



Our Prayer Concerns

For immediate prayer needs contact our Prayer Chain at 425-1960 (Judy Hunter-Hill).

October Prayer Team:

Susan Hughes, Captain; Karla Foster, Judy Hobby, Lynne Smith and Beth Bryant.



Our children's department would like to welcome your children to our nursery, Children's Sunday school, and Children's church. Our nursery is available during Sunday school, 9 AM

service and the 11 AM service. Our nursery ages range from newborn to 3 years of age. Our Children's department is for children ages 4 to the grade 5. Our acolytes begin training in the grade 3. Under the direction of Charlie Strahan and Candy Lokey, the children are taught to light up our 11 AM worship service by lighting our altar candles and they learn how to help during Communion. Children's Sunday School starts at 9:45 AM and ends around 10:50 AM. During the 11 AM service the children will be called to the front and will be sent to Children's Church with their leaders. Please contact Candy Lokey at 229-392-4079 for any questions or a tour of our Children's department.

PLEASE NOTE we have reopened our Nursery. No Children's Sunday School until further notice. Children's Church will take place in the Brown Activity Room until further notice. Acolytes will no longer have to wear the acolyte robes. Please dress in normal church attire. No more Zoom meetings. Please always remember to social distance and have your children sit with you at church in the allotted spaces. Thank you.

Remember, our Samaritan donation for the month of October is money. Thanks everyone for all of your donations and understanding.

October 18: Shoebox Kickoff!!! No Children's Sunday School until further notice. Children's Church volunteers are Candy Lokey and Andrea Sutton. Acolyte will be Davis Holt.

October 21: PB&JaM at 6 PM in the Brown Room.

October 25: No Children's Sunday School until further notice. Children's Church volunteers are Anna Oliver and Aliceson Sulatycki. Acolyte will be Shawn Lunsford.

Happy October everyone! We are planning a Trunk or Treat for October 28 from 6PM-8PM. We will have a trunk or treat meeting with all participants who are decorating a trunk on October 19 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Samaritan Purse Kickoff is soon approaching! October 18 is our Shoebox kickoff. This year our goal is 200 boxes. Let's make this year a great year of giving. You can either donate your items, money or stuff your own shoebox. Remember everything must fit inside the shoebox. The shoebox blessing is set for November 8 during the 11 AM service. All shoeboxes are due on November 8. We will deliver our shoeboxes November 18. Please stay tuned for more details.

Please be aware. These dates are tentative. Stay safe and God Bless.

Thanks everyone for all your patience and understanding. Please feel free to call, text or email me with any concerns.

Candy Lokey, 229-392-4079, candylokey@icloud.com

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CUMC TRUNK OR TREAT ON OCTOBER 28, 2020. Bring your kids to enjoy a safe, fun environment for CUMC's Trunk or Treat! With our Covid-Safe practices being put in place, you don't have to choose between health and tradition for your children. Don't forget to vote for your favorite trunk on the way out!

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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 of October 18:** Pastor James Yarbrough and the members of Statenville UMC

† **Week of October 25:** The members of Surrency UMC.



Blessing Box

Don't forget to stock our Blessing Box with non-perishable food items. We need everyone's help! Please feel free to take items if you could use a blessing yourself.

"Take what you need, leave what you can."

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Sunday, October 18

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Kickoff
9:00 AM.....Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 AM.....Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM..... Admin Council Meeting (Chapel)

Monday, October 19

6:00 PM..... Trunk Or Treat Trunk Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, October 20

8:00 AM.....Men's Breakfast (Ronnie's)
9:30 AM.....Preschool Chapel (Chapel)
10:00-11:30 AM Prayer Bible Study with Rev. BJ Funk
6:30 PM..... Men on Target (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, October 21

10:30 AM..... Prayer Bible Study with Rev. BJ Funk
(Video Recording Released on Facebook)

5:00 PM..... Handbell Choir (Bell Room)
6:00 PM..... Old Testament Prophet Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, October 22

6:00 PM..... BSA Pack Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, October 25

