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LETTER FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Dear friends,

I consider myself a connoisseur of barbeque and I enjoy visiting our state's and region's legendary barbeque establishments. A few weeks ago, I had a meeting in Orangeburg, which of course meant a trip to the legendary Duke's Bar-B-Que. Even though I have been serious about eating healthy these last few months, I threw caution to the wind and ate hash and pork until I could eat no more.

As I was eating, I began to reflect on what makes a truly good barbeque restaurant. Without question, the measure of a good barbeque restaurant is the degree to which it focuses on barbeque. If it focuses too much on fancy decor, an attractive location, or non-pork foods, the quality of the barbeque will decrease accordingly. It's okay if they serve things like macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, and banana pudding, which complement barbeque rather than detract from it, but it is important for barbeque to remain the focus. *Keeping the main thing the main thing* leads to greatness and, in the case of barbeque, deliciousness. Think about it. We would not expect McDonald's to have good spaghetti any more than we would expect an Italian restaurant to have good Pad Thai.

By the time you read these words, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church may have already concluded. Regardless of the outcome of General Conference, Central will be fine as long as we remember the barbeque principle. We must continue to keep the main thing the main thing, which is to say we must focus on the mission and ministry God has given us. God has placed Central in a community where people still need to hear the call to follow Jesus and in which there are profound spiritual, physical, and social needs. Our mission is to follow Jesus by loving God and loving our neighbors. *That* is our main thing, so let's focus on it, and join God in God's work among us.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas".

Messages FROM OUR CLERGY

Rev. Ann Kovan

Associate Pastor

Beloved,

In Ephesians 4:14-16, the writer identifies a primary enemy to church unity and the fulfillment of believers in Christ-community: "every wind of doctrine...people's trickery...craftiness...deceitful scheming," that tosses us and blows us about "to and fro." When this is printed, the General Conference will be drawing to a close, and you no doubt have been targeted by crafty, deceitful, hurtful messages about our denomination. The powers and principalities of this dark world aim to destroy God's holy, universal church, and the state of the United Methodist Church as it relates to human sexuality is low-hanging fruit. In other words, Satan is shrieking with delight at the ease and readiness with which the media spins negativity and the abundance of misinformation about our church.

Friends, I urge you to monitor your diet of media sources and resist the schemes of powers seeking to divide and destroy the Kingdom of God by pitting disciples against one another. Let's instead, "speak the truth in love" and "grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body in building itself up in love" (Ephesians 4:15-16). Let's combat evil and stay focused on the mission and ministry of Christ's loving example that is before us: *Follow Jesus. Love God. Love Neighbor.*

In Christ,

Rev. Ann Kovan

Rev. Meg Bryce Jiunnies

Pastor of Faith Formation & Discipleship

Dear Church Family,

I love the change of rhythm that summertime brings, although summers are much shorter and a lot busier than they used to be!

Scripture reminds us that it is good to be in fellowship with one another, working together, breaking bread, and devoting ourselves to encouraging one another.

As you make your plans and intentions for your summer fun and relaxation, please include our church community in those plans – for Vacation Bible School, Costa Rica, Salkehatchie, BBQ and Bluegrass, Balcony Friends, Veterans Breakfasts, Happy Travelers, fun fellowship events, worship, Sunday School, and small groups. When you are here, be with us. When you are away, find a church to join in worship. As the Body of Christ, these moments are touchstones to keep us in love with God and one another.

"Life in the Spirit involves diligent use of the means of grace such as praying, fasting, attending upon the sacraments, and inward searching in solitude. It also encompasses the communal life of the church in worship, mission, evangelism, service and social witness." (from *Our Doctrinal Heritage, The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*).

Recognize God's goodness and grace evidenced in the beauty of the world around us this summer!

Blessings,

Rev. Meg Jiunnies

SUNDAYS AT CENTRAL

All Sunday School classes meet from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM on Sunday mornings. If you need help finding a classroom, please visit our Welcome Center in The Commons or ask a greeter at any entrance and they will be more than happy to show you the way.

