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The Jot & Tittle

The newsletter of Central United Methodist Church

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.
(Matthew 5:18)

August 7, 2011

Worship Services at Central
Dr. Rob Blackburn, Senior Minister

Sunday Worship Services

at 8:45 and 10:55 am

August 7
Communion

Saturdays at Six Worship

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

A nursery is provided during all worship services. Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 am.

Sunday worship is broadcast on 1310 WISE-AM at 9:00 am.

The Sunday worship service is live on www.centralumc.org (you must have high-speed internet and Real Player).

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Reception for Joe Edmonds on August 14

On Sunday, August 14, Central will host a reception in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour to express our appreciation and thanks to Joe Edmonds for his 12 years of loyal and dedicated service here at Central.

We will also present Joe with a monetary gift from the members at Central. Please make plans to attend and express your thanks to Joe for all he has meant to Central Church.



You're invited to Special Wednesday Nights

There will be three Special Wednesday Nights on August 17, 24, and 31 in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm at a cost of \$7 which includes entre and salad bar. Please call 253-3316 to make your reservation. The program will begin at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy these special programs:

August 17: Bill Sauber "An Evening with Favorite Hymns"

August 24: Cheryl Wallen, RN "Heart Disease—Some Differences Between Men and Women"

August 31: Ginger Haselden "Seasonal Sing-A-Long"

Reception Desk volunteer opportunity available

There is an opening for Reception Desk volunteers (male or female) on Monday morning from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The volunteers are responsible for answering the phone, opening the doors for visitors, helping with stuffing or labeling envelopes, and other tasks as they arise.

Ideally, we would have two people who could trade off Mondays so neither would have to work every Monday. Please contact Lesli Hollowell at the church office 253-3316 if you are interested.

Everyone is invited: Church-wide Picnic at Camp Tekoa on Sunday, August 21

Join us out at Camp Tekoa on Sunday, August 21, from 2:00 – 6:00 pm for our annual church-wide picnic and end of summer celebration! Come swim in the lake, enjoy the paddle boats and canoes, take a ride on the zip line, or lounge on the porch in a rocking chair and catch up with friends.

Dinner will be served at 5:00. **The church will provide fried chicken and drinks** but we need you to bring lots delicious dishes to share. Plan to bring enough dishes for your family and your friends. (Directions will be in next issue.)



Central Happenings



Congratulations to



Lash and Alice Briggs on the birth of their daughter, Pride Elizabeth Briggs, on July 9.

Tom and Kay Finger of the birth of two new grandchildren: Avery Rhodes Jordan, daughter of Chris and Kippin Jordan was born March 15; Thomas Lee Finger III, son of T. J. and Kirby Finger, was born May 5.

Needed: a few good men

Just like the Marine Corp, we could use a “few good men.” Our list of homebound folks includes several gentlemen who would greatly enjoy a visit from another man. If you could spare an hour or so once a month (more often if you like), please give Ruth Hopkins a call at 628-6813.

P.S. Don’t want you ladies to feel left out—there is always a need for homebound volunteers, especially needed are those who would like to visit someone in the south part of Asheville.

Mark Your Calendar...

Wonderful Wednesday Kick-Off Block Party: September 7 at 5:00 pm on Church Street, BBQ & Blue Grass

Fall Festival: Sunday, October 23

Flower calendar has open dates August 21 and 28

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, please email Lesli Hollowell at lhollowell@centralumc.org or call her at the church office 253-3316. The cost of the flowers is approximately \$65.

Service of Healing and Wholeness on Sunday, September 11

On Sunday, September 11, there will be a service of healing and wholeness at both the 8:45 and 10:55 am worship services. From the beginning, ministries of healing and wholeness have been an integral part of what it means to be Christian. The root of the word “healing” in New Testament Greek is *sozo*, which is the same as that of salvation and wholeness. The New Testament records that Jesus himself healed the estranged and sick and sent out his disciples on ministries of healing. James 5:14-16a calls us also to pray for and anoint the sick, that they may be healed. (from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*)

Our service on September 11 will be much the same as any given Sunday except at the end of the service will give the congregation an opportunity to be prayed for and anointed by oil by one of the pastors. This certainly is not compulsory. We hope to offer everyone an opportunity to experience the tangible presence of the healing Christ, working in and through those who minister in his name.

Jot & Tittle deadlines

August 10 the deadline for the August 21 issue

August 24 is the deadline for the September 4 issue

Please mail articles and information to Anne Frick at the church, leave notices in her mail box at the Reception Desk, or email info to her at: africk@centralumc.org. All material is subject to editing.

