



Central United Methodist Day School's 10th annual **DINNER AND AUCTION** will be held **Friday, April 20th, 2018** in the Family Life Center. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event! More information will be coming.

Children & Family Ministries

Eat, Pray, Serve – This week we will be staying at Central working on a number of service projects. Children make the best artists because they create from the heart, and when this art is given a way...well blessings happen! The original plan for our Wednesday night time together was to bring 'Eat, Pray, Serve' to an end with Ash Wednesday, however the children have requested that we continue on till Easter. My prayer was that the children would really embrace this idea of serving and I feel they truly have! God is good!!!



Pictorial Directory – Although we have completed our photography days here at Central, there is still an opportunity for you to have your picture made for our directory. West Bend United Methodist Church will be hosting photography days on Feb. 12th & 13th for their pictorial directory and they have graciously opened their doors to anyone at Central. If you would like to have your picture made at West Bend UMC for our pictorial directory please call Debra @ 336-625-5025 to schedule. Debra is available M-Th, 9:30-1:30.

YOUTH NEWS

MYF (Super Bowl Fun): Meet us at the church at 6:00 pm! There will be plenty of food, games and more... Plan to stay through Half-Time or Game End!

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!

Susannah Wesley-----Monday, February 5 at
1:30pm-----Parlor

Followers-----Tuesday, February 6 at
10:30am-----Staff Conference Room



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 doorstep 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 McNulty at 336-625-4577 for details and availability.

Budget

Needed to Date \$53,766.04 Received to Date \$57,714.66

Endowment Fund

Cash Received: **\$127,253.79** Challenge Cash Received: **\$150,000.00**

Pledges (committed but not yet received) **\$147,000.00**

Total Cash & Pledges: **\$424,238.79**



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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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.

What Is Truth?

In the lead up to the crucifixion, there is an interesting exchange between Pontius Pilate and Jesus that is recorded in the Gospel of John:

³⁷ **Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?"**

Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

³⁸ **Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"** {John 18:37-38a}

Nearly two thousand years have passed and people are still trying to find out the answer to the question, "What is truth?"

I am coming to the conclusion that for a number of people in our day, truth is whatever they believe it to be.

The other night I watched a few minutes of an awards show and heard one of the award recipients state, "What I know for sure is that speaking your truth is the most powerful tool we all have."

Those words made me wonder if people no longer believe in objective truth, and that now truth is nothing more than personal opinion and preference. In our day, truth is, like beauty, "in the eye of the beholder."

I confess this makes me uneasy. I know for a fact that "my truth" has often turned out to be incorrect. I have a pretty good sense of direction, but I have been certain on countless occasions that I was taking the correct road on a journey, when I would later discover I was going in the wrong direction. No matter how much I held on to "my truth" I was still lost. More times than I can count, I have embodied the words of Proverbs 12:15, **"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel."**

I am not confident that living my life by "my truth" is the best way to live! In fact, I think I need a source of truth that is beyond my personal preferences, desires, and opinions.

Here is where I stake my flag:

1) My truth is not necessarily "the" Truth!

The Apostle Paul reminds me of this! **"But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised."** {1 Corinthians 2:14}

2) Jesus is my source of Truth.

Paul settled this for me when he wrote to the Colossian church that it is **"Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument."** {Colossians 2:2c-4}

3) God's Word is my foundation of Truth.

Jesus said, **"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."** {John 17:17}

What does it matter? What is the difference between "my truth," "your truth," "the truth?" I think it matters a great deal! I think there is "the Truth" that transcends "my truth." In Proverbs the Bible declares, ¹² **There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.**

{Proverbs 14:12}

Sadly, Pilate asked the question, "What is truth?" when the embodiment of truth was standing right before him in the person of Jesus Christ! Jesus said it clearly, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life."** {John 14:6}

Truth matters. You can find the truth in Jesus, and in His Word.

Pastor J.F.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday February 4th 2018 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 8:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Heather Cagle
 WORSHIP SONGS "Humble Thyself / Awesome God" Praise Team
 "Trading My Sorrows"

TIME OF GREETING Heather Cagle
 TIME OF THANKSGIVING Fred Huffstetler
 PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Leviticus 26:3-5, 9-12 Pastor J.F.

³If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them,⁴ then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

⁵Your threshing shall last till the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last till the time of sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.⁹For I will look on you favorably and make you fruitful, multiply you and confirm My covenant with you.¹⁰You shall eat the old harvest, and clear out the old because of the new.¹¹ I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you.¹² I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people. {NKJV}

GIVING OF GIFTS
 OFFERTORY SPECIAL "Your Love" Praise Team

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:19-30 (See insert)
 MESSAGE Top Qualities Of Happy People Pastor J.F.