CHILDREN

PRESCHOOL

3K – Malambri Rm 147

4K – Malambri Rm 145

ELEMENTARY

5K – Malambri Rm 231

1st Grade – Malambri Rm 227

2nd Grade – Malambri Rm 225

3rd Grade – Malambri Rm 221

4th & 5th Grades – Malambri Rm 219

YOUTH

6th-12th Grades – Youth Rm 206

ADULT

Sunshine Class – Room 164/165

Spiritual Journeys – Room 276

Christian Discussion – Room 277

New Horizons – Room 279

New Beginnings – Room 272

Searching Disciples – Room 275

Sarah Blanton-Philathea – Room 174

Wesley Fellowship – Room 170

CELEBRATIONS



Hayden McKenna Hinton

February 8, 2024

Daughter of Kylie & Patrick Hinton



Thomas Byrnes Ward

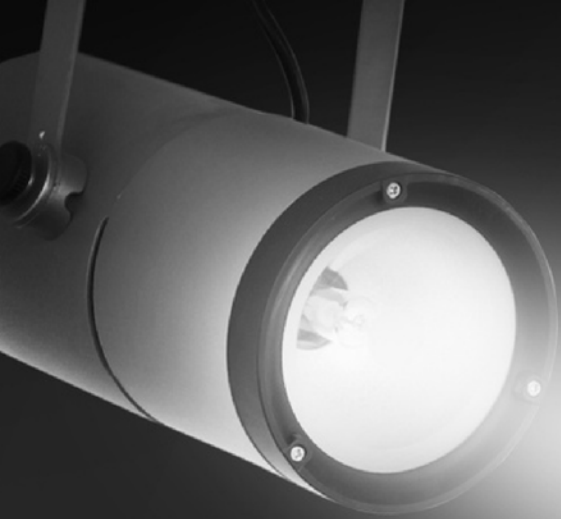
March 19, 2024

Son of Kelsey & Lee Ward



Maree Parrott Cherry

celebrated her 95th birthday
on April 7 with flowers
from her family!



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: BIBLE STUDIES

At Central United Methodist Church, we are dedicated to fostering a deeper understanding of the Bible and nurturing spiritual growth within our congregation. One of the key ways we achieve this is through our diverse and engaging Bible Study programs.

Regular series and ongoing groups meet throughout the school year, and short series are organized during the summer months. Part of the overarching plan includes a variety of Bible Studies aimed at addressing the interests and needs of our congregation. These studies cover a range of topics, including Financial Peace University, discipleship classes, theology of the United Methodist Church, men and women's studies incorporating Bible study and life application, and other relevant themes crucial to living out our faith in today's world.

The power of community and the importance of listening to the voices of our members are important to our planning. If there is a specific Bible Study topic you would like to see offered in the future, we encourage you to reach out to our chair, Charlie Abbott, or to Rev. Meg Jiunnies. Your input helps us tailor our programs to meet the needs and interests of our congregation, ensuring that our studies remain relevant, engaging, and impactful.

If you feel called to share your knowledge and lead a Bible Study, please contact Rev. Jiunnies to discuss opportunities. Whether you have a passion for a particular book of the Bible, a desire to explore a theological topic, or a gift for facilitating discussions, leading a study can be a deeply fulfilling way to serve your church community.

In all our Bible Study endeavors, our goal remains the same: to deepen our understanding of God's Word, strengthen our faith, and grow together as disciples of Christ. We invite you to join us on this journey of exploration, learning, and spiritual growth. Together, let us dive deeper into the richness of Scripture, guided by our shared commitment to Follow Jesus, Love God, and Love Neighbor.

Upcoming Summer Series:

Not Just a Floating Zoo

Rev. Meg Jiunnies with our Youth
Sundays, June 2 through July 28

Balcony Friends

Wednesdays, July 10 through July 31

Heritage Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 5

This special occasion is an opportunity to recognize everyone who has ministered at Central UMC for fifty years or more. We will acknowledge new fifty-year members with a pin at the worship service of their choice, and all Heritage Members are invited to lunch in Spears Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.



New Heritage Members:

Jean Allen

Anne Craven

Lane Craven

David Harrison

Frances Temple

Mark Walters



GRADUATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Contact Julie Knight (jknight@centralmethodist.net) with High School Graduate information or Adriane Reynolds (areynolds@centralmethodist.net) with College or Graduate School information by May 7!