HOME COMING SERVICE

10:30 AM..... Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM..... Youth (Holts' Home)

Monday, October 26

10:00 AM.....November 1 & 8 Mail-Out Newsletter Items Due
4:00 PM.....Staff Meeting
6:00 PM..... Genesis Bible Study (Lisa Young's Home)

Tuesday, October 27

8:00 AM.....Men's Breakfast (Ronnie's)
10:00-11:30 AM Prayer Bible Study with Rev. BJ Funk
6:30 PM..... Men On Target (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, October 28

10:30 AM..... Prayer Bible Study with Rev. BJ Funk
(Video Recording Released on Facebook)

5:00 PM.....Handbell Choir (Handbell Room)
6:00 PM.....CUMC Trunk Or Treat Event



Here is the ZOOM link for our Charge Conference for those who can't attend in person. Registration is required if you plan to join by ZOOM. If you need another copy of this link emailed to you, please call the church office at 229-423-9381 or email Kindall at (centralumc01@windstream.net).

When: **Nov 8, 2020 03:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZYrfumoqz0sH90FdCckzushyRjM7ivkOLeZ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

There are three ways to keep supporting your church and its ministries financially. You can give **online** (www.centralumc.net) and complete a secure donation through PayPal), **by mail** (PO Box 428, Fitzgerald GA 31750), or by **putting them in baskets** at the sanctuary entrance doors when you come to worship. Thank you for helping our ministries share the love and hope of Christ with others. Thank you for being a vital part of our ministries!





October Worship Service Helpers

OCTOBER USHERS: Aimee Layfield, Usher Captain; Chris Hughes, David Hobby, Mike Foster, Tosha Martin, Mike Bishop, and Bobby Chasteen.

WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, and Scott Strahan.

A/V ASSISTANTS: Ward Burke, Haley Braddy, and Riley Evans.

ACOLYTES: Davis Holt (Oct. 18) and Shawn Lunsford (Oct. 25)
Worship services will be broadcast on Mediacom Channel 81 [Analog], Mediacom Channel 82.17 [HD], our YouTube Channel, Facebook Live, and via a link on our Facebook page.

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of October 18

Sermon: Biblical Revivals: Revival Among the Religious – Acts 19:1-20 (Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Kickoff)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Rich Wright

Prelude/Postlude: 9 AM: Brian Morris, 11 AM: Jay Beverly

Call to Worship: 11 AM: JJ Pryor Handbell Choir

Special Music: 9 AM: Brian Morris, 11 AM: JJ Pryor Handbell Choir

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of October 25

Sermon: Homecoming Sunday – 10:30 AM Service Only

Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Goodlett

Prelude/Postlude: 10:30 AM – Jay Beverly

Call to Worship: Youth

Special Music: Will Reaves, Massee McKinley, Mark and Sherry Massee, Elizabeth Brooks

COMING HOME FOR HOMECOMING

When each church I have been appointed to has a homecoming celebration, I get excited. I'm excited to see people coming back to their home church. It's a time to look back at the fellowship they had in the church. They can remember the happy times and the sad times. They can remember their friends, those who influenced them, and the wonderful times of spiritual discovery. I think about the people who passed through the church and those who passed on into heaven after faithfully serving in the church.

Central UMC is not just a group of buildings. It is a place of refuge and support where one can find Jesus Christ. This year we will be celebrating 125 years in ministry! That's a lot of years of serving God and our neighbors. Thousands of lives have been changed by the Holy Spirit through our church activities over that time.

To me, the most important thing is that Central is God's house in the middle of Fitzgerald. I pray that it is a house where you feel welcomed. I hope that it is a place where you can meet God for the first time or find your way back after a long journey away from Him, too. Central is where Christ is the center of our faith!

Homecoming is a celebration of love, grace and mercy where all of us can come home. We will not have our 9 AM service. However, I pray that you will join us on Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 AM as a time to come home for Homecoming! Welcome Home!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*



Hi everyone,

Thanks for understanding having some time off this past week for fall break and administrative council. I look forward to seeing the middle school again on Wednesday, October 21 from 6:00-7:00 in the Journey Sunday School room, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Holts' house October 25 from 5:00-6:00. Thanks to the Holt family for agreeing to host us!



