

- Handbell rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, April 3 & 10 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room.
- Looking ahead: Handbells will play for the April 14 service at 11:00 AM.



• Please plan to be with us for rehearsal on April 3 & 10 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 musical which will be presented on April 14 at the 11:00 AM service.

• Special note: There will be no fellowship supper on April 3, but we will rehearse due to our upcoming Easter music. Thanks for all that you do!

» You did such a great job on Youth Sunday! I was proud of each and every one of you for the important part that you played in the service. Thank you for your hard work!



» The Joy Choir will be singing with the Celebration Choir on Easter Sunday (April 21) and I would really like for members of the Youth Choir to sing with the children and adults as well. If you would like to participate, please be at rehearsal on Wednesday, April 10 & 17, at 5:40 PM in the choir room to practice with the Joy Choir.

- We will meet as usual on April 10 at 5:00 PM in the choir rooms located directly behind the sanctuary. There will be no children's choir rehearsal on April 3 due to BHCS spring break.
- Angel and Joy Choirs will participate in the Palm Sunday processional for the 11:00 AM worship service on April 14. Please be here at 10:30 AM (right after Sunday school) for practice. Joy Choir will also sing on Easter Sunday – April 21.
- 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 child. Music from both of these will be used on Children's Sunday. Please contact Karla if your child needs a copy of either cd.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ESTATE SALE

Saturday, April 6 • 7:30 AM • 939 W. Roanoke Dr. Ext.
Support our effort to raise money for missions.

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

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

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March 31 & April 7, 2019

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We are having another fun Forks & Fellowship Lunch on April 28. Join us for a hamburger & hotdog lunch following our celebration of Children's Sunday at the 11:00 AM worship service. No reservations required – no cost for the meal – donations are happily accepted.



Our Children's Department and Children's Choirs are planning a special worship service for us on Children's Day. Please plan to be present on April 28 at the 11:00 AM worship service as we celebrate the children of Central.

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Calendar

Sunday, February March 31, 2019

9:00 AMEarly Morning Worship
9:15 AMFellowship Breakfast
9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
11:00 AMMorning Worship
2:30 PM Methodist Youth Fellowship
4:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Library)

Monday, April 1 – Worship Bulletin Due

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

Tuesday, April 2

4:00 PM Walk & Talk
5:30 PM Bear Scouts (Brown Rm.)

Wednesday, April 3

10:00 AM Bible Study with B.J. (Fell. Hall)
6:50 PM Celebration Choir

Thursday, April 4

10:00 AM Ladies Yoga (Brown Rm.)
4:00 PM Walk & Talk
5:30 PM Tiger Cubs (Brown Rm.)

Saturday, April 6

2:00 PM Senior Adults Trip to Thomasville

Sunday, April 7

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
4:00 PM Easter Program Rehearsal (Narrators & Disciples only)

Monday, April 8 - Newsletter & Worship Bulletin Due

10:00 AM Ladies Yoga (Brown Rm.)
4:00 PM Church Staff Meeting
5:15 PM Supper Committee (Library)
6:00 PM Wolf Scouts (Brown Rm.)

Tuesday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 10

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, April 11

10:00 AM Ladies Yoga (Brown Rm.)
12:00 PM Golden Agers Luncheon
4:00 PM Walk & Talk
5:30 PM Tiger Cubs (Brown Rm.)

Friday, April 12

9:00 AM Ladies Visitation (Daily Bread)



United Methodist Men will be meeting on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. A special program will be led by Chris Adams. All men of Central are invited!

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 31: Trinity United Methodist Church (Tifton) and their pastor, Randy Hand.
- Week beginning April 7: Trinity United Methodist Church (Waycross) and their pastor, Rev. Michael Myers.



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.

Helpers for April

USHERS: Lawson Owens, Captain; Jeremy Martin, Gill Braddy, Mike Smith, Todd Damato, Sikes McCord, Garrett McCord.

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 31, 2019

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

Scripture: Revelation 3:14-22

Sermon: "Revelation Churches: Laodicea, Open Up to Christ"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Action Life

Sunday School Greeter: Nancy Kimball

Acolytes: Brett Martin, Elliott Oliver

Children's Church Helpers: Victoria Thompson, Tosha Martin

Church Offering Teller: Linda Brantley, Lisa Young

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of April 7, 2019

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

Scripture: Acts 26:28

Sermon: "John Wesley's Sermon 'The Almost Christian'"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Juli-ana Massey, Madelyn Massey, Mary Claire Giddens

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: New Beginnings

Sunday School Greeter: Annette Braddy

Acolytes: Maci Shoultz, Madi Shoultz

Children's Church Helpers: Jennifer Shoultz, Roger & Allison Merritt

Church Offering Tellers: Charlene Hatcher, Margaret Chasteen



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 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.

Trustees Committee Meeting
Sunday, March 31, at 4:00 PM
Church Library



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Administrative Council Meeting

Sunday, April 14, at 5:00 PM

All Council members are asked to be present. This meeting is open to all church members.



