



Day School Items of the Month:
Hand Sanitizer

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

Eat, Pray, Serve This Wednesday we are headed back to CUOC to assist this wonderful resource in our community. We are excited to see what we will be doing. Last time we packed bags for recipients to make a lemon dessert and we colored encouraging notes/pictures to go along with the bags. The children are really embracing these opportunities!



Pictorial Directory – Don't miss out on this last opportunity to have your picture made for our new church directory! For more information call Heather Cagle in the church office!

YOUTH NEWS

WINTER RETREAT BLESSING! The weather was perfect, the skiing and snowboarding was the best ever, the speakers were great, the teaching was amazing, the music was spectacular, our time with each other was really fun, and those moments to connect with God – the best!! We want to offer a BIG thank you to our adult Counselors for getting us there and back safely: Heidi Atwell, Anne McCaskill, Heath McCaskill, Ben Owen, Justin Parks & Jennifer Smith. You all were awesome!! Thank you for your presence!

MYF: Join us for Youth Group this Sunday from 6:00 till 7:45 pm! We'll enjoy dinner followed by some fun, fellowship and more...

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!

Central United Methodist Women

Welcome all ladies to our Unit Meeting
Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 3:00 pm
Family Life Center Conference Room

Program: "Exploring God's Call in Biblical Times And in Our Lives Today"
Special Guest: Dr. Kari Howard



1) 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.

2) Does your group want to host a Wednesday meal? All proceeds go directly to your group to advance your ministry and mission! We have dates available Wednesday evenings through March 21st, with our last available evening being Thursday, March 29th (Maundy Thursday). If your group is interested in participating, call Shirley McAnulty at 336-625-4577 for details and availability.

Budget

Needed to Date \$40,324.53 Received to Date \$43,982.26

Endowment Fund

Cash Received: **\$127,238.79** Challenge Cash Received: **\$150,000.00**
Pledges (committed but not yet received) **\$147,000.00**
Total Cash & Pledges: **\$424,223.79**



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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Vicki Moss : 336-953-2561 vicki.moss@gmail.com
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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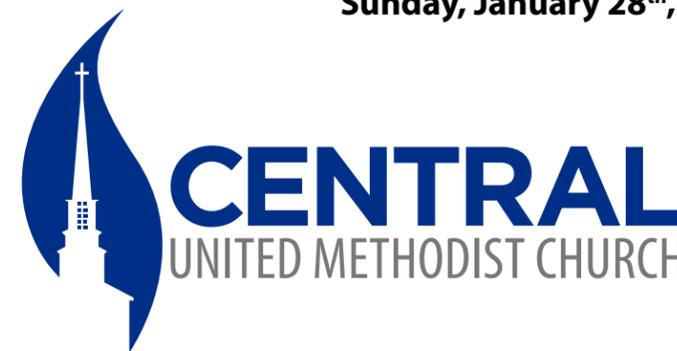
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Sunday, January 28th, 2018



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.

A Conversation With The Cable Guy

A few years ago I was working with the cable company in hopes of getting a good deal on my cable TV rates. I realized about mid way through the back and forth negotiations that the guy in charge of making the deal was a member of the church I pastored, though he had not attended in quite some time. So while trying to get the best cable deal possible, I inquired, "What made you stop coming to the church?" His response caught me off guard, "I could no longer believe in the Bible." And before I could say anything, he added, "The Bible is just a bunch of myths and fairy tales." Have you ever heard anyone say something similar to that? It was rare that I heard it very much back then, but I am hearing it more and more in our day today, especially from young people.

What do you say?
First of all, my experience was so different from many today. I was not raised in the Christian faith. My family did not go to church when I was a child. It was when I began reading the Bible in middle school that it came alive to me, and that I felt as if God were speaking directly to me. One of my favorite Bible verses is 2 Timothy 3:16: ***16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.***

So I come from a much different place than those who claim the Bible is full of "myths and fairy tales."

So here is my best answer to those like my friend at the cable company. I do not believe the Bible is a book of "myths and fairy tales" because the authors of the Bible declared that they were "eyewitnesses" of the events of which they wrote. The Gospel of Luke clearly states this from the very outset:

1 Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, 3 it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, 4 that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed. {Luke 1:1-4}

The author of Luke's Gospel makes the case right from the start that what is being written is the record of "eyewitness and ministers of the word." Then Luke sets forth his purpose in writing this Gospel; it is so the reader would "know the certainty" of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Later on, Peter would directly address the "myths and fairy tales" argument in his first letter to the church:

16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. {1 Peter 1:16}

Peter states he and the other disciples of Jesus did not follow "cunningly devised fables" when they told people about Jesus. Instead they were "eyewitnesses of His majesty" and told people what they saw and heard first hand. So what are you going to say the next time someone tells you, "The Bible is nothing but a book of myths and fairy tales?"

Try this: "The Bible is the first hand account of what eyewitnesses to the events themselves actually saw and heard."