Serving God By Serving Others

Remember we will not have traditional youth on October 28 as we will help with trunk or treat. If you are not participating already with family or friends, let me know if you would like to help, and I'll ask Mrs. Candy what she needs.

Parents, remember we will take a couple of Wednesdays to finish our small group bible studies, but please be praying and thinking about how you would like us to proceed after that. I will be in touch!

Calendar dates:

October 25: 5:00-6:00 youth at Holts'

Much love you all, **Mary Claire**



Help us encourage Pam Morrison in her battle with cancer by purchasing a yard sign for \$10 at the church office. All proceeds go toward Pam's medical bills and all signs will show her just how much we are rooting for her! Beat Cancer Pam!



We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Carrie Tanner, sister of Avery Tanner, who passed away in early October, 2020 in Fitzgerald, GA. Her service was held on October 4, 2020 and was conducted by her brother, Avery Tanner.



Thanksgiving Volunteers Needed

For several years now, Central UMC has served hundreds of plates to community members in need on Thanksgiving. Though COVID guidelines will make our traditional way of preparing meals impossible, we still want to serve our community! This meal will be catered, so no dishes or servers are needed, but we still need delivery drivers and donations. Please complete the form in your Sunday Bulletin and drop it in the offering plate or call the church office if you are willing to help!



You're invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall each Tuesday at 10:00 AM for a new Six-Week Prayer Bible Study led by Rev. BJ Funk. In this study, you will learn how to don your armor to become Prayer Warriors in your lives and for this country. If you can't make it in person on Tuesdays, then go to Facebook the very next day at 10:30 AM and watch the video recording of the study. If you are interested and able to come to the In-Person Bible Studies on Tuesdays, please RSVP to Susan by calling the Church Office at 229-423-9381.

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Gift of the Month: October's gift is MONEY. Each shoebox costs \$9 to ship to a child in need. Anything you can give over that will go toward making more shoeboxes. We ask you to bring these gifts to our worship services and leave them in the offering plate. Please make sure to use an envelope or check and write that it is designated to "Samaritan's Purse!" Thanks for thinking of others!



Adult Ministries to join the conference Disaster Response trip to Pensacola to help with Hurricane Sally relief. What a blessing! Thank you for your continued support!

- Remember to support Homecoming Sunday on October 25! Pastor Keith Goodlett will be speaking! We are looking forward to another wonderful Homecoming service!
- Genesis Bible study will meet at Lisa Young's home, October 26 at 6:00 PM. No food will be served.
- A big thank you to Patty and Princess for leading our adult ministries fall gourd painting class last week! You girls did such a great job and it was loads of fun! If you missed this one, we are having another one December 1 to paint Christmas ornaments. Call me at the church office to reserve your spot! Thanks so much! *Susan*

Children: We are planning a special presentation for a Sunday in November as well as for our joint Christmas program which will be held on December 13.



Younger children (ages 4 – 2nd grade) will meet during P, B and J time on October 21 at 6PM. Watch your text messages for updates on rehearsals. Please let me know if your child is interested in participating in the November and December activities.

Youth: Some of you are participating in a skit that will be presented on October 25 during the Homecoming service. Practice dates and times will be sent via text and REMIND app. Please go ahead and memorize your part.

Handbells: Handbell Choir will practice on both October 21 and 28 in the handbell room beginning at 5PM. Our next date to play for the 11AM service is October 18. Please meet at 9:30AM that morning immediately following the 9AM service. Practice will be held that morning in the sanctuary.

Celebration Choir: Many of you are participating in some way for the Christmas program on December 13. Thank you for your willingness to help in these unusual circumstances. Parts have been sent already to those who are speaking – please watch the bulletin and text messages for updates regarding rehearsals.

Praise Team: Next scheduled times for singing at 11AM service are: November 15, December 6 and 13. Rehearsals will be announced in our text group.

Karla



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