the 11:00 AM worship services. Please come prepared to provide an open Bible offering that will be received at the conclusion of the services. This special offering will help the Gideons distribute Bibles worldwide.

The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, March 28, at 6:00 PM in the church library. All members of the Finance Committee are asked to be present. Members of the 2019 Finance Committee are: Pat Ashley, Chris Hughes, Andy Johnson, Mike Smith, Mark Masee, Lee Masee, Kyle Cook, Clint Talton, Gene Dorminey, Gill Braddy, Rob Hughes, Millie Ward and Pastor Rich Wright.



IMPORTANT NOTICE
.....PLEASE READ
 There will be a special called Administrative Council meeting on Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 4:00 PM in the fellowship hall. This meeting is called for the purpose of touring our buildings and then taking a facility survey. The entire membership of the church is invited to participate in this important meeting about the future of our church property.



Calling All Youth

On Sunday, March 24, during the 11:00 AM service, we will be celebrating Youth Sunday. I cordially invite all of you to be present in supporting our youth in this worship service. This upcoming service took me to Paul's first letter to Timothy. In 1 Timothy 4:12 (NRSV) we find, "Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." To me this is a call to all youth to hear a divine message.

Our church needs your boundless energy to share the gospel of Christ through your actions. Your actions demonstrate your faith. Your faith inspires you to serve our neighbors so that we bless them and God. This service in God's name is the outward sign of an inward divine grace.

Our church needs your spirit of daring. What I mean by this is that you are willing to take a risk. The risk is that you actually do something constructive for God's Kingdom. Many adults have lost this daring spirit. I pray that you never lose this risk-taking spirit!

Our church needs your vision. God used a teenage shepherd boy to defeat a giant of a man and he eventually became king of Israel. You have dreams and plans for the future. You will be the leaders of our church in the not-so-distant future! I pray that you never lose the vision of the Kingdom that God has imparted to you. You are a part of God's plan for humanity and our church!

To our young people, I praise God for you and your spiritual growth! I hope that you will become more involved in our church because God needs you in our church! See all of you (the young and the young-at-heart) in church this Sunday, but especially on March 24 for Youth Sunday!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*

Join us as we celebrate Youth Sunday on March 24 at the 11:00 AM worship service. Our youth will be leading us in worship and will provide special music. Please be present to support Central's youth!



I can't wait to hear you guys and girls sing this Sunday! I've heard you practicing, and I know it's going to be awesome and a blessing to everyone who hears you.

Next week (March 24) the older children (3rd-5th graders) will stay in church for the youth service. The youth have been working hard to prepare for their service and it's going to be so much fun to watch. Our special Children's Sunday is April 28 – don't forget to mark your calendars because you don't want to miss it.

Have you kept up with what you decided to give up for Lent? Have you replaced it with something that is helping to build your relationship with God? If you haven't, it's not too late. God is happy with us anytime we do something that helps us be closer to Him.

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 – March 20: Pork Chops, Salad Bar, Dessert

Menu – March 27: Beef Tips, Salad Bar, Dessert

Name _____

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

March 20 _____ March 27 _____ Permanent _____



Hi everyone,

It's almost time for Youth Sunday! Thank you for your hard work and dedication. If you have a speaking part, remember this needs to be memorized ASAP! Our final practices will be Sunday, March 17 from 3:00-4:00 PM, and we will meet Sunday, March 24 at 9:00 AM in the sanctuary. There will be no youth on the evening of the 17 (Youth Sunday practice only) and no Sunday school on the 24.

We will meet at our regular times on Wednesdays this month from 6:15-7:00 PM.

Winter Jam folks, please remember your paperwork and payments are due BEFORE the day of the trip. I am praying you will all be safe and have a WONDERFUL time!

If you're out of the habit of coming to youth, it's never too late to rejoin! If you've never been, you are more than welcome, too! We are studying the book of John in Sunday school at 10:00 AM on Sundays, we are studying spiritual disciplines on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM, and we eat together and have a social activity Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:30 PM. You can stay more up-to-date by texting @mgidde to 81010 and by following us on Instagram @centralfitzyouth. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Love you all, *Mary Claire*



TO MARS AND BEYOND



Vacation Bible School 2019

June 23 – June 27

5:30 to 8:00 PM

Register on-line now at centralumc.net

(Parent and Youth volunteers are stSI needed!)

† Don't forget Trustees meeting this Sunday, March 17, at 4:00 PM in the fellowship hall. **All members of Central are invited.**

† Walk-N-Talk at 4:00 PM every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We feel blessed to be able to pray for **Adult Ministries** members of our church and community, and we get in shape while doing it! So call or text me if you'd like to try it! Everyone is invited to join us!

† Confirmation students are asked to meet at Central UMC's fellowship hall on Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 PM to go to supper together before going to the service at St. Matthews Episcopal church. The service is at 7:00 PM if you can't make it for supper. St. Matthews is located on West Pine St.

† Ladies Yoga classes are Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 AM in Brown Room.

† Senior adult group will be going to see performance by Turtle Island String Quartet on March 28. We will leave the church by 4:30 PM for dinner at 41 & Main in Tifton and then the concert at 7:00 PM. Call, text or email if you'd like to go. Tickets are \$20.

† Ladies visitation group will meet on March 29 at 9:30 AM at Our Daily Bread and then on to visit some of our members.

† Prime Timers (middle aged adults 45-65ish) will meet at CUMC on March 30 to go to the Salty Snapper in Valdosta. Please let me know if you plan to go by March 27 as I will need to make reservations. You can call me for more details.

Susan Hughes