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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)

January 1, 2012

**Worship Services at Central**  
Dr. Rob Blackburn, Senior Minister

**Sunday Worship Services**  
at 8:45 and 10:55 am

**January 22**  
New Member Sunday

**Saturdays at Six Worship**

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
**No service December 31**

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](http://www.centralumc.org) (you must have  
high-speed internet and Real Player).

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## Come help take down the decorations on January 3

The church is now beautifully decorated for Christmas, but after Christmas all the decorations have to come down. Volunteers are needed to help un-decorate the church on Tuesday, January 3. Meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am. If you have any questions, please contact Alexandra Holland ([alexandra@wncnature.com](mailto:alexandra@wncnature.com) or 280-1470) or Gail Moody (298-5394).

## Blood Drive at Central on Sunday, January 15

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please take this opportunity to give the gift of life. You may call 253-3316 to reserve the time you prefer to come.



## New Member Class begins Sunday, January 8

The next New Member Class begins Sunday, January 8. The group meets from 10:00 to 10:45 am in the Conference Room (Room 311) near the church office. The classes will be held January 8, 15, 22 and 29. This is a great opportunity to meet to meet the ministers and other newcomers to the church, and to get detailed information on Central's programs, activities, and opportunities for service. We will learn about the history of Methodism, Methodist doctrine, and take a tour of the church building. All are welcome to come learn more about Central.

New Member Sunday will be January 22. Contact Suzanne Brown at 253-3316 ext 324 or [sbrown@centralumc.org](mailto:sbrown@centralumc.org) for details.

## Thank you, from the Eve Circle

The Eve Circle would like to thank all of the Central UMC members for their support of our November Bake Sale. Because of your support, we raised \$839.00 to help various local mission projects.

If weather could be a problem, please check the homepage on Central's website [www.centralumc.org](http://www.centralumc.org) to see if a service has been canceled.

# Central Happenings

## Missions Council invites your participation

Dear Friends of the Missions Council at Central United Methodist Church,

The membership on the Missions Council is not limited and we welcome participation and input from all Church members. We meet as a Council bi-monthly on the second Tuesday. Our first meeting for 2012 is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, at 7:30 am at "Books and Breadboard" (30 All Souls Crescent in Asheville). We will keep the meeting to one hour and will provide an agenda the week prior to the meeting.

If you would like to learn more about the Missions Council or are interested in attending the meetings, please contact us for more information.

Thank you for your interest and consideration during this joyous season.

—Sharon LeDuc ([skleduc@prodigy.net](mailto:skleduc@prodigy.net)) and Chad Roope ([roopechad@yahoo.com](mailto:roopechad@yahoo.com))  
Co-chairs, Missions Council at Central United Methodist Church

## Attention: Women in your 40s and 50s

### A new Journey Group is forming for you!

Are you interested in meeting new friends! A January *introductory meeting* will be offered for women in this age group! If you would like to attend, please call Carol Bailey at 252-7436 for more information. The meeting is in January at Central, but you can call now to sign up. Join us for friendship and spiritual growth. Come give us a try!

## 2011 budget update

As of December 5, our Central congregation has given \$1,523,604 to support our ministries and the operating budget. Thank you!

(This is up \$114,852 from the same time last year.)



## Foods for ABCCM:

cereal, tuna, quick grits, juice  
peanut butter, spaghetti sauce  
vegetable oil

[ABCCM can break down larger packages if you prefer to buy items in bulk]. Bring food items to large box in the Fellowship Hall to help feed the hungry in our area.

## Additional Peace Lights for 2011

The Anna Circle thanks you for your continued support of our Peace Light Project. We look forward to supporting local missions with your donations.

The following donations were received after the Peace Light List was printed. We apologize that we were not able to include them in our list in the Sunday bulletin:

### In Honor of:

**Heather Cree** by Geraldine M. Rawls

**Josh Cree** by Geraldine M. Rawls

**Nathan Cree** by Geraldine M. Rawls

**Parker Cree** by Geraldine M. Rawls

**Caryl Rawls** by Geraldine M. Rawls

**Nathan Rawls** by Geraldine M. Rawls

**James and Kate Ferguson** by Ernest and Shirley

Ferguson

**William and Kristi Ferguson** by Ernest and Shirley

Ferguson

**Marie Kernodle** by Susan and Marc Lifchez

**Anne and Don Watrous** by Ernest and Shirley  
Ferguson

### In Memory of:

**Fred Bishop** by Susan and Marc Lifchez

**Laura and James Grier Ferguson** by Ernest and  
Shirley Ferguson

**William Lynn Martin** by Ernest and Shirley Ferguson

**Sherry Glance** by Susan and Marc Lifchez

**Tom Wolfe** by Ann Brinkley

## 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.

### Resolve to begin the New Year with care and support

We all experience challenges in life—the loss of a loved one, divorce or separation; loneliness or discouragement; hospitalization, a terminal illness, a chronic illness, recovery after an accident or disaster; unemployment or a job crisis; birth, adoption, miscarriage, or infertility; anything that causes you pain—times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend.

