



Day School Items of the Month:

Googly Eyes & Tissues
Envelopes for Angels

Please don't miss the chance to bless an "angel" from our dayschool by choosing an envelope from the bulletin board in the Sunday School hall! Directions are posted beside the bulletin board.



Children & Family Ministries

Monthly calendars and important flyers will be available regarding Children's Ministry in the Day School hallway, right outside of the choir room.

The children will be preparing for their Christmas presentation in the month of November, during our Wednesday night time together, with a few exceptions. If you would like for your child to participate, please plan to have them here from 6:30 - 7:30 on Wednesday, November 15th, and 29th. Our final practice will be Thursday, December 7th from 6:00-6:45. You can find these dates on our monthly calendars, located just outside of the choir room. Our Christmas presentation will be December 10th, during the 11am service.

YOUTH NEWS

HS FALL BIKE HIKE: Be at the church at 7:45 AM to load up in the vans and head to Damascus, VA for this amazing ride on the Virginia Creeper Trail. Cost = \$25 (includes bike rental, helmet & bottled water). We'll make a day of it! Pack a lunch and bring a little extra for dinner on our return.

TWO MORE SERVICE OPPORTUNITES THIS MONTH: -GREET & SERVE at Sunset Theatre! "Star Spangled Girls" a special World War 2 benefit performance takes place this Saturday, Nov. 11th. Are you available to help escort Veterans to their seats? If you can -- please text Fred @ 302-0624.

-BINGO at Staywell! Have you got two hours to share? Friday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 24th, we've been invited to come and share in some fun with the participants at Staywell (The Senior Adult Care Center & Rehab) beginning at 1:00 pm. Text Fred @ 302-0624 if you're available to help that day!

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT: Register today for our Youth Winter Retreat the weekend of Jan. 19-21 in Blowing Rock, NC! Simply turn in a \$75 registration deposit made out to: Central UMYF! Brochures are out!! *Mark your calendar: Our Winter Retreat Orientation will take place Sunday, Jan. 7th!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join us for Sunday School & Worship! Our Middle School Class meets in their classroom, and the High School Class meets in the Gathering Area.

MYF: We meet from 6:00 till 7:45! Come enjoy dinner, games, worship and more!

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

CENTRAL BREAKFAST CLUB: "Eat mor chikin"!! Still operating with that "extra hour"?!? 6:45 is easier now!! Join us this Thursday morning at Chick-fil-A! Bring \$3.25 to cover your meal.

Welcome Home

Central United Methodist Church

Invites