Spring Is Here

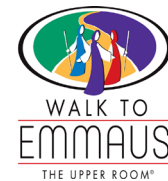
Spring has finally arrived! The azaleas are getting into full bloom. The dogwood trees have their beautiful off-white flowers standing proudly open. The trees are getting their green leaves back. The hummingbirds are back at our sugar water feeders along with the other birds eating from seed feeders. This is a wonderful time of the year to go from the bleakness of winter (what few days they were for us) to the explosion of colors in our plants and animals. It reminds me of new and abundant life.

In John 10:10, Jesus said that he came so that we may have life and have it abundantly. To have this abundant life, we are made new in Christ. In this newness of life, just as we are experiencing with the advent of Spring, we can encounter the abundance of blessings that God wants to give us. These blessings come as we uphold our vow to be loyal to Christ through our church in our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Enjoy springtime and the abundant new life that Jesus brings. I expect to see you at our worship services so that we can share the blessings of this abundant life together as we help each other stay true to our commitment to God!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*

Fitzgerald's Emmaus Cluster will hold a Gathering on Monday, April 1, at 6:30 PM. The Gathering will begin with a covered dish supper in the Fellowship Hall and will conclude with a Fourth Day program and communion. Anyone who has attended an Emmaus event is welcome. If you would like more information about Emmaus you are also welcome, or you may ask any church staff member for information regarding Emmaus.



Golden Agers Covered Dish Lunch

Thursday, April 11, at Noon • Everyone age 50+ is invited



Spring Break is here – whoo hoo! I hope you all get an opportunity to do something fun and exciting during your break, but don't forget to be here for church and Sunday School on Sunday morning. I look forward to seeing you each week and hearing about what God has done in your life. We are still in Lent and I hope each of you are remembering to add something to your day to help you focus on God and the gift of His son. While we are thinking about Lent and Easter remember our Easter Egg Hunt for children on Saturday, April 20. We will begin at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. I hope to see all of you there. We will have a hopping good time.

It's hard to believe that in just 8 short weeks school will be out for the summer. Remember to put our Vacation Bible School dates (June 23-27) on your calendar. Invite friends to come with you and remind your parents that we still need adult volunteers.

Love to you all and I hope you have a super fun and God filled week!

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 – April 3: No Supper

Menu – April 10: Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Dessert

Name _____

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

April 10 _____ Permanent _____



Thank you so much for all your hard work with Youth Sunday! Your willingness to serve in your church is awesome at a young age and will continue to be important throughout your lives. As Rose read from 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." "I believe you guys were a wonderful example! To our church family, thank you so much for your support!"



Spring break is finally here! We will kick off spring break by bowling in Tifton with Arbor this Sunday, March 31. We will meet at the church at 2:30 PM and return sometime between 4:30 and 5:30 PM (parents, I will keep you posted). We will not have youth Wednesday, April 3, or on Sunday, April 7, because of spring break. We will, however, still have Sunday school both Sundays of Spring Break at 10:00 AM as usual.

Please stay safe this week and get some much-needed rest! Don't forget WHO you are and WHOSE you are!

Love you all, *Mary Claire*

† **"It Is Finished" – Sunday, April 14, at 11:00 AM.** The Celebration Choir will present a program of Lenten and Easter music.

† **"Christ in the Passover" – Wednesday, April 17, at 6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Presented by Jews for Jesus, this program will help you discover the many images of Christ veiled in the customs and tradition of the Passover.

† **Maunder Thursday Communion – Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 PM.** Hosted this year at Central, please help us welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ from Holsey Chapel CME as we together participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

† **Good Friday Worship – Friday, April 19, at 7:00 PM.** The special service brings special meaning and understanding of the death of Jesus.

† **Children's Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 20, beginning at 10:00AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Children (and grandchildren) of Central are invited to join in the fun.

† **Easter Worship – Sunday, April 21.** The Community Sunrise Service will be held in the breezeway at First Baptist Church at 7 AM. Worship services at Central will be held at 9:00 AM (Chapel) and 11:00 AM (Sanctuary).

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 still needed!)

You are invited!

South-Central District Conference

Sunday, April 28, at 5:00 PM

Park Avenue UMC, Valdosta

Following conference there will be Retirement Reception honoring our District Superintendent, Rev. Henry and Mrs. Jane Ellen Bass. Henry has served as our District Superintendent for 8 years and will be retiring from active pastoral ministry in June.

• Couples and singles going on the adult ministries prayer retreat to EBTS can begin making installments if you so choose, or you can pay in full before the date which is April 26-27.

• Senior adults will be going to Jonah's April 6! We plan to leave our church no later than 2:00 PM. Please let me know if you plan to go!

• Communion Servers for April 7 – Mark & Sherry Massee and Chris & Susan Hughes

• There will be a Wednesday Night Supper Committee meeting April 8 at 5:00 PM in the church library. All members of this committee are asked to attend.



Adult Ministries

Susan Hughes