LAY LEADERSHIP

Central's Lay Leaders

Central is fortunate to have a team of three "Lay Leaders" to help guide the ministries here. Nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected to serve in three-year terms by our Charge Conference, Lay Leaders are important to the life of the church as representatives of the laity of the church, and they are tasked with particular responsibilities. They foster awareness of the role of laity, meet regularly with the pastor to discuss the state of the church and needs for ministry, and serve on Finance, Staff-Parish Relations, and Church Council. Our Lay Leaders are also delegates to the SC Annual Conference so that they might be well equipped to assist our congregation in Conference training and opportunities. Lay Leaders must have been members for a minimum of two years, and actively involved for at least four years. We have staggered the class years so that we always have experience and a fresh perspective on the team. Our current Lay Leaders are Frank O'Shea (class of 2024); Beth Ann Owen (class of 2025); and Eileen Blackwell (class of 2026).

*Please keep our Lay Leaders in your constant prayers and take a moment to thank them for their service.
We have been truly blessed by their ministry.*

South Carolina Annual Conference 2024

"Seeking a More Excellent Way: On the Leading Edge of Ministry"

June 9-12, 2024 at the Greenville Convention Center

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, presiding

United Methodism embodies a decentralized form of organizational structure. The Annual Conference of South Carolina is both a yearly event and the primary element of leadership for our Conference's local churches. Did you know that provisional and ordained clergy do not hold membership in a local church, but in the Conference where they serve? Very often the Annual Conference is envisioned as a time of voting on issues, but that is only a small portion of this three or four day event. Clergy and laity meet together to celebrate ministries and be inspired, to license local pastors, celebrate retirees, award scholarships, participate in mission work, commission and ordain, and worship. We worship together because that is what we are called to do as disciples, and what we need to center our work on God. We are a part of the body of Christ, and as such we are tasked with many responsibilities. This is a time of holy conferencing and renewing our connection across our Conference. Central will send nine lay delegates and three clergy, but everyone is invited to come and participate! Even if you are unable to attend, you are asked to include our clergy and delegates and the entire Annual Conference in your prayers as we witness to the gospel and make plans for ministry!



Central's Delegation to the SC Annual Conference includes Rev. Thomas Smith, Rev. Ann Kovan, Rev. Meg Jiunnies, Eileen Blackwell, Jeanette Jackson, Tyner Jiunnies, Laurence McIntosh, Frank O'Shea, Beth Ann Owen, Clary Rawl, Nancy Rawl, and Robby Sisco. **Alternates include:** Missy Brown, Ernie Chavis, Harper Smith, Debby Stephens, and David Wansley.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Education and Spiritual Growth

Sunday, May 5 | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Moody Parlor

Preschool Board

Monday, May 6 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Moody Parlor

Masterworks Board

Thursday, May 9 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Room 173

Adult & Family Ministries

Monday, May 13 | 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Moody Parlor

Board of Trustees

Tuesday, May 14 | 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM
Room 173

Outreach

Wednesday, May 15 | 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM
Room 173

Faith Sharing

Monday, May 20 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Moody Parlor

Staff Parish Relations

Tuesday, May 21 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Room 173

Church Council

Tuesday, May 28 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Spears Fellowship Hall

Costa Rica Mission Project

Book Bag Drive

Central's Costa Rica Mission team is collecting child-size book bags (no roller bags, please) for the children at the Costa Rica Mission Project Center daycare and the village where they will help build a new church.

Before offering them to the children, we will fill each book bag with a Bible. This way, your gift will not only be a practical item but also a spiritual guide, received with the greatest gift of all!

Bring your book bags to the collection basket in The Commons, or place an order and have them delivered directly to the church. Scan the QR Code below for our Amazon Wish List!



SCAN ME





YOU'RE
Invited



Summer
CHOIR
Sundays
9:30 AM

June and July

First Floor Choir Room



DON
GRICE

Organist in Recital

in a program that includes works by
Bach, Guilman, Phillips, Howells, and Vierne

MAY 30, 2024

7:00 PM

Central United Methodist
167 S. Irby Street
Florence, SC

BAPTISMAL FONT IN THE WELL

Did you know that the pottery bowl located on the round table next to the pulpit is actually our baptismal font? This beautiful font was generously donated by Peggy Brown in 2015 and is present in every worship service to remind the baptized members of this congregation of their covenant with God and the people of God. Baptisms are an important and welcoming part of The Well worship experience. If you have not been baptized or have a child who has not been baptized and you desire to take this important step of faith, please let any of our pastors know. They would be delighted to help you advance your spiritual journey and connect more deeply with the life of this church.





