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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)

May 15, 2011

Worship Services at Central
Dr. Rob Blackburn, Senior Minister

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

May 15
High School Senior Sunday

May 22
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 live on
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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Congregational retreat at Haywood Street on Saturday, May 14

Do you...

- * Care about the future of the Haywood Street Congregation?
- * Want to help plan activities and programs at Haywood Street for the coming year?
- * Have ideas and suggestions for how the church can grow and develop to improve the way it pursues its vision?

If so, then please join us on Saturday, May 14, for a congregational retreat at Haywood Street from 8:30-12. Coffee and pastries will be served, followed by a series of conversations focused on planning for the future of our church www.haywoodstreet.org.



Eve Circle is having a Bake Sale on Sunday, May 22

The Eve Circle will host their semi-annual bake sale in the fellowship hall on Sunday, May 22, from 8:45 am to 12:15 pm. There will be a variety of home baked goods offered.

Come early for the best selection. All proceeds will be used to support women and children through several non-profit organizations that Eve Circle helps support.

We hope you will stop by the Eve Circle tables and make a selection on the 22nd. Your support is appreciated!

Many thanks to the blood donors

Many thanks to those who donated blood, Sunday May 1. We received 18 units which will help many people. Our next Blood Drive will be July 31 from 8:30- 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you, Growing in Faith class, for improvements at Haywood Street

Thanks go out to the Growing in Faith Sunday School Class for the beautiful new drapes in the Green Fellowship Hall and the new panels above the stage at the Haywood Street campus.

The class purchased the material and rods and Mary Ann Wansong and Bunny Daniels did lots and lots of sewing! Stop by and see their handiwork.

Central Happenings

Everyone's invited to the Community Lunch on Monday, May 16

There will be a Community Lunch at Haywood Street Campus, Monday, May 16, from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. The menu is barbeque, beans, slaw, dessert, fruit and beverages. Dr. Tony Bell will bring the entertainment. Everyone welcome.

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.

Administrative Board/Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, June 5

There is an Administrative Board/Charge Conference meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 5, at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Charge Conference piece is to approve lease agreements for new Haywood Street Campus tenants. A copy of the lease agreements is at the Reception Desk for anyone who wants to review them before the meeting.

**The church offices will be closed on Monday, May 30,
in observance of Memorial Day**

Jot & Tittle deadlines

May 18 is the deadline for the
June 5 issue

June 8 the deadline for the
June 19 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:

**Vegetable oil, powdered milk, sugar
Canned meats, pasta sauce, self-rising flour
Cornmeal, grits**

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

Bring food items to large box the Fellowship Hall

2011 budget update

As of May 1 our Central congregation has given \$571,525 to support our ministries and the operating budget. Thank you!

(This is up \$43,621 from the same time last year.)

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.

When you are unable to attend worship....

We want to keep you connected to the worship life of Central United Methodist Church! Bulletins have been sent to those individuals who are unable to attend worship. My hope is that when they are able to view the worship service on T.V. on a week delay, folks will have the bulletin with them so they can follow along. If you would like to receive a bulletin in the mail or email, please call the church at 253-3316.

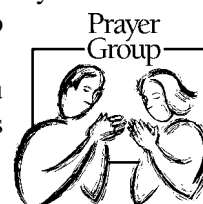
Join a Central UMC Prayer Group

Mondays at 10:30 in the Central Parlor

Everyone is invited (male and female!) to join our prayer group on Mondays. Your prayer requests are important to us. One of the most fascinating and uplifting things to see is the process of God's work in response to prayer. Julie receives the prayer requests on Monday and makes a copy for the prayer groups, the ministers, and the staff.

We try to keep in touch with you as God hears the requests through our and your prayers. It is our way to walk with you and God through tough and great times in your life. We invite anyone who is able to attend to come and be with us to see the process of God answering your prayers.

One of the most daunting things about a prayer group is praying in public. Don't let this keep you away. **You are not required to pray in front of the group.** We just want you to come and be with us and to see how just a few minutes of prayer changes people's lives.



Thursdays at 10:30 at Givens Estates at the Chapel conference room

We invite the residents of Givens Estates and those in South Asheville to join our prayer group. We begin with a short devotional and share the requests from the worship services and lift the requests in prayer. Again, if you are not comfortable praying in public please don't let this keep you away. We gather as one body and one voice to lift to God the needs of our congregation

Outreach

Needs at the Vanderbilt

Over the years, the members of Central have helped our friends and neighbors living at the Vanderbilt Apartments in downtown Asheville. The following items are currently needed:

- paper towels and toilet paper • Kleenex • small bottles of dishwashing soap
- small cans of juice and fruit • low-sodium soup

If you can help, place your items in the WE CARE boxes at the Second Floor entrance (near the Fellowship Hall) and near the Reception Desk. The Vanderbilt residents are most appreciative of the gift. Thank you for your continued support. [Note: **Magazines are not needed** at the present time.]

F.I.S.H. (Families in Service to Him) meets Saturday, June 4

- Saturday, June 4: We will meet at Central at 9:00 am for a devotional and prayer and then head out to The Lord's Acre to work in this organic community garden that benefits Food for Fairview. Bring your gardening gloves, a sun hat and a bottle of water.
- July 2: No F.I.S.H. – 4th of July holiday weekend!

F.I.S.H. meets the first Saturday of each month for a devotion, prayer, fellowship and service. This mission opportunity is open to all ages and is a great way for families to be in missions! Call Jessica Tripp a week prior to each F.I.S.H. day to sign-up.