Foods for ABCCM:

**beef stew, powdered milk, jelly
vegetable oil, canned fruit**

(ABCCM can break down larger packages if you prefer to buy items in bulk)

Bring food items to large box the Fellowship Hall to help feed the hungry in our area

2011 budget update

As of July 24 our Central congregation has given \$957,992 to support our ministries and the operating budget. Thank you!

(This is up \$84,509 from the same time last year.)

Prison Ministry

Central members active in Prison Ministry

Several Central members go every week to Buncombe Correctional Center, a local minimum-security prison, to teach Disciple Bible Class. Central members also attend the Kairos reunions each month at Avery Mitchell, a medium security prison, and Marion Correctional, a maximum-security prison. I would like to share some excerpts from a letter received from Brian, a Kairos graduate and faithful reunion attendant, at Avery Mitchell.



"I attended Kairos #8 at Alexander Correctional Institute which was a powerful demonstration of unconditional love. It was like a 'spiritual vitamin', that I really needed at the time. Kairos provided an example of genuine Christianity—showing Agape love and kindness simply because God has and because God is those things. I not only witnessed, but also experienced a lot of forgiveness; and letting go of past mistakes, regrets, and old ways of thinking.

For me Kairos was about becoming fully conscious of who I am in Jesus Christ, exactly what He did for me and why that should impact my life for the rest of my life, until He calls me home.

For me Kairos is where God reached me through the unconditional love and service of the volunteers and by watching His spirit work in the lives of many of the participants, including my own. I thank God for the power of this ministry. Thank you!"

Brian, # 0845430, Avery Mitchell Correctional Institute, Spruce Pine, NC.

Thank you, Central, for supporting a ministry where Christ calls by name those known by number.

—John Klees

Congregational Care Concerns

Should you have pastoral care needs or know of someone in the hospital, please contact Rev. Julie Wilburn Peeler at 989-9659 or Maureen Carr, our Parish Nurse, at the church 253-3316.

Cancer Care Ministry begins September 15

On Thursday, September 15, at 6:30 pm we will launch our first Cancer Care Group gathering. We hope to more fully minister to those folks in our church and community who are impacted by Cancer. The topic and speaker will be announced soon! Please continue to pray and support this ministry as we work to shape it into a unique ministry of Central UMC.

What Is a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers are faithful Christians sent by God to help you through a life crisis.

They are filled with God's love and knowledge, which you will find quite priceless.

They'll walk closely with you and be your trusted friend.

Keeping everything in confidence until you're whole again.

Maybe you've lost a loved one or job on which you depend.

It could be a serious illness, and you feel you need a friend.

So you don't have to go it alone when life's challenges you must bear.

Just let them know of your need, and a Stephen Minister will be there.

—By Betty L. Delfosse



"I doubt that many Stephen Ministers will ever totally know of the impact that they have made. It reaches far beyond 'just one care receiver.' It brings others to Christ also. I can't ever repay you for that, but I can pass it on. I have wanted to be involved in this ever since I knew what that one Minister could do. You've brought Stephen Ministry in part to another congregation in Wisconsin too. Thank you for caring so much for that 'one lost sheep' so many years ago."

—written by Pat Hurlbut, Stephen Leader Immanuel Lutheran Church
Brookfield, Wisconsin

We are here when you need us—call Julie Wilburn Peeler at 989-9659 to receive a Stephen Minister.

Outreach

F.I.S.H. Families In Service to Him

Our F.I.S.H. ministry is going to take a break for a few months as we work toward a new community partnership program. We'll keep you posted!

More drivers needed for van to Givens Estates on Sunday

One or two more drivers are needed to drive the church van to pick up residents at Givens Estates one Sunday morning a month. If you would like to help, please contact Lesli Hollowell in the church office at lhollowell@centralumc.org or call 253-3316.

Volunteers needed for the Habitat for Humanity Methodist build!

Sign-up to help out with the upcoming Habitat build! Volunteers are needed on the following days:

- Thursday, August 11: 5 volunteers needed (Components & Frame Walls)
- Tuesday, August 16: 5 volunteers needed (Frame Walls)
- Thursday, August 25: 5 volunteers needed (Install Windows)
- Thursday, September 8: 3 volunteers needed (Siding)
- Saturday, September 17: 3 volunteers needed (Porch)



Sign-up and pick-up a waiver form at the table in the entryway out side the Fellowship Hall or contact Jessica Tripp at 253-3316.

Children's Ministry

Please attend a very important Parent Meeting!