God doesn't expect you to bear your burdens alone. We are blessed at Central with an active Stephen Ministry composed of compassionate people who are good listeners. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty.

Start this new year with the help of a Stephen Minister. **Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry—the identity of those receiving care and what takes place in each caring relationship remain private.**

Please contact Rev. Julie Wilburn Peeler at 253-3316 ext. 304 or [jwilburnpeeler@centralumc.org](mailto:jwilburnpeeler@centralumc.org) and let her start you on the way to a year with more peace and joy in your life.



## Wonderful Wednesdays

Everyone is invited to attend the Wonderful Wednesdays dinner and activities. Dinner begins at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Adults are \$7 each and children are \$4. Please call 253-3316 to make dinner reservations.

### Welcome the New Year on Wednesday, January 11

A worship service to celebrate the New Year will take place on Wednesday, January 11, from 6:00 to 6:45 pm, in the Sanctuary. Our preacher will be The Rev. Heidi Campbell-Robinson, President of WaterRock Institute. Her message will focus on the Scripture, "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5).

The Rev. Brian Combs, Pastor of Haywood Street Congregation, will serve as liturgist, and singer-songwriter, Karl Ruch, will play songs to accompany worship. Karl Ruch is a regional talent with a wonderful voice and inventive guitar style who has two CDs to his credit.

### What are your "New Possibilities" in 2012?

Join us on Wednesday evenings January 18 and 25 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, for a two-part program that focuses on how we can live into New Possibilities. The Rev. Heidi Campbell-Robinson and Dave Carr, a consultant who is affiliated with WaterRock Institute, will lead the workshops. They will talk about how we often live between two narratives but how we can integrate them: how God's Story can become *our* story. They will also lead us in some practical ways in which we can adopt new patterns and infuse our lives with creativity in the New Year. Register now at the table located outside the Fellowship Hall!

## Prison Ministry

### Our children collected how many Kisses!

In the last issue it was reported that our children at Central were collecting Hershey Kisses to go in Christmas gift bags for the inmates at Buncombe Correctional Center. When the project was completed, they had given out 2,875 Kisses! Thank you, for making Christmas a little brighter for those incarcerated.

## Outreach

### Room in the Inn coming January 8 - 14

Room in the Inn is a faith-based program, offering three meals daily and nighttime shelter for up to twelve homeless women. All of the guests at RITI complete a screening process before participating in the program. The women come into a new host church each week, beginning Sunday evening and moving to another on Sunday a week later.



Central and Trinity Episcopal partner with each other to provide meals, overnight volunteers, and a safe, comfortable place to sleep. Trinity will be the host church for the January 8-14 week and Central will help with meals and volunteers. **Each night volunteers are needed to spend the night at the host church. In addition, the volunteers provide breakfast, a bag lunch, and dinner each day of the week; movies or other casual activities are always a special treat for the ladies.**

Please look for the sign-up sheets that will be posted on the standing bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary and see where you—or your circle, Journey Group, or Sunday School class— can help. For anyone wanting to help for the first time or needing more information, please call Scott Abernethy at 684-8180 and she will be glad to answer any questions.

### “Something Extra Sunday” on January 22 with sponsors for Children Living in Poverty in Asheville

Come join us on Sunday, January 22, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to learn how YOU can make a difference in the lives of children from low-income families at Isaac Dickson Elementary School and Asheville High School. It is easy to become a part of this life-affirming effort of widening the circle as a faith community in the center of the city of Asheville. The needs of children continue to grow with the economic situation our country is currently experiencing. More families have fallen into poverty this past year.

These are the two schools in Asheville that Central has been a sponsor for the past two years. Members will share their stories about their experience in being a vital part of this outreach effort this past year. Sunday school classes, Journey Groups, Circles, and individuals partnering together can be a sponsor. Twenty-five students at Isaac Dickson were sponsored last year as were 17 high school students for their college dorm room supplies at Asheville High.

