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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 16, 2011

Worship Services at Central
Dr. Rob Blackburn, Senior Minister

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

January 23
New Member Sunday

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 also
available live on the church website:
www.centralumc.org (you must have
high-speed internet and Real Player).

The prior week's service is telecast
on Public TV Channel 20
at 11:00 am on Sunday.

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The church offices at Central will be closed on Monday, January 17, in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Everyone is invited to the Community Lunch on Monday, January 17

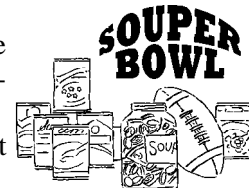
The Community Lunch will be held on Monday, January 17, at the Haywood Street campus from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. The menu will be vegetable soup, cornbread, salad, cheese and crackers, and dessert. Entertainment is provided after the lunch. Come join us!

Souper / Super Bowl Weekend is February 5 & 6

On Saturday, February 5, and Sunday, February 6, the Central UMYF will be taking donations of canned food and dollar bills to give to MANNA Food Bank to help feed the people of Asheville and surrounding areas whose cupboards are a little bare this winter.

Every year we are amazed at the outpouring of the church and their ability to give not just from their pockets and their full cupboards but give of their hearts.

Youth will be stationed around the church to collect your donations before and after each service.



Martha Circle taking orders for annual Valentine Cookie and Truffle Sale

Delicious heart-shaped shortbread cookies and luscious chocolate truffles are currently available for order! Ideal treats for family, friends, co-workers, and clients. All proceeds benefit Steadfast House, ABCCM's shelter for women and children.



The goodies are \$13 per dozen in a ribbon-tied box. Place your order on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings now through February 6. Treats will be available for pick-up on Sunday, February 13, in the Fellowship Hall. Plus other homemade goodies will be on sale at that time.

Contact Alexandra Holland (alexandra@wcnature.com or 828-280-1470) if you have questions.

Central's New Snow Policy. See page 4
Please save this page and keep it handy
during the winter months.

Central Happenings



Congratulations to



To Ron and Karen Ballard on the birth of their granddaughter, Eva Catlyn Jones, on October 3. Eva is the daughter of LaRona and Bobby Jones of Winston-Salem. LaRona is also to be congratulated for completing her Masters degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Florida in December.

Honor Gift

A gift has been made in honor of Linda Day for the Music Ministry by Robert and Bonnie Smith.

Cornerstone class to read "Velvet Elvis" by Rob Bell Visitors are welcome

God never changes, nor do the central truths of Christianity. But our understanding of those truths is in constant flux. Christians will always be exploring and discovering what it means to live in harmony with God and each other. "Velvet Elvis" by Rob Bell explores the notion of the Bible as a living text. What do its messages mean in today's world?

The best thing about this book is that it asks you to explore your own faith. Why do you believe what you believe? This is a modern, fresh take on a centuries old exploration of ourselves.

In Cornerstone we are a group of young couples on a fun and thoughtful journey of growth and discovery. This book is a perfect fit for anyone on a similar path, and we welcome you to join us. We meet in room 402 at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings. Questions, contact Carolyn Farris at cpcadle@gmail.com.

Be part of a Central UMC's "Welcome"

You may have already seen the Central's Welcome Center located just outside the Fellowship Hall, near the stairwell by the entrance doors.

The Welcome Center is a place where visitors to Central can get directions; descriptions of Sunday School classes, Journey Groups, and United Methodist Women's Circles; church calendars of events, and more. But most importantly, it's a place where visitors will find a friendly face extending the love of Christ to all who enter our doors.

The center will be staffed by two people every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 11:15 am. CUMC's Evangelism Team invites you to be part of this important ministry. **Any organization or Sunday school class that would like to use the center to promote information about your group, contact Suzanne Brown.**



If you would like to help staff the new Welcome Center one or more Sunday mornings, please call or e-mail Suzanne Brown in the church office 253-3316 or sbrown@centralumc.org.

Help us warmly welcome those who want to learn more about all that Central has to offer.

Foods for ABCCM:

Pasta and sauce, canned meats (such as tuna and salmon)

Powdered milk, self-rising cornmeal

Margarine and cooking oil

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

Bring food items to large box the Fellowship Hall

2010 budget update

As of December 31, our Central congregation has given \$1,660,658 toward the 2010 financial goal of \$1,727,158 needed to support our ministries and the operating budget. Thank you!

2 (This is down \$10,461 from the same time last year.)

Jot & Title deadlines

January 26 is the deadline for the
February 6 issue

February 9 the deadline for the
February 20 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.