Join us for Vacation Bible School 2024! June 3-6 | 5:15-8:15 PM

Get ready for an exciting week of faith-filled fun as Central UMC presents Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Camp Firelight - A Summer Camp Adventure with God

Who: VBS is for children who will have completed 4K through 5th grade (2023-2024). If you are a VBS volunteer with a younger child, you must register for childcare when you register as a volunteer.

When: June 3-6, from 5:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Where: Central UMC, 167 South Irby St., Florence, SC

Priority registration began on April 1 and will close on May 15 or when full. To register, scan the QR code! If you are registering from your mobile device, select menu at the top of the screen.



SCAN ME

Calling All Adults and Youth

Come be a part of Camp Firelight VBS, where we embark on a thrilling Summer Camp Adventure with God! We're seeking volunteers for all four days, with opportunities in various areas. Join us in making this VBS an incredible experience for all! Thanks to those who have already volunteered as camp leaders and counselors:

Camp Directors - Vickie Greenan & Brandie Love

Campground Designer - John Frank

Sound Crew - Weston Powers

Bible Stories - Rev. Meg Giunnies

Discovery - Betsy & Frank O'Shea

Arts & Crafts - Lane Davis, Leigh Dawson & Mary Glenn Eldridge

Music Leader - Kristen Hardaway

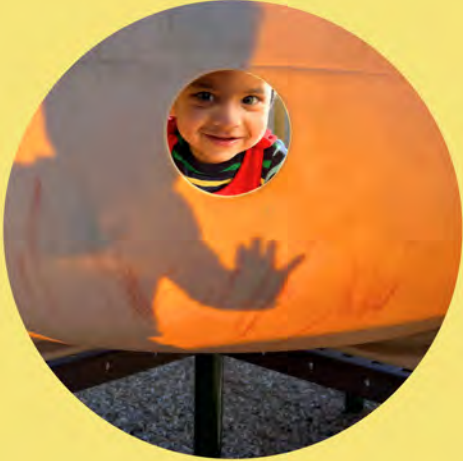
Recreation & Movement - Andy Slocum

Dining Hall - Cathy Baxley, Betty Hinehline, Barbara Holladay & Carol Stone

Staff Canteen - Beth Jones

"Counselor Sam" - Rev. Thomas Smith

CUMC PRESCHOOL IS FULL OF SUNSHINE!



NURSERY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Sunday School Lessons

Children's May Sunday School lessons are about **Fruits of the Spirit**.

May 5: Children will learn how to show **kindness** to one another.

May 12: Children will learn how to show **goodness** to others.

May 19: Children will learn how to be **gentle** with others.

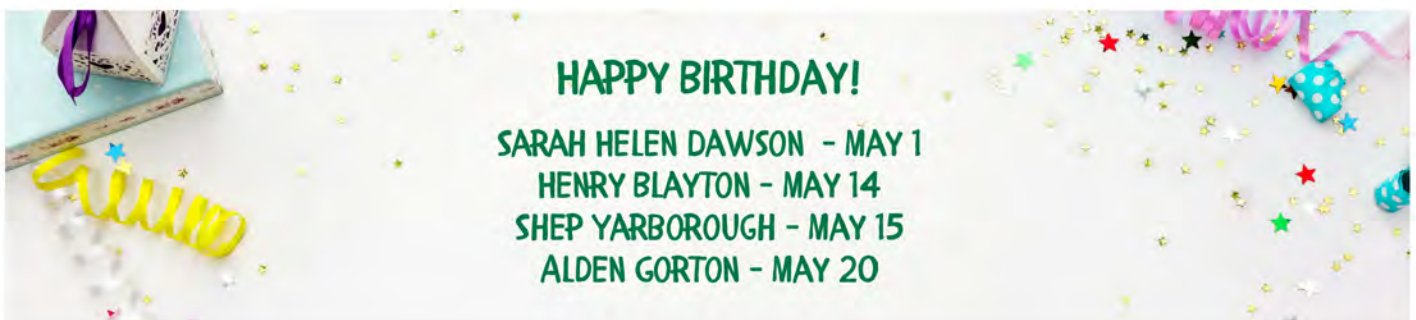
May 26: Children will learn how to have **self-control**.



