



Day School Items of the Month:
Hand Sanitizer

Envelopes for Angels



Thank you for your participation in Envelopes for Angels! We still have until January 31 to participate. There will be new art projects in the envelopes, so please stop by to get your priceless piece of art! The children have LOVED getting surprises from their "church friends", and I have LOVED playing "Secret Deliverer". Thank you again for your generosity in the lives of our precious students!

Mitten Garland BRR!! IT'S COLD OUTSIDE! The Day School is collecting new and gently used mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves OF ANY SIZE on garlands in the Sunday School halls through the month of January. The items will be donated to our local men's and battered women's shelters and CUOC. You may attach items to the garlands in the halls or give items to Camela, Heather or Jill. We are teaching our Day School students that it is a BLESSING to give to others and to help our community! Thank you for your participation!



Children & Family Ministries

Calling all Acolytes.... We will have an **Acolyte Refresher training** on Sunday, January 28th, following church. We will serve the children lunch, then walk our new servants through the process. We will also talk about expectations involved in being an acolyte. If your child is an acolyte, I need you to make every effort to have them here for this training. No need to RSVP, but please let me know if your child will not be here.

Eat, Pray, Serve – This week we are headed back to the home of Mr. John Lewis! The children had such a wonderful time when we visited with him...several of them have asked me "When do we get to go back and see Mr. Lewis?". I have also been assured that Mr. Lewis was blessed by the children's visit in October! We will gather in the church office at 6:30; the children should be picked up by a parent at 8:00. Please pray that this outreach will continue to bless others while the children learn what it means to be a servant!

Pictorial Directory – There is still time to get your photograph taken for our pictorial directory! If you have not signed up for a time and would like to, please call Heather Cagle. We have a few times available on Jan. 29th!

THANK YOU to all who gave of their time to join me for the Safe Sanctuary Training. If you were not able to attend, but you serve children, youth or vulnerable adults in this church by volunteering your time in these ministries, please stop by Heather Cagle's office and pick up a Safe Sanctuary Policy to sign and return.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT: Be at the church by 4:00 pm on Friday ready-to-go! We will return Sunday around 5:00 pm. We will NOT have Youth Group this evening! *Please remember our group in your prayers!

BREAK THRU: Join us this Wednesday night for a light dinner and more... It all starts at 5:30 pm. Invite a friend! We'll wrap things up at 7:35 pm.

CENTRAL BREAKFAST CLUB: Meet us at Chick-fil-A this coming Thursday morning at 6:45 for a warm meal, and an encouraging word! Bring \$3.25 to cover your breakfast!

WEEK OF HOPE: This summer's destination = Nashville, TN, July 8-14, 2018 (Sun. through Sat.!) Check to see if space is still available!? Team member cost for this exciting week is just \$325.00!

CENTRAL UMC INK PEN'S: This pen has a stylus for your phone and/or notepad, twist open blue ink, and a flashlight on the head that you simply depress after taking off the yellow protector. It even has our church's web address on it! If you'd like one for a friend, family member, or to simply share with a neighbor – we're asking \$3.00 per pen, or you can get 2 of these awesome pens for just \$5.00! All proceeds go to support our Youth Missions!



Warm, welcoming people wanted for a warm, welcoming ministry! Central UMC is planning to launch an outreach ministry to provide a warm welcome to our first time worship guests by a brief door step visit and the delivery of a "thank you for attending" gift. If you would like to serve in this important ministry of follow up hospitality, or if you would just like more information, contact Fred Huffstetler. We are planning the training and launch of this ministry as soon as we have our ministry team in place.

Budget

Needed to Date \$26,883.02 Received to Date \$24,143.00

Endowment Fund

Cash Received: **\$122,223.79** Challenge Cash Received: **\$150,000.00**
Pledges (committed but not yet received) **\$147,000.00**
Total Cash & Pledges: **\$419,223.79**



Gideon: Your Weakness. God's Strength. is a 7 session women's Bible study by Priscilla Shirer. This study will encourage you to recognize your weakness as the key that the Lord gives you to unlock the full experience of His strength in your life. Join us beginning Monday, February 26 at 10:00 AM in the Family Life Center Conference Room. To learn more contact:
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if have questions or would like to participate in this study.