February 6 is “Something Extra” Sunday: “Children Living in Poverty in Asheville”

Come to the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am on Sunday, February 6, and learn how you can make an impact on the children from low income families at Isaac Dickson Elementary School and Asheville High School. Central members will share stories about their experience in being a part of this outreach effort last year. You, too, might want to be a part of this life-affirming effort of widening the circle as a faith community in the center of the city of Asheville.

Central members helped support 22 individual children from low income families at Isaac Dickson Elementary School in 2010. Each sponsor provided specific school supplies, individual educational reading/learning materials, and specific clothes at five designated times during the year. Some of our members also served as mentors and tutors at Isaac Dickson.

Our members also sponsored 21 graduating seniors from Asheville High with dorm room supplies for college. The response from students was most appreciative. The need this year is as great for students at both schools. We want to continue this outreach effort. See you at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Haywood Street Happenings

Join us for lunch at Haywood Street on Wednesdays

Come join us and 150 - 200 friends at the Downtown Welcome Table on Wednesdays for lunch. We serve from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Looking for a volunteer opportunity? We can help you find your niche at Haywood Street. We need volunteers to go to MANNA Food bank on Mondays and/or to shop at Sam's. Preparation work for the Wednesday meal is done on Tuesdays at 5:15. Volunteers work on Wednesdays from 9 - 2. If the entire time range does not work for you, we can work around your schedule!

Need more information? Contact Amy Gaston (253-5188 or amy@jggaston.com) or Shelly Arnold (299-8528 or shellyarnold99@gmail.com).



Wonderful Wednesdays

Wonderful Wednesdays offer a variety of small groups and fellowship

Dinner begins at 5:15 followed programs at 6:00. Please make your dinner reservations no later than Tuesday—or we cannot guarantee enough food. Call 253-3316 to make your dinner reservations. The meal cost is \$7 for an adult and \$4 for children 12 and under, with a \$22 family maximum. A salad bar will be available. Many spiritual growth and fellowship opportunities are available.

Wonderful Wednesdays nights in January “Storytelling at Central”

On January 19 and 26 Central will welcome some of WNC's storytelling greats! Marvin Cole will emcee and introduce you to some of the top storytellers in the Asheville Storytelling Circle for evenings to whet your imagination, foster your humaneness, and your joy.

Each November a Tellabration of storytelling occurs throughout the United States and many places throughout the world. The Asheville Storytelling Circle event attracts more people than any Tellebration in the Southeast—two times more than the one held in Atlanta. Western North Carolina and East Tennessee is a “warm fireplace” for storytellers and story-listeners.

On January 19, **Sandra Gudger** tells a lot of stories of “back when,” and will be telling us about the “hap’s” and mishaps of her Uncle Will and about a backwoods visit by Santa Claus who used bears instead of reindeer. **Gwenda Ledbetter's** first book *Bee, The Harp, The Mouse and The Bum Clock* won a Notable award from the American Library Association. She is a recipient of the National Storytelling Network *Circle of Excellence* Award. She tells stories about life, with humor, and is considered a mentor for many growing storytellers.

On January 26, **Barbara Freeman** teamed with Connie Regan-Blake as part of the revival of storytelling which began in the 1970-80s. She will be telling us the story about *The Three Trees* which involves trees that became a part of Christ's life. **Candler Willis** looks the part he plays in impersonating Abraham Lincoln. He will tell us an incident or incidents in the life of President Lincoln. **Steve Boyer** is a former United Airlines steward who retired in Asheville and became a storyteller. Steve's stories are usually with a message or moral and often mixed with humor.

Come enjoy these two evenings of entertainment and add some cheer to a wintery month.

Central's Snow Policy for Saturday, Sunday, and Weekdays

- **Wonderful Wednesday:** If the Asheville City Schools are closed—even if the weather clears up later in the day—there will be NO Wonderful Wednesday dinner or programs.
- **Chancel Choir:** The adult choir rehearsals will take place as scheduled—unless you are notified otherwise.
- **Wesley Singers:** If the Asheville City Schools are closed—even if the weather clears up later in the day—there will be no rehearsals for the Wesley Singers.
- **Meetings:** Meetings will take place as scheduled—unless you are notified otherwise.



Central's Snow Policy for Sunday Services

- **8:45 Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Nursery Care:** Depending on the severity of the weather, **the 8:45 am Sunday service along with Sunday School and Nursery Care may be cancelled.*** In the event of a cancellation, please tune into TV station WLOS News 13 and look for “Central UMC-Asheville” or you can go to the church website www.centralumc.org and click on “Get Connected,” and then click on “Central Hub.” The notification will be present on this “central hub” page.
- **When the 8:45 am service is cancelled, all Sunday School classes will be cancelled along with nursery care for both of these hours.** On these Sundays, nursery care will be provided only for the 10:55 service.
- **Youth:** In the event that the 8:45 Worship Service is cancelled, there will be no Youth activities that day.
- **10:55 am Sunday Worship:** There will always be a 10:55 am Sunday worship service regardless of the weather.