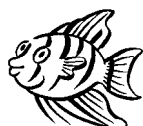
Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry 2nd through 5th graders will take overnight trip to the Georgia Aquarium

Join us May 28-29 for an overnight adventure! We will meet in the back parking lot of Central at 1:00 pm on Saturday, May 28, and travel to the Georgia Aquarium to participate in the Ocean Odyssey overnight program.

The following morning we will enjoy time in the aquarium and see the new dolphin show, leaving after lunch to head back to Asheville.

Cost of the trip is \$130 per child (scholarships available upon request). Call Jessica Tripp to register (253-3316) Space is limited.



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

May 15 Senior Sunday 5:00-7:00 Sunday

This is another special day for our Graduates here at Central. We invite all the graduating seniors not only to join us Sunday morning for the brunch and late service, but we ask that they join us for a special ceremony at Youth on Sunday night. We hope to honor their time spent in service towards the community, the church and the Youth Group.

May 21 Saturdays in Mission (S.I.M.) 9:30-12:30 Saturday

It is finally here. After scheduling conflicts galore, we are finally getting over to Eliada Homes to help in their pasture. Come join us as we volunteer our time on a Saturday to do some good work and help out a local ministry. Meet in the back parking lot at 9:30.

May 29 No Youth In observance of Memorial Day

June 5 Photo Scavenger Hunt Extravaganza 5:00-7:00 Sunday

Prison Ministry

You can help make Kairos Marion Correctional Institution # 6 a success

Eight Central UMC members, including the Kairos advisory leader, are among 54 volunteers from many different denominations in WNC who will lead the sixth Kairos weekend at Marion (NC) Correctional Institution (MCI—a close custody institution for 806 adult males) on May 19 through May 22.

In order to make this weekend the same success as Kairos #1 thru #5, we need your help again.

- **Pray for the inmates.** It is the tradition of the Kairos method to wrap the Weekend Event with prayer, all day and all night long. Visit: <http://3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=5120&commid=1474> and select a time slot when you will be praying for these men.
- **We need the “Cookie bake” again.** Last year we were over 1,000 dozen cookies short of our goal of 3,400 dozen. The Kairos team plans to hand out—with the love of Christ—a dozen homemade, prayed over, cookies to each of the 764 inmates in their cells and the 42 participants. **Central, we really need your help with the cookie bake!** For the cookie bake instructions and recipes, visit: <http://mykairos.org/templates/System/details.asp?id=23761&PID=151434> or pick up a copy from Jessica Tripp. Again, the key ingredient to the cookies is prayer.
- **Make a poster of any size**, from 8½ X 11 up to poster board size showing Christ’s love.
- **Buy a participant a meal.** A team of volunteers prepares lunches and dinners in Glenwood Baptist Church’s kitchen, our base camp nearby MCI. The average cost of a meal is \$5.00 and a check can be made out to N.C. Kairos and given to Jessica Tripp.
- **Visit the prison.** Central members (18 years and over) are encouraged to attend the weekend closing and witness how the Holy Spirit works in prison. You would have to be at MCI’s gate, Sunday, May 22, at 2:00 pm. Contact John Klees at 56john44@charter.net or call 828-667-0580 for needed security information.



Cookies, posters, placemats, and meal donations must be at Central, by Wednesday, May 18, before 7:00 pm.

Thank you Central for showing Christ’s love to those who are physically and spiritually incarcerated. For more information on Kairos visit <http://kairosprisonministry.org>; go to www.centralumc.org website, click on Missions, and scroll down to the link for Kairos cookies; or contact Jessica Tripp jtripp@centralumc.org or John Klees

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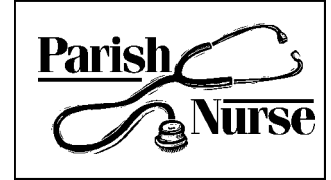
Parish Nurse / Older Adult Ministry

How are your blood pressure readings? Come May 22 and see

There will be a blood pressure screening on Sunday, May 22, 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, May 26

On Thursday, May 26, from 8:30-10:30 am, 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

The **Sarah Circle** will meet on Tuesday, May 17, at 10:00 am in the home of Charlotte Derrough. The program, "The Mystery of Isaiah," will be presented by Denise Lewis, a teaching leader of Bible Study Fellowship.

The **Rebekah Circle** will meet on Tuesday, May 17, at 10:30 am at the home of Donna Vaughn. Bring a potluck dish—dessert is provided. The program will be harp music by Donna.

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.

Upcoming events for United Methodist Women:

- Western North Carolina Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, June 17-18, at Lake Junaluska with the theme "Peace, Popcorn and Pansies."
- Western North Carolina Conference School of Christian Missions, July 14-17, at Pheiffer University, Misenheimer, NC. The Theme is "All Things Made New."

Persons wanting more information contact Maureen Carr at 253-3316, ext. 320



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Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are with Mel Craddock and his family on the death of his sister-in-law, Frances Craddock, on April 23 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Greg Gance on the death of his wife and to Sara and Tyler on the death of their mother, Sherry Gance, on May 4.

Memorial Gifts

In memory of George Roberts by:

William and Alice Griffin
Katherine Beaver
Joe and Mary Davis
Ernest and Shirley Ferguson

In memory of George Roberts for the Building Fund by:

Jim and Betty Danner
Ralph and Vi Feemster
Spencer and Patti Elrod
Tony and Mae Roberts
Sandy Stanford

In memory of James Mann for the Music Ministry by:

Jim and Carolyn Mann

In memory of Betty Jane Fonner (Laura Moore's sister) for the Foundation Fund by:

Adaline Wetmore

In memory of Bill Harpe for the Music Ministry by:

Ralph and Vi Feemster

Honor Gifts

In honor of Russell Nelson for the Music Ministry by:

Charles and Suzanne Davis

In honor of Corey Powell for the Organ Fund by:

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