Baby Bottle Collection – Your Choices Randolph

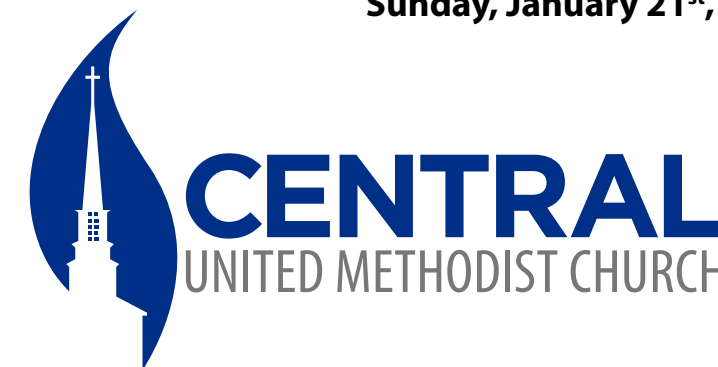
Your Choices Randolph (YCR) serves this community by offering programs for prevention, intervention and restoration. "Through the love and truth of Jesus Christ, YCR empowers women and men to make life-affirming choices regarding biblical sexuality, pregnancy, and abortion restoration. As a non-profit, Christian organization, YCR embraces its partnerships with local churches..." We will be partnering with YCR through the Baby Bottle Campaign. It's simple; pick up a baby bottle in the narthex, fill it with cash or coins, and return it to Central by February 18th. 100% of the money collected will be donated to YCR to support their ongoing efforts to serve Randolph County. If you would like to help with this campaign (collecting or counting the money) please see Heather Cagle. PICK UP YOUR BOTTLE TODAY!

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Sunday, January 21st, 2018



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 Joy Set Before Jesus

I find that the words of Hebrews 12:2 contain a most intriguing thought: **²Look... unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

I can never read these words without being humbled and amazed by Jesus. The writer of Hebrews states that because of "the joy that was set before Him" Jesus endured the cross. In other words, Jesus experienced joy even in the midst of the suffering, rejection, loneliness, and pain of the cross. There is a depth of meaning to those words that I may never fully grasp, but I find a powerful and profound sense of awe in them.

Within Jesus, there exists a source of joy and happiness totally independent of outward circumstances and situations.

Author Randy Alcorn gives some possibilities of the joy Jesus experienced, that was set before Him, even as He went to the cross:

- the joy of pleasing the Father and the Holy Spirit
- the joy of redeeming the people He deeply loves
- the joy of opening the door for people to enter heaven
- the joy of saying, "Well done" and "Come and share your master's happiness" (see Matthew 25:23)
- the joy of seeing His people raised from the dead and watching them celebrate and laugh, never to weep again.

In Jesus, we find the pain of His suffering and death on the cross was overshadowed by the joy He felt in giving Himself for our salvation.

I have found that the more I am with Jesus, the more likely I am to be happy, content, and joyful.

In his book *The Lion, The Witch, And The Wardrobe*, author C.S. Lewis tells us the of how the symbolic Jesus Christ figure, Aslan, is gradually revealed to the Pevensie children. A beaver says to the children, "Aslan is on the move—perhaps already landed." Lewis then describes the response of the children to this news: "And now a very curious thing happened. None of the children knew who Aslan was anymore than you do; but the moment the Beaver had spoken these words everyone felt quite different. Perhaps it has sometimes happened to you and I dream that someone says something which you don't understand but in the dream it feels as if it had some enormous meaning... It was like that now. At the name of Aslan each one of the children felt something jump in its inside."

There is in the presence of Jesus, unlimited joy and happiness, because Jesus knows how the story ends. Jesus knows that Good Friday is overcome by Easter Sunday. Jesus knows the cross is overcome by the empty tomb. Jesus knows that death on earth is overcome by life eternal. Jesus that the joy set before Him will be the promise that gets Him through the challenges of today, and the power that sustains Him forever.

Rejoice that even today, Jesus is on the move. His joy at work in you will have the last word over whatever you face today.

Pastor J.F.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday January 21 st 2018	Third Sunday after the Epiphany	8:45AM
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
WORSHIP SONGS		
	"Ever Be" "Better Than Life"	Heather Cagle Praise Team Heather Cagle
TIME OF GREETING		
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		
PRAYER		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Mark 12:41-44	Pastor J.F.
<small>⁴¹ Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. ⁴² Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. ⁴³ So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; ⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."</small>		
GIVING OF GIFTS		
OFFERTORY SPECIAL	"O Come To The Altar"	Praise Team
SCRIPTURE	Philippians 2: 1-11(See insert)	
MESSAGE	We > Me	Pastor J.F.
SERIES:	HAPPY YOU YEAR!	
CLOSING SONG	"Come As You Are"	Praise Team
AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		
<i>The kneeling rail in the United Methodist Churches has traditionally been a place of prayer. If you have made a decision today that you would like to express publicly; if you would like to join this church on a profession of faith or by transferring your membership, or if you have a need for prayer, you are invited to come forward at this time. Decisions that could change your life are made at the altar.</i>		
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Heather Cagle

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

GREETERS 8:45 AM -
Jerry & Wanda Bowman

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 & Mary Lynn Brisley,
Norma Connell

Calling all church members....

NETworX for Hope Randolph

is having a BINGO night to help raise funds for programming!

Saturday, February 24th – starting at 5:00.

We are in need of prizes for BINGO!

