



Central United Methodist Church  
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8:45am – “O Come Let Us Adore Him ” Praise Team  
11:00am - Chancel Choir Cantata  
**Were you there on that Christmas Night?**

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Wednesday Night Bible Study  
[Will Resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>](#)



If you miss a session, it will be available on the church website  
under the tab “Sermons.”  
Great time to catch up during the holidays!



## **Journey Toward Transformation In The New Year!**

Have you ever wondered what it would take to fully experience the transforming power of Jesus Christ in your life?

Have you every prayed for the church to be fully focused on transforming the world through the life changing power of Jesus Christ?

Would you like to prayerfully reflect on, and learn principles of life change that will not only impact your life in 2020 but the church and the world?

Do you know that people grow spiritually faster and deeper in a small group setting than in individual spiritual practices?

**Central UMC is offering a Sunday morning small group experience** to study, learn, and apply principles of transformation as individuals and as a church.

This class will be facilitated by Trenten Lowe and will take place at **10:00 am in the Central Church Chapel on the following Sundays: December 1, December 8, December 29, and January 5.**

If you do not have a small group that you meet with during the 10:00 am hour, why not try this one for these four Sundays?

If you are part of a small group, why not get your class to participate in this four week experience together?

A sign-up sheet is available before and after worship services on November 24.

Imagine what God could do in your life during these four important weeks!

Start 2020 off right by positioning yourself to experience the transforming power of Jesus Christ!

*<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.<sup>18</sup> And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

~2 Corinthians 3:17-18

## Save The Dates!

If you love seeing people come to faith in Jesus Christ and joining the church, then you know how important it is for the un-churched and unsaved to be personally invited to come to church with a church member they know and trust.

Central Church is planning a number of opportunities that will be just perfect for you to invite un-churched people in the next several weeks. The Christmas season is the single best time of the year to invite people to come to church with you.

We have two great days planned in December that would be excellent times for you to do that:

**Sunday, December 15, 2019:** A Great Day Of Music and Praise!

**8:45 am:** Christmas Music and Praise in the Contemporary Style (FLC)

**11:00 am:** The 2019 Combined Christmas Choir Cantata with the CUMC Chancel Choir and the St. John's Lutheran Church Choir.

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019:** Christmas Eve Services

**5:00 pm:** Christmas Eve service with carols, candle lighting and communion in the tradition style.

**8:00 pm:** Christmas Eve service with carols, candle lighting and communion in the contemporary style.

Into **2020** we have a great event planned for worship and evangelism: the 2019 CUMC Revival featuring author, evangelist, and radio personality and college professor Alex McFarland. Alex is a dynamic speaker who will appear to people of all ages.

Alex will be with us **March 19-22, 2020** for a revival event and special youth event (Thursday PM through Sunday AM).

This will be an important time to invite unsaved and un-churched people.

Also, put on your calendar a first ever event in the life of the Central UMC, a strategic planning event, **“Transformation Journey.”** Central UMC was chosen by the WNC Conference and the Uwharrie District Vitality Team as one of 2 churches in our District with potential for expanded ministry and mission. After Church Council approval in May of 2019, the Transformation Journey team has scheduled a weekend to be with us to facilitate a time to dream, vision and prepare to seek God’s next chapter of life and ministry as Central Church. Our transformation journey weekend will be **January 10-11, 2020**. Make plans now to be part of this great opportunity to seek and hear from the Holy Spirit on God’s great plans for the future of Central Church.

**[See the attached information sheets with additional information about the Transformation Journey strategic planning process]**

# GRIEF SHARE®

**September 19 - December 12, 2019**

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Thursdays**

**Location is the Parlor**

**No Fee. Workbook Provided.**

**13 week self-contained classes**

**Register - call 336.420.3802, 336.629.1425 - church  
office,**

**or in person during the series.**

**Everyone is Welcome.**



## *Stephen Ministry*

**Christ Caring for People  
through People**

*Ask a Central Stephen Minister  
how we can serve you*

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