Fun in the Sun Beach Blast



Central's 2nd Annual Fun in the Sun/Mother-Son Dance was a success! The event featured beach balls, tasty snacks, lively dance routines, and memorable moments shared by all. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part. The proceeds from the dance will be used to provide new book bags for children in Costa Rica!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SARAH HELEN DAWSON - MAY 1
HENRY BLAYTON - MAY 14
SHEP YARBOROUGH - MAY 15
ALDEN GORTON - MAY 20

YOUTH MINISTRY



Confirmation Sunday



UMYF Secret Destination - Goat Yoga at the Home of Allison & Adam Slice



Dodgeball Tournament with First Presbyterian, Hoffmeyer Road Baptist, and Palmetto Street Church of God. Central brought home the win!



Happy Birthday!

William Grantham – May 2
Nathan Gause – May 11
Elena Gregory – May 12
Annabelle Slice – May 15
Claire Lewis – May 23
Carson Timms – May 27

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight. ~ Proverbs 3:5-6

Upcoming Events

May 12 – Mother's Day, Youth Rose Fundraiser (pick up in The Commons)

May 19 – Graduation Breakfast in the Davis CLC and Worship Service in the Sanctuary

June 2 - July 28 – Special Youth Sunday School Series (9:30-10:15 AM) with Pastor Meg
Not Just a Floating Zoo: The True Story Behind Beloved Bible Stories

When you grow up in the church, your first encounter with Bible stories is usually a cute children's version involving silly songs such as "Father Abraham" or the adorable children's murals of all the animals getting on Noah's ark. But these are not just children's stories. These passages are Holy Scripture and hold God's truths for Christian life. You're old enough now to hear the whole story and learn that Noah's Ark was more than just a floating zoo.

ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Weekly Movie Matinee

Join your friends every Tuesday at 2:00 PM in Room 232 (upstairs on the Children's Hall) for an entertaining afternoon filled with movies, popcorn, and laughter. Check out our May lineup:

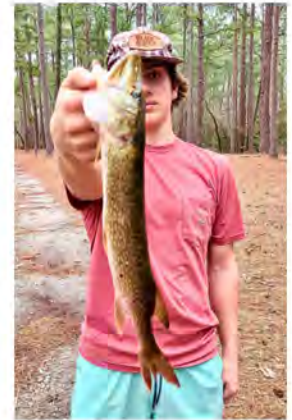
- May 7: *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story*
- May 14: *Worth*
- May 21: *The Imitation Game*
- May 28: *Blue Miracle*



Scouting Ministry

Central's Boy Scouts enjoyed some great fishing during the BSA Troop 475 camping trip at Sesquicentennial State Park. Pictured is Luke Cook with a chain pickerel that he cleaned and cooked over a fire to complete his Fishing Merit Badge.

Our Cub Scouts will end the year with an overnight trip to the Granthams' pond on Saturday, May 4. In addition to time spent fishing, the scouts will learn about honeybees from past Cubmaster Philip Lassen. Cub Scouts will resume meeting in August with returning leaders Dr. John Early (1st Graders), Fitzlee McEachin (2nd Graders), William Hardaway (3rd Graders), Jack Hofler (4th Graders), and Cubmaster Wayne Grantham (5th graders).



Book Club

Come join the conversation at Central UMC's Book Club on Sunday, May 19 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM at the home of Mary Finklea. Our book for May is *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. For more information, contact Ellen Smith.

Happy Travelers Mystery Trip

Are you ready for an exciting adventure? Come along with the Happy Travelers on Thursday, May 23, for a Magical Mystery Tour! This trip is limited to 12 participants, so secure your spot by registering today!

Veterans Breakfast

Our next Veterans Breakfast will be held Thursday, May 30 at 8:00 a.m. in Spears Fellowship Hall. Central's own Jim Peterson will present the program *Memorial Day - My Uncle John*, centered around his uncle, John H. Peterson, Jr., who served in the Army during WWII in the 1st Armored Division.

Breakfast is complimentary, and all veterans and their guests are welcome! Please register on Realm or by calling the church office.



John H. Peterson, Jr.

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars for our 2nd Annual **BBQ & Bluegrass** event on Wednesday, June 26! Special musical guests will include Sharon & Johnny Tanner and friends. Don't miss it!

Beyond Shadow...