* Please note the change in the cancellation policy is for the 8:45 Sunday service only.

Central's Snow Policy for Saturdays at Six



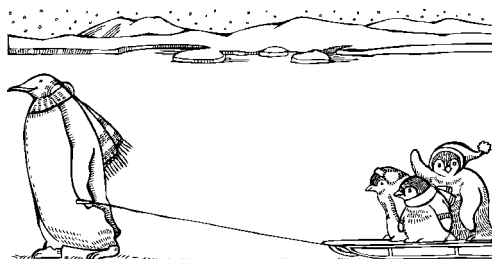
Because this service is at night—when travel could be more treacherous—there are times when the Saturdays at Six worship service may be cancelled due to bad weather.

If the weather could be a problem, please check the church's website www.centralumc.org and click on “Get Connected,” and then click on “Central Hub.” The notification will be present on this “central hub” page if the Saturdays at Six service has been cancelled.

**Your safety is always the most important thing,
so please do not come if it would be hazardous for you.**

Keep this page handy in case of bad weather

12/10/2010



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.

Looking to start 2011 in prayer? Join the Monday Morning Prayer Group!

For over 14 years, the Monday morning prayer group has bathed the congregation's prayer requests in prayer. It is a real blessing and great time of fellowship for our members.

We are always open for new prayer partners to join our group. There is no obligation and if you are uncomfortable praying in public, we invite you to come and pray with us silently. If you need more information, call Julie at 989-9659.

Prison Ministry

Central helps provide Christmas at Buncombe Correctional Center

The Buncombe Correctional Center–Community Resource Council (BCC-CRC) handed out gift bags to all 182 inmates at BCC. Each bag contained a can of shaving cream, a disposable razor, a toothbrush and toothpaste, a notepad, pen, pencil, two bars of soap, a Christmas devotional, and lots of chocolate candy.

The CRC likes to express their sincere thanks the children from Central United Methodist Church, to the children from Heritage Hall International School, the Venture Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church Asheville, Biltmore Baptist Church, and Dr. Thomas Bowen, D.M.D., P.A. for their generous gifts and donations. You shined some Christmas light into the darkness of the incarcerated. [The Central children supplied the chocolate candy and raised money to purchase the shaving cream, pens, and pencils. Jessica Tripp supplied the Christmas devotional.]



Pray that the Christmas devotional will sow a seed in fertile ground and its harvest may glorify the true meaning of Christmas.

Weekday School Registration

2011-2012 registration for Central Weekday begins January 31

Registration for Central UMC families will be held on Monday, January 31, and Tuesday, February 1, 2011 from 9:00 am – 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Registration packets are available at CUMC's reception desk on the third floor, on the CUMC website, or from Tammy Henry beginning on Monday, January 24. The completed Enrollment Application along with the \$85.00 registration fee (Pre-K Registration also requires a non-refundable deposit of \$265.00) must be submitted on Registration Day(s) in order to complete the registration process.

preschool registration



Inclement Weather: Should inclement weather close or delay the Asheville City or Buncombe County School systems on either of the Registration days, Registration will be held from 9:00 am - 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall on the first day school resumes on a regular schedule. Please watch for "Central Weekday School" on WLOS for school status.

Children's Ministry

Date change: Confirmation Class starting date changed to January 23

Because of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, Confirmation Class will NOT start on January 16. Instead the class will begin on Sunday, January 23, at 5:00 pm in Room 205. See you all then!

Youth Ministry

UMYF—United Methodist Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

For more info, contact Stephen Brown, Youth Director, at 253-3316, 421-0340 or email Stephen@centralumc.org

Youth will collect food and dollars on Super / Super Bowl Weekend February 5 & 6

On Saturday, February 5, and Sunday, February 6, the Central UMYF will be taking donations of canned food and dollar bills to give to MANNA Food Bank to help feed the people of Asheville, and surrounding areas whose cupboards are a little bare this winter.



Every year we are amazed at the outpouring of the church and their ability to give not just from their pockets and their full cupboards but give of their hearts. Youth will be stationed around the church to collect your donations before and after each service.

I need your HELP!!! Volunteering at the Sunday and Saturday services collecting food. Call me if you want to help 828-421-0340

Youth Super Bowl Party: Sunday, February 6:

Two things are required for this event.

1. A donation for MANNA food Bank (either a dollar or a canned food item)
2. A Super Bowl snack. Get out your aprons and bring your favorite football game concoction to share with the youth group. (I will have drinks and a few pots of chili.) Party starts at 5:30 and ends at the end of the game (9:30).