We need all parents of children toddler age – 6th grade to join us in the Fellowship Hall at **12:15 on Sunday, August 28** for a brief (30 minute) parent meeting. We need all of you there to hear about new ministries and dates and times for many annual programs and events. We will discuss:

- Confirmation Class and Destination Unknown
- Children's Discipleship Group
- 3rd Grade Bible Sunday and new "Learning to use my Bible" class
- New Children's Church curriculum
- Rotation Sunday school and Pre-K Sunday school
- Safe Sanctuaries policies
- Special program for parents on bully proofing your child and teaching self-regulation and problem solving skills
- Re-inventing the F.I.S.H. ministry
- Fall Festival, Christmas play, and more



Child care is provided for all children. Please support our growing Children's Ministry and attend this meeting.

Parents, mark your calendar...

Promotion Sunday: September 4. Children begin fall Sunday school and move to their new grade

Destination Unknown begins for 6th graders: Sunday, September 11

3rd grade Bible Presentation: Sunday, September 18, in the 10:55 service

Youth Ministry

UMYF—United Methodist Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Contact Stephen Brown, Youth Director, at 253-3316, 421-0340 or email Stephen@centralumc.org

Summer Youth Schedule

August 7: Kickball 3:00-5:00 pm

Meet in the back parking lot of the church to join us for a game of kickball! Don't forget a water bottle.

August 8: Tourist Game 6:30 pm—End of game (\$8 for a ticket)

Meet in the back of the church to walk over to the Tourist baseball game, bring money for snacks/dinner (I hear they even have deep fried moon pies!!)

August 10: Goopy Gross Games 1:00-4:00 pm

This is going to be the messiest, grossest, funest, most bestest event all summer!!! Make sure to wear something you don't mind getting dirty in!

August 11: Bowl-O-Rama 10:00 am – Noon (\$6 for two games and shoes)

Go bowling with us, and bring a friend! We will meet in the back parking lot of the church.

August 14: Ice Cream Social 3:00-5:00 pm

The World's Largest Ice Cream Sundae!!! Help us make the most delicious conglomeration of ice cream and toppings the world has ever seen!



Parish Nurse / Older Adult Ministry

How are your blood pressure readings? Come August 14 and see

There will be a blood pressure screening on Sunday, August 14, from 9:30-10:45 am in the Senior Resource Center which is located behind the Reception Desk. Elevated blood pressure raises your heart disease risk plus can affect your eyes, and kidneys.

United Methodist Women

Festival of Wisdom and Grace Conference will be held August 8-11

The Wisdom and Grace conference will be held August 8-11 at Lake Junaluska with the theme "One in the Spirit: Age to Age Conversations." Leonard Sweet will be the Conference Preacher and Evelyn Laycock will be Plenary Bible Study Leader. There will be several workshops. Contact Maureen Carr at 253-3316 ext 320 if you are interested.

Asheville District UMW Annual Meeting will be August 27

The Asheville District United Methodist Women Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 27, at Skyland UMC. We will begin with registration and refreshments from 9:00 to 10:00 am. At 10:00 am will have our business meeting followed by the program. All women are welcome.

UMW Western North Carolina Conference 38th Annual Meeting

The Conference Annual Meeting of the United Methodist Women is September 9-11 at Lake Junaluska. Our theme is "Jump Into Mission." Featured speaker is Sue Owens, UMW Liaison to Bethlehem Center. Mission Speaker will be Betty Swarthout, Deaconess. Mark your calendar. You can register on line. The Asheville District UMW has scholarships available for first timers. If there are any questions, call Maureen Carr at 277-7065.

The **Anna Circle** will meet on Friday, August 5, at 10:00 am at the home of Millicent Duccini. We will be discussing the book *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirst Ali. Please remember to bring paper products, protein cans, and egg cartons.

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Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are with Jim Danner and his family on the death of his brother, G. Richard Danner, on June 19.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Janice Yeager and her family on the death of her sister, Helen Johnson, on June 25 in Smithfield, NC.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Mark White and his family on the death of his father, Robert Gene White, on July 3 in Granbury, Texas.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Scott Pritchard and his family on the death of his father, Barry Pritchard, on July 4 in Lenoir, NC.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Brian Combs and his family on the death of his grandmother, Elia Martinez, on July 8 in Sarasota, Florida.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of John Dennis who died July 17.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Dr. Austin Spencer who died July 25.

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Jean Halstead for the Joyce Fund by:

Jeff and Patti Joyce

In memory of Dick Wood by:

Mary E. Powell

Grant and Anna Osborne

Ricky Silver

In memory of Dick Wood for the Foundation Fund by:

Francella Poston

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