Contact Karen Ballard if you have additional questions, 665-7501.

## 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](mailto:Stephen@centralumc.org)

Stephen will be on vacation/honeymooning from December 25 until January 8.  
For Winter Retreat help or questions please contact **Meredith Abernethy** at 828-458-0374.  
All other inquiries can be answered at the church office 253-3316.

*Sunday, January 1: No Youth* Happy Holidays to everyone!!!

*January 8: Movie and Pizza*

Welcome back from the holidays, we are going to have a relaxing evening in the youth room. We will be screening a movie on the BIG SCREEN and stuffing our selves with pizza. Come join us and share some of YOUR holiday stories!!

### 2012 Summer Schedule

**Senior High Mission Trip:** June 24 -30      **Wilderness Trail:** July 15-22

**Middle School Mission Trip** to North Georgia: July 29 – August 3

## January 14-16: Winter Retreat Our Annual Get away Weekend!!

- Where: Camp Cedar Cliff in Black Mountain January 14-16
- What: Basically Camp Cedar Cliff has everything a person would ever want to do.... Archery, Floor Polo, Camp Field Games (such as Adventure Ball and Capture the Flag), Nature Trail, Soccer, BB-gun Range, Frisbee Golf, Basketball Courts, Challenge Course, Softball, Zip Line, Climbing Wall, Beach Volleyball, Ping Pong, and A Talent Show.



### Youth Winter Retreat

Not only will we have a weekend full of fun, but we will continue to experience God with each other. Worship will be led by an All-Star Waynesville praise Band and we have a plethora of wonderful speakers. I really hope that all of you would like to be a part of this it will be a great weekend. Deadline for registration is January 8. If you have any questions, please contact If you have any questions (before December 24) please give me a call at the church or on my cell phone 828-421-0340. **After December 24, contact Meredith Abernethy at 828-458-0374.**

Scholarships are available for youth activities. Just let Stephen know.

## Parish Nurse / Older Adult Ministry

### How are your blood pressure readings? Come January 8 and see

There will be a blood pressure screening on Sunday, January 8, 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

### UMW Executive meeting scheduled for January 15

The United Methodist Women Executive Meeting will be Sunday, January 15, at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Eve Circle** will meet on Tuesday, January 3, at 7:00 pm in the home of Sharon LeDuc. Cindy Lund will co-host. We would welcome visitors to our meeting. If you are looking for an evening circle, please consider us. For more information, call Glenda Patterson at 667-9089.

The **Deborah Circle** will meet on Sunday, January 8, at 2:00 pm in the home of Mary Hamilton.

The **Ruth Circle** will meet on Monday, January 9, at 10:00 am in the home of Nancy David, 134 Strawbridge Court, at Givens Estates.

The **Grace Circle** will meet on Monday, January 9, at 10:00 am in the Dining Room of Givens Estates. Light refreshments will be service prior to the meeting. We welcome all women.

The **Sarah Circle** will meet on Tuesday, January 17, at 10:00 am in the home of Nancy Stancil. Jessica Tripp will share her mission trip experiences to the Dominican Republic.

The **Lydia Circle** includes young, professional Christian women who are sharing their faith journey through community service, devotion, mission outreach, prayer, and fellowship. We meet once a month for dinner and our meeting, which will have varying content. There are no set meeting dates—we pick the next date at our meeting, so contact Diane Robinson for meeting info if you are interested in becoming acquainted with the Lydia women. You can reach her via email at [dianerobinson@gmail.com](mailto:dianerobinson@gmail.com) or by phone 989-8097.

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## Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Julie Christensen who died December 8.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Eddie Burchfiel and his family on the death of his father, Alvin Guy Burchfiel, on December 11.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Edwin Easter and his family on the death of his brother, Olen Easter, on December 13 in Lexington, NC.

## Memorial Gifts

In memory of Bonnie Smith by:

Lucy Matthews  
Venable B. Burwell

In memory of Bonnie Smith for the Music Fund by:

Linda Day

## Honor Gift

In honor of Linda Day for the Music Fund by:

The R. J. Smith Family

## Jot & Tittle deadlines

**January 4** is the deadline for the January 15 issue

**January 25** is the deadline for the February 5 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](mailto:africk@centralumc.org). All material is subject to editing.

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