Saturdays in Ministry

The Youth Group is starting a new program with an opportunity to give a Saturday of our time to do ministry with some organizations here in Asheville. We are calling it **Saturdays in Ministry**. One Saturday a month we will join forces with a local ministry like The Irene Wortham Center or Eliada Homes.

We hope to do an assortment of projects while we are there. These include everything from painting to doing arts and crafts with the Residents. The great part about Saturdays in Ministry is that we don't have to go and visit these places just one month. We are hoping to return to them often throughout the year!

Keep your eyes on your Calendars for dates and Times. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help youth in ministry on Saturdays, email Chad Roope roopechad@yahoo.com or Stephen Brown stephen@centralumc.org

Outreach

F.I.S.H. is Saturday, February 5

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 for a morning of service and fellowship. We will meet and begin with refreshments and a time of devotion and then stay here at Central making blankets, cookies, and other treats for the children at the ABCCM Women and Children's Shelter. Every time we bring them goodies, the mothers are so excited and happy to surprise their children with a treat. Come, enjoy your morning with us, and share the love of Christ with mothers and their children in need of love and encouragement.

F.I.S.H. (Families in Service to Him) meets the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon for a time of devotion, prayer, and service. Join us in 2011 as we visit and serve The Lord's Acre community garden, ABCCM, MANNA, UMAR, The Presbyterian Home for Children, Haywood Street, Animal Haven of Asheville, Riverlink, and other area ministries. Check the next newsletter for a schedule of service sites for 2011!



All ages welcome. Please call or email Jessica Tripp a week prior to the first Saturday to sign up for F.I.S.H.

Parish Nurse / Older Adult Ministry

How are your blood pressure readings? Come January 23 and see

There will be a blood pressure screening on Sunday, January 9, 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. So Remember:

- Normal blood pressure is less than 120/80
- Pre-Hypertension is 120-139/80-89
- Stage 1 Hypertension is 140-159/90-99
- Stage 2 Hypertension is 160 and higher/100 and higher



Lipid Screening on Thursday, January 27

On Thursday, January 27, from 8:30-10:30am, Maureen Carr, Parish Nurse performs Lipid Panel (Total Cholesterol, good and bad cholesterol, triglycerides, blood sugar) screenings in Senior resource Center (Room 318). You need to have been fasting 8-12 hours. There is a \$15 charge to cover supplies. No appointments are necessary. Just come and be informed of your cholesterol and blood sugar numbers.

United Methodist Women

UMW Luncheon rescheduled to Sunday, January 23

The United Methodist Women's Luncheon has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 23, at 12:00 noon (after the 10:55 worship service) in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$7; please send reservations to Ginger Haselden. We will have a brief business meeting and memorial service. Also, bring caps, socks, gloves, mittens for the BEAR Closet and ABCCM. If you have any questions, call Maureen Carr at 277-7065.

Mission Study at Central on February 19

Central United Methodist Women will be sponsoring a Mission Study "Joy To The World" on February 19 in the Fellowship Hall. Betty Swarthout from the Waynesville District will be out guest speaker. Any questions contact Maureen Carr, at 253-3316, ext. 320.

The **Sarah Circle** will meet on Tuesday, January 18, at 10:00 am at the home of Nancy Stancil. Dr. Micki Cabaniss Eutsler will present the program on Central's Ministry in Prisons.

The **Mary Circle** will meet on Wednesday, February 2, at 9:30 am at the church. We are a circle whose focus is Motherhood. Childcare for the little ones is always available at our meetings. This is a great opportunity for moms to fellowship and do service work with other moms. For more information about the Mary Circle, contact Heather Nesbitt at hawessel@yahoo.com.

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 or by phone 989-8097.



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Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are with Joanne Moss and her family on the death of her brother, Robert “Bob” James Boutin, on December 30 in Dallas, Texas.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Meghan Flynt and her family on the death of her grandfather, Wallace Flynt, on January 2.

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Miriam Parsell by:
Barbara Mayer

In memory of Carol Starnes Russell for the Music Ministry by:

Margaret Pettus

In memory of Gerald Frutchey for the Music Ministry by:

Margaret Pettus

In memory of Bill Harpe for the Memorial Garden by:

Fred and Marcia Ayers

Ken and Emily Partin

McGee and McGee

Gene and Mildred Kizer

Fulton and Sally Roberts

In memory of Bill Harpe for the Foundation Fund by:

Charlie and Nancy David

In memory of Herman Edison Smith for the Music Ministry by:

Robert and Bonnie Smith

In memory of Mary Merritt (Logan Merritt’s mother) by:

The Discovery SS class

Marvin and Mimi Cole

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Dell and Sherman Dillard

Lee and Amy Loy

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