(Gift Cards for Restaurants, Gift Cards for Retailers, Crafts, Baked Goods, etc...)

If you would like to donate an item then please see

Peter Brisley, Vickie Moss, Kristy Priest, Kellie Garcia, or Angie Kern!

Thank you!



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday January 21 st 2018	Third Sunday after the Epiphany	11:00 AM
PRELUDE		
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	"Grace Greater Than All Our Sin"	Heather Cagle #365 (UMH)
*MISSION STATEMENT (In Unison)		
<i>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.</i>		
*THE APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)		#881(UMH)
<i>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen</i>		
*THE GLORIA PATRI		#70(UMH)
*A TIME OF GREETING		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Mark 12:41-44	Pastor J.F.
<small>⁴¹ Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. ⁴² Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. ⁴³ So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; ⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."</small>		
* OFFERTORY		
DOXOLOGY		#95(UMH)
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		
PRAYER FOR OTHERS		
THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)		
<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>		
ANTHEM	"Holy Ground"	Davis/Larson
As I walked through the door, I felt His presence and I knew this was the place where love abounds; For this is His temple: Jehovah God abides here, and we are standing in His presence on holy ground. We are standing on holy ground and I know that there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now, for we are standing in His presence on holy ground. In His presence there is joy beyond all measure. And at His feet peace of mind can still be found. If you have a need I know He has the answer, just reach out and claim it, for you are standing on holy ground. We are standing on holy ground and I know that there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now for we are standing in His presence on holy ground.		
<i>*Children leave for Children's Church</i>		
SCRIPTURE	Philippians 2:1-11 (See insert)	
MESSAGE	We > Me	Pastor J.F.
SERIES:	HAPPY YOU YEAR!	
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"	#358 (UMH)
AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		
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*CLOSING PRAYER		
*POSTLUDE		
<i>*Congregation please stand if you are able</i>		

Memorials & Gifts

BUILDING FUND
In Memory of Marizelle Strider
By Talmadge & Sara Baker
By Rob & Mary Brittain
In Memory of Lola Griffin Jarrell
By Talmadge & Sara Baker
By Rob & Mary Brittain
In Memory of Linda Smith
By Talmadge & Sara Baker
In Memory of Barbara Arnold
By Talmadge & Sara Baker

BUDGET FUND
In Memory of Lola Griffin Jarrell
By Roland & Carolyn Cox
In Memory of Marizelle Strider
By Builders Agape SS Class

WISDOM KEEPERS FUND
In Memory of Marizelle Strider
By Mary Lois Powell



HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

CUMC Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st
8:45 AM – Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
MONDAY, JANUARY 22nd
1:00 PM – Chair Chicks
5:00 PM – Volleyball
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23rd
5:45 PM – Pilates
7:00 PM – Open Gym
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24th
10:00 AM – Wednesday Morning Prayer
1:00 PM – Chair Chicks
5:30 PM – Welcome Table / Bible Study
6:30 PM – Eat, Serve, Pray
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25th
7:00 PM – Open Gym
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th
7:30 AM – Men's Coffee Break @ The Table



January

- 21 Dean Lail
Sara Ingram
Meredith Trudgeon
- 22 Cathy Adams
Tom Trollinger
- 23 Joyce Wheless
Bobby Rogers
Eric Branson
Spencer Morgan
- 24 Bill Russell
Beth Kelser
Jade Queen
- 25 Peggy Woodruff
Laurine Varner
Dana Curran
Lindsey Goy
Mary Moorhouse
Katie Adams
- 26 Robert Johnson
Roger Yates



The Asbury Class will be hosting a Blood Drive on February 15th, 2018 in the Family Life Center. Please make plans to give the Gift of Life!!

CUMC Prayer Ministry

Jesus said "...my house shall be called a house of prayer..."

Will you be a part of Central's Prayer Team?

Pastor JF said last Sunday, "Prayer unleashes the Power, Presence and Purpose of God." We have need for volunteers in the body of Christ to pray during both Sunday services, 8:45 am and 11 am. Volunteer "pray-ers" will be scheduled no more than once per quarter. A schedule will be mailed and/or emailed with

phone numbers so that you can swap with someone if you are unable to pray on the date you're scheduled. You will also receive a prayer guide you can use and/or always being open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Locations where volunteers will find Prayer guides are 1) the prayer room beside the choir loft, 2) the chapel, or 3) the small outside chapel next to the FLC. In the past, some folks have prayed during the service they attended, others have chosen to pray during the service opposite the one they attended--- whichever option works for you. To volunteer, just contact the church office for the service you choose to cover in prayer, 336-629-1425, or contact the prayer coordinator below. "...if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven." Matt 18:19

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Welcome Table and Bible Study
this Wednesday, January 24th at 5:30pm
Hosted by the Asbury Class
Menu: Chicken Pie, Green Beans,
Slaw & Dessert
Pick up a card in the narthex