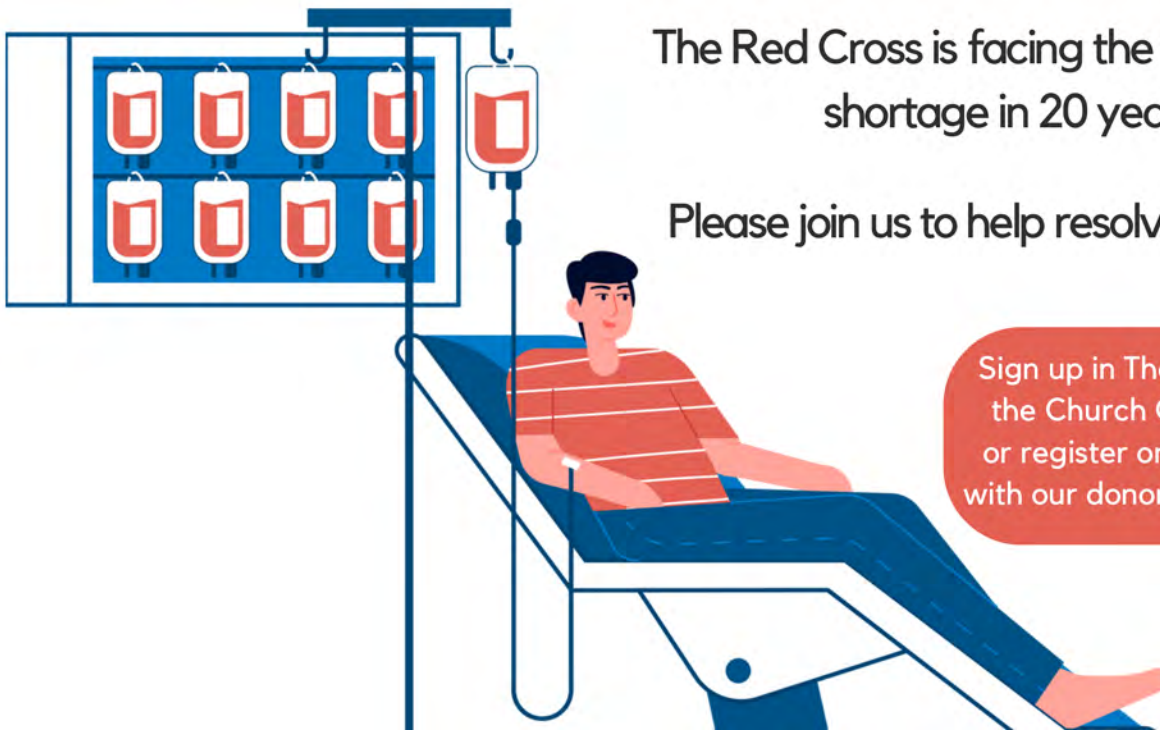
South Florence High School Choirs

Thursday, May 16
Central United Methodist Church
7:00pm
Free Will Donations Welcome!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Thursday, May 16 | Thursday, July 18

1:30-6:30 PM • Davis CLC



The Red Cross is facing the worst blood shortage in 20 years!

Please join us to help resolve this crisis.

Sign up in The Commons or by calling the Church Office at 843-662-3218, or register on the Red Cross website with our donor code CENTRALUNITED.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

BEDS

Our BEDS (Better Education Demands Sleep) ministry has two build days and two distribution days per year. The beds are distributed through local school systems to children who have no bed to sleep in. On Saturday morning, May 11, we will distribute 41 beds to children in the Lake City and Pamplico School Districts. If you want more information about the BEDS ministry or wish to participate in the distribution, contact Art Justice at ajjustice@turnerpadget.com or inform the church office.

BEDS Ministry would like to thank Rick Knight from Knight Furniture for always donating the mattress covers, Dr. Margaret Cates for donating the dental bags, Brian Higgs from Champion Embroidery and Screen Printing for the embroidery on the bags, the numerous volunteers who fill the bags, the numerous volunteers who help build the beds, and the numerous members who donate to the Ministry. We couldn't do it without you.



Hope Village Garden Boxes

Disciples of Central have constructed more garden boxes for the House of Hope's Hope Village and have stocked them with various plants. Hope Village is a program that provides a pathway out of homelessness for women and their children. The fresh vegetables produced in the garden boxes will be used in the program's kitchen, and the flowers grown will be utilized in a workshop on cutting and arranging flowers.