SERIES: HAPPY YOU YEAR!
 CLOSING SONG "You Are God Alone" Praise Team

AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
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.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Fred Huffstetler

USHERS 8:45 AM
 Tammie Walker, Tim Dunn,
 Ross & Debbie Reaves

GREETERS 8:45 AM -
 Beth & Sparky Johnson

USHERS 11:00 AM
CHAIRMAN – Archie Priest
Captain – Dr. John Matkins, Bill Beaver,
 Wallker Moffitt, Ken Prochnau,
 Dr. Larry Simpson, Jerry Jeffers, Derrick Grantham, Randy Ferree, Rudy Rich

GREETERS 11:00 AM - Don Barrett, Vicki Jarrell, Alan & Amy Pugh, Kaye Rich, Becky Cooper

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

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PRELUDE Joy Menius

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR
 CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Fred Huffstetler
 *HYMN OF PRAISE "Spirit of Faith, Come Down" #332 (UMH)

*MISSION STATEMENT (In Unison)
*Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world.
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*THE APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison) #881(UMH)

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* *(Universal Church)

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70(UMH)

*A TIME OF GREETING Fred Huffstetler

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Leviticus 26:3-5, 9-12 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 "The Heavens Are Telling" from The Creation Haydn

Soloists: Bev Lawrence, Tom White, Jim Finison

The heavens are telling the glory of God,

The wonder of His work displays the firmament;

Today that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night.

The heavens are telling the glory of God,

The wonder of His work displays the firmament;

In all the lands resounds the word: never unperceived, ever understood.

The heavens are telling the glory of God,

The wonder of His work displays the firmament;

*Children leave for Children's Church

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:19-30 (See insert)
 MESSAGE Top Qualities Of Happy People Pastor J.F.

SERIES: HAPPY YOU YEAR!
 *HYMN OF RESPONSE "It Is Well With My Soul" #377 (UMH)

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*CLOSING PRAYER

*POSTLUDE *Congregation please stand if you are able



Congratulations to
 Joyce Wheless at the birth of her great grandson,
Steven Edward Purgason
 Born on January 11th, 2018

Memorials & Gifts

ENDOWMENT FUND

In Memory of Katie Bunch

By Bill & Robin Croom

In Memory of Lola Jarrell

By Bill & Robin Croom



February

- 04 Olivia Lambert
Briana Mc Whirter
Shelley York
- 05 Karen Tyler
- 06 Bailey Allgood
Olivia Garrison
Laura Newby Harvey
Elizabeth O'Briant
- 07 Gregory Robinson
Payton Tyler
- 08 Alecia Murray
Addie Schoenberger
Gigi Skinner
JaAnna Winslow
- 09 Jordan Hammer
Tyler Malpass
Megan Spivey
- 10 Rob Clauser
Wade Harris
Dr. Larry Simpson
Joey Trogdon



Welcome Table and Bible Study
 this Wednesday, January 31st at 5:30pm
 Menu: Pizza, Salad Bar,
 Desserts & Beverage
 Pick up a card in the narthex



HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

CUMC Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

- 8:45 AM – Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 AM – Sunday School
- 11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
- 12:00 PM – Leadership Training Kickoff
- 6:00 PM – MYF

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

- 1:00 PM – Chair Chicks
- 1:30 PM – Susannah Wesley
- 5:00 PM – Volleyball

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

- 10:30 AM – Followers Sub-Group
- 5:45 PM – Pilates
- 6:00 PM – NETWORX
- 7:00 PM – Open Gym

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

- 10:00 AM – Wednesday Morning Prayer
- 1:00 PM – Chair Chicks
- 5:30 PM – Welcome Table / Bible Study
- 6:30 PM – Eat, Serve, Pray
- 6:30 PM – Hand Bells
- 7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

- 7:00 PM – Open Gym

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

- 5:30 PM – Stephen Ministry

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

- 7:30 AM – Men's Coffee Break @ The Table
- 8:00 AM – Stephen Ministry

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!!



Randolph Christian Men's Ministry

Men's Night Out
 2018 The Year of Revival
 Living on God's Agenda
 Tuesday, February 6th- 6:15pm (dinner)
 Bethel Friends Meeting
 Guest Speaker: Greg Tillman
 For More information contact: Jay Councilman
 336-318-2497

Randolph Christian Men's Valentine Banquet

February 15th, 2018 @ 6:30pm
 Christian Life Center, First Baptist Church
 Tickets \$25.00 Couple \$13.00 Individual Everyone Welcome