

Children & Family Ministries



We have planned a fun trip to the Preppy Possum for a painting class on Saturday, May 20th at 1:00. The children will be painting a cross. The cost is \$25 per child and this is available for all children kindergarten through 8th grade. We only have 19 spots so if you would like for your child to come, please let me know ASAP. I will open this event up to our Kinderfrogs at the Day School and others in the community if we are not full by May 8th. Your child may bring a friend to participate!

The start of **Kid's Ahoy** is right around the corner!!! Fred and I are working diligently to plan great events for your children this summer. The events will be on Tuesdays, beginning June 13th! This is for our children at Central, kindergarten through 5th grade (completed), as well as the children in our community! Please share this information with other parents so that they are aware of this awesome opportunity!

I'm excited to announce that Vacation Bible School for 2017 will be July 24th-28th. With our curriculum "Maker Fun Factory", the children will learn that they were created by God and they are built for a purpose! You are God's masterpiece!!! I will begin recruiting volunteers very soon. Please let me know if you are willing to serve this year!

Children's Ministry is in need of two volunteers who are willing to teach our Sunday School Cross Trainers class (4th and 5th graders) once a month. We will provide curriculum, as well as any materials needed for that Sunday. This need must be filled by the end of May, so please be in prayer about this wonderful opportunity to sew into the life of a child!

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Middle School Class is meeting in the (old Youth Room) which is now the Kindergarten Classroom, and our High School Class is meeting in the former College Classroom for our Sunday School time while our Youth area is getting a face lift.

NO MYF! Happy Mother's Day! Enjoy the evening with family! Do something special for Mom! We'll see you next week if not sooner.

"MAKE OVER" REVEAL! Come get a first look at our newly renovated Youth space next Sunday night, May 21st! Food, Fun, Fellowship & More!! Don't miss it! Be there!!

TBC: There's something special about a warm breakfast, sharing in an encouraging word, and lifting each other up in prayer to start the day. We'd love to see U at Chick-fil-A this Tuesday morning at 6:54 AM!

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: Invite a friend to meet you at Wesley Williams' house tonight from 7:03 till 8:33. Makes for a great time of discussion and fellowship! Bring your Bible!

BREAK THRU: It all happens this Thursday from 6:00 till 8:30 pm. We'd love for YOU to join us!

MOTHER'S DAY BULLETIN 2017: Thank you for your support of this year's Mother's Day Bulletin! --Love, The Week of Hope Mission Team

**Special Called Meeting of the Church Council on
Sunday, May 21st at 12:15pm to discuss the
establishment of a church endowment formation committee.**

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filled with many resources for
your use: Sunday School
Curriculum, fiction, non-fiction,
children's books, CD's, Videos,
etc. Stop by and check out (no pun intended!) what we
have for your enjoyment or for deeper studies into the
Word of God!



SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY:

On Sunday, June 4th, we will recognize all of our High School Graduates! If you are graduating from College – please contact the church office to let us know the date of your graduation, the college or university you're graduating from, and what degree you're receiving along with a phone number, so we can confirm if need be.

CUOC Items
Any item

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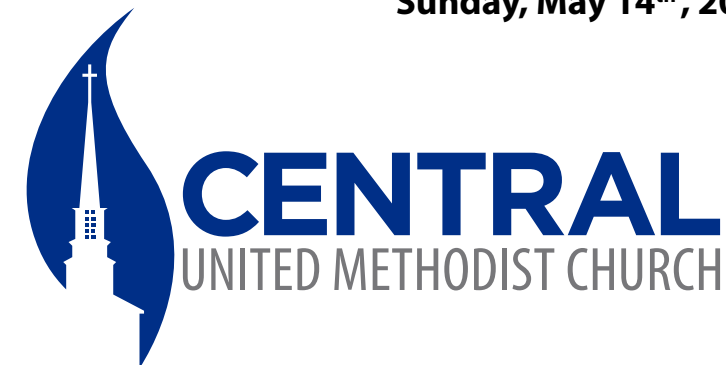
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Sunday, May 14th, 2017



Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world.
We are about making connections — connecting people to God and to each other.