FAITH FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP

ONGOING BIBLE STUDIES ON BREAK THROUGH THE SUMMER, BUT . . .

Summer Bible Study Continues with our Sunday School Classes!

Summer is a perfect time to explore new small groups in Sunday School. They meet every Sunday, there are several classes to choose from, and the groups are studying a variety of subjects. Check out the bulletin board in The Commons for more details!

Special Youth Sunday School Series

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COMING UP IN JULY . . . BALCONY FRIENDS!

Save the Dates: July 10, 17, 24 & 31

Program from 5:30-6:30 PM; Dinner with Friends from 6:30-8:00 PM



SCHOFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Looking for a good book? Find the newest titles in the library on our website (centralumc.library.site) or search for your desired topic – reference materials on the Bible, devotions, parenting books, books on Christian life, hymns, the Methodist church, Christian women, prayer, adult, youth, and juvenile fiction, and much more.

Just check out what you want using the card in the back of the book and leave it in the designated area. Please return the book when you are finished. The library also places a display of books in The Commons where checkout and return can be done easily. For more info, contact Margaret Cox, Librarian.

FAITH-SHARING

Greeters Needed

Central's Faith Sharing Committee is working hard to elevate our Welcome and Hospitality. To do this, we need Sunday Morning Greeters. The welcome and assistance that people receive from the moment they hit our parking lot can determine their connection to God and people here. Please consider serving and sharing your smile, your love of Christ and Central, and a helping hand when needed. You won't be asked to serve more than once per month if enough people serve, and you can request your preferred shift (before Sunday School, before worship) and week (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th) or substitution only list. For more information or to commit, contact Pastor Ann (843-421-2966, akovan@centralmethodist.net).



Writers Needed for Central's Daily Scripture Readings

You can write DSRs! If you are a regular Bible reader and enjoy reflecting on Scripture, you can serve in this ministry. We are looking for individuals, couples, and Sunday School classes to sign up and share their reflections. You can write once or twice per year using the provided lectionary texts, or choose your own passages. For questions or to serve, contact Beth Jones (beth29501@gmail.com).

Daily Scripture Readings - Start Receiving Emails Today!

Our DSRs are a great way to start your day and know you are connecting with God and your faith community at the same time. Sign up to receive via email on our website, or by using the QR code. DSRs are also posted on our FaceBook and Instagram accounts. Sign up today!



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

Scripture reminds us that we are to care for one another, and that we are also to allow others to care for us. As you participate in community with others, there will be times when you can extend a helping hand, pray for others, take a meal, listen to worries, share joys and sorrows, or send a note of encouragement. There will also be times when you need others to help you navigate tough times. This is one of the many gifts God has provided for us in Christian community. **How will you participate?**

You can contact Missy Brown, chair of Congregational Care, or one of your pastors to find out ways to volunteer or reach out for a helping hand.

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Service of Prayer & Holy Communion 12:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:15 PM Home Gatherings w/Pastors 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	2 Pickleball 12:30 PM	3	4 Cub Scouts Campfire
5 First Sunday Fellowship Ministry Spotlight: Bible Studies Heritage Sunday Heritage Sunday Luncheon 11:45 AM Pickleball 12:45 PM	6 Courtney Graham 9:15 AM MBK Meal Packing 12:15 PM Men's Basketball 6:00 PM Home Gatherings w/Pastors 7:00 PM	7 27:17 Bible Study 7:00 AM Staff Meeting 9:30 AM Movie Matinee 2:00 PM	8 Service of Prayer & Holy Communion 12:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:15 PM Home Gatherings w/Pastors 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	9 Pickleball 12:30 PM Home Gatherings w/Pastors 7:00 PM	10	11
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Sundays

Sunshine Class - 9:30 AM
 Sunday School - 9:30 AM
 Worship (Sanctuary & The Well) - 10:30 AM
 Cub Scout Den Meetings - 2:30 PM & 4:00 PM

Circle Meetings

Monday, May 6
 Christian Women Circle, 4:00 PM
 Tuesday, May 7
 Erin Glenn/Mary Motte Circle, 10:00 AM
 Pearl Jones Circle, 10:00 AM
 Glenn/Epps/Moody Circle, 10:00 AM
 Joy Anderson/Sarah Blanton Circle, 2:00 PM

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