This just might be what gets someone thinking about the Bible in a new way!

Pastor J.F.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday January 28 th 2018	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	8:45AM
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Heather Cagle		
WORSHIP SONGS "Forever"		
"Amazing Grace" (Peaceful Easy Feeling)		Praise Team
TIME OF GREETING Heather Cagle		
INSTALLATION AND CONSECRATION of 2018 Leaders		
PRAYER FOR LEADERS		
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		Fred Huffstetler
PRAYER		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Luke 16:10-12	Pastor J.F.
¹⁰ He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. ¹¹ Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? {NKJV}		
GIVING OF GIFTS		
OFFERTORY SPECIAL	"No Longer Slaves"	Praise Team
SCRIPTURE	Philippians 2:12-18 (See insert)	
MESSAGE	Happiness Comes By	
	Putting On Your Own Oxygen Mask First	Pastor J.F.
SERIES: HAPPY YOU YEAR!		
CLOSING SONG	"O Come To the Altar"	Praise Team
AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		
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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Fred Huffstetler		

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

GREETERS 8:45 AM -
Cindy & Trenten Lowe

USHERS 11:00 AM
CHAIRMAN – David Allen

Captain – Roy Kirkman, Mike Chewning,
Dr. Charles Betts, Worth Winslow, Van Rich, Talmadge Baker, Eddie Pugh, Bill Croom,
Tal Hardin, Dr. Kelly Harris

GREETERS 11:00 AM - Bob & Judy Phillips, Kaye Bryan, Susan Huffstetler,
Nancy Little

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!



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PRELUDE Joy Menius		
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Fred Huffstetler
*HYMN OF PRAISE	"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"	#127 (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 Fred Huffstetler		
INSTALLATION AND CONSECRATION of 2018 Leaders		
PRAYER FOR LEADERS		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Luke 16:10-12	Pastor J.F.
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* OFFERTORY		
DOXOLOGY		#95(UMH)
TIME OF THANKSGIVING Heather Cagle		
PRAYER FOR OTHERS		
THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)		#895(UMH)

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.

ANTHEM "Praise To The Lord" Christiansen

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of Creation.
O my soul praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation.

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near. Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy word and defend thee.

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew, what the almighty can do.

If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him,

Alleluia! All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him,

Alleluia! Let the Amen, sound from His people again.

Gladly for yea, we adore Him!

**Children leave for Children's Church*

SCRIPTURE	Philippians 2:12-18 (See insert)	
MESSAGE	Happiness Comes By	
	Putting On Your Own Oxygen Mask First	Pastor J.F.

SERIES: HAPPY YOU YEAR!

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Be Thou My Vision" #451 (UMH)

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*CLOSING PRAYER

*POSTLUDE

**Congregation please stand if you are able*

Memorials & Gifts

BUDGET FUND

In Memory of Marizelle Strider

By Jack & Iris Ragland

By David & Irene Allen

In Memory of Lola Griffin Jarrell

By Jack & Iris Ragland

By David & Irene Allen

In Memory of Linda Smith

By David & Irene Allen

In Memory of Katie Bunch

By David & Irene Allen

BUILDING FUND

In Memory of Katie Bunch

By Randy & Cynthia Allen

In Memory of Thelma Renigar

By David & Ann Mangis

WISDOM KEEPERS FUND

In Memory of Marizelle Strider

By Paula Keeter

ENDOWMENT FUND

In Memory of Barbara Arnold

By Pastor J.F. Howard & Kari Howard



HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

CUMC Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th

8:45 AM – Contemporary Worship

9:45 AM – Sunday School

11:00 AM – Traditional Worship

6:00 PM – MYF

MONDAY, JANUARY 29th

1:00 PM – Chair Chicks

5:00 PM – Volleyball

5:30 PM – Missions Committee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30th

5:45 PM – Pilates

7:00 PM – Open Gym

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st

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, FEBRUARY 1st

5:30 PM – Trustees

6:30 PM – Stephen Ministry

7:00 PM – Open Gym

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd

7:30 AM – Men's Coffee Break @ The Table

Welcome Table and Bible Study

this Wednesday, January 31st at 5:30pm

Menu: Meat Loaf, Green Beans, Mashed

Potatoes, Roll & Dessert

Pick up a card in the narthex



January & February

26 Hannah Raines Huffman

27 Jesse McBride

Georgia Morgan

Benjamin Carroll

28 Gayle Coleman

Jerry Poe

Logan King

29 Nancy Robinson

Linden Lingle

Patrick O'hara

Bailey Voncannon

Lauren Voncannon

30 Wally McAnulty

Brent Beaver

Mathew Cox

Kaitlyn Swaney

Allison Kauffman

31 Wanda Tatum

Melissa Skoglund

Addison Higgins

01 Alexandria Poe

02 Rachel Hargett

Wanda Bowman

Denise McNeill

Gregory Williams

Bryant Kesler

Ethan Gouty



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, 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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