The Gospel Is For Life

I saw a news article about a recent interview with actor Brad Pitt in the upcoming issue of GQ magazine. What caught my eye in the news article was it said even though he identifies himself now as an atheist, Pitt had made some comments about growing up in Christianity. I decided to read further to see what Pitt said about the faith he has now abandoned. One quote from Pitt especially caught my eye:

"I never understood growing up with Christianity — don't do this, don't do that — it's all about don'ts, and I was like how...do you know who you are and what works for you if you don't find out where the edge is, where's your line? You've got to step over it to know where it is."

I think I understand a little of what has caused Pitt to disavow the faith he had growing up. I don't think he ever clearly understood the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At the core of the Christian faith is not a lot of "don't do this, don't do that." Instead, it is what Jesus Christ has done for us to save us from our sin and ourselves.

Here is what I could say to Brad Pitt, and anyone else struggling with the beliefs of Christianity:

1) The Gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ has forgiven your sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

¹³For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

2) The Gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ has made you a child of God.

John 1:12

¹²But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

3) The Gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ has come into your life and will never leave you.

Hebrews 13:5b

⁵...For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."

4) The Gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ has given you a new life.

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

5) The Gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ promised you eternal life.

1 John 5:11-13

¹¹And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.

¹³I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

Author and pastor Tim Keller reminds me that the Gospel is for life in his article entitled, "The Centrality of the Gospel,"

We never "get beyond the gospel" in our Christian life to something more "advanced." The gospel is not the first "step" in a "stairway" of truths, rather, it is more like the "hub" in a "wheel" of truth. The gospel is not just the A-B-C's but the A to Z of Christianity.

I want to encourage you every day to live into and live out, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It will keep you going strong and faithful, even in the midst of life's challenges and setbacks!

PASTOR J.F.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday May 14 th 2017	Fifth Sunday of Easter	8:45AM
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Heather Cagle
OPENING PRAYER		Heather Cagle
WORSHIP SONGS	"Jesus"	
	"Amazing Grace Peaceful Easy Feeling"	Praise Team
*TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM		Emerson Elizabeth Beck
TIME OF THANKSGIVING PRAYER		Fred Huffstetler
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	2 Corinthians 9:15	Pastor J.F.
	¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!	
GIVING OF GIFTS		
OFFERTORY SPECIAL	"Revelation Song"	Praise Team
SCRIPTURE	Acts 7:55-60 (See insert)	
MESSAGE	How The Good News Of The Gospel Gets You Through The Bad Times Of Life	Pastor J.F.
SERIES:	enAct	
THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION		
{The United Methodist Church practices open communion, which means everyone is welcome to receive the elements of the Lord's Supper today. When you come forward during the Lord's Supper you will be given a piece of bread to dip into the cup and partake. Once you receive communion you may return to your seat, or you may kneel or stand at the altar area for a time of personal prayer.}		
THE SCRIPTURE READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26		
THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		
THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)		#895 (UMH)
<i>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory forever. Amen.</i>		
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD		
THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP		
CLOSING SONG	"Step By Step"	Praise Team
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Fred Huffstetler

USHERS 8:45 AM
Tammie Walker, Tim Dunn, Rick Flickinger

GREETERS 8:45 AM -
Jack & Holly Embree

USHERS 11:00 AM
CHAIRMAN – Dee Bulla
Captain – Hal Powell, Jerry Little,
Ray Hargett, Bill McAnulty, Dean Lail, Tony Pugh, Boyd Thomas, Tom Allred

GREETERS 11:00 AM -
Jerry Tugwell, Wanda Tatum, Peter Brisley, Mary Lynn Brisley, Norma Connell



Attention United Methodist Women
Look for these new books on the reading table:
Slowing Time, Grace, Not Safe for Church, Remember Dippy
Thin & Beautiful, America and Its Guns

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Sunday May 14 th 2017	Fifth Sunday of Easter	11:00 AM
PRELUDE		
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Fred Huffstetler
*HYMN OF PRAISE	"Because He Lives"	#364 (UMH)
*A TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	2 Corinthians 9:15	Pastor J.F.
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OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		#94(UMH)
TIME OF THANKSGIVING PRAYER FOR OTHERS		Heather Cagle
ANTHEM	"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"	Tom Fettke
When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers, the moon and stars suspended in space. O what is man that You are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation; the beast of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. O what is man that You are mindful of him? O Lord our God, the majesty and glory of Your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord our God, little children praise you perfectly and so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!		
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD		
THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP		
HYMN OF RESPONSE	"Only Trust Him"	# 337 (UMH)
*CLOSING PRAYER		Pastor J.F.
*POSTLUDE		<i>*Congregation please stand if you are able.</i>

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Happy Mother's Day!!!!



Congratulations to Rob & Ellen Brisley at the birth of their son, Holton Lynnwood Brisley born April 29th, 2017. Proud grandparents: Peter & Mary Lynn Brisley.

Memorials & Gifts

BUDGET FUND

In Memory of Hal Hussey
By Jack & Iris Ragland
In Memory of Denny Harris
By Jack & Iris Ragland
In Memory of Mary Lou Priest
By Brian & Judy Freeman
By Jack & Iris Ragland
By Pervis & Carolyn Greene
By Jerry & Donna Tugwell

CHOIR FUND

In Memory of Hal Hussey
By John & Emily Matkins
By Pervis & Carolyn Greene

CHAPEL RENOVATION FUND

In Memory of Bellma Allred
By Roland & Carolyn Cox
In Memory of Mary Lou Priest
By Jim & Pat Pittillo
By Roland & Carolyn Cox
In Memory of Helen Powell
By Roland & Carolyn Cox

BUILDING FUND

In Memory of Mary Lou Priest
By EJ & Brenda Johnson
By Marion & Ann Asbill
By Mark & Rhonda Trollinger
By Ray & Rachel Hargett
By Ralph & Carol Hall
By Rob & Kerbi Clauser
By Lee & Sarahbeth Roberts
By Heath & Anne McCaskill
By Weed N Win Garden Club
By George & Mary Pollock
By Jim & Wendy Kinlaw
By Brad & Jennifer Byrd
By Kaye Bryan
In Memory of Hal Hussey
By Ray & Rachel Hargett
In Memory of J Phillips
By Marcie Cooper
In Memory of Liv Jones
By Jim & Wendy Kinlaw

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By Boyce & Betty Asbill
By Ben & LoriAnn Owen

*Dear Central Church Family,
Thank you so much for the cards, flowers, memorials, food, visits and calls during our time of loss. Mom loved this church and the people in it, and we are so blessed from the outpouring love you've shown us. We appreciate each of you and ask for your continued prayers.
Love, Archie, Kristy, & Family of Mary Lou Priest*

HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

CUMC Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, May 14th
8:45 AM – Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
MONDAY, May 15th
5:30 AM – Cardio
1:00 PM – Chair Chicks
5:30 PM – Week of Hope Training
TUESDAY, May 16th
7:00 AM – "Walk and Worship"
5:45 PM – Pilates
6:00 PM – NetworX
7:00 PM – Open Gym
WEDNESDAY, May 17th
10:00 AM – Morning Prayer Group
1:00 PM – Chair Chicks
6:30 PM – Hand Bells
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir
THURSDAY, May 18th
7:00 AM – "Walk and Worship"
5:30 PM – Cardio
5:30 PM – Staff Parish Meeting
7:00 PM – Open Gym



May

- 14 Kyle Pugh
- 15 Linda Thomas
Sueann Walker
Victoria Coltrane
Russ Smith
Hillary McDowell Bunting
- 16 Joyce Mitchell
Janie Grubbs
- 17 Lynne Finison
Rebecca Kidd
Margaret Beck
Pastor J.F. Howard
- 18 Stephen Lucas
Taylor Salmons
- 19 Samuel Rich
Corey Masterson
Joseph Lamb
Chuck Hinson
- 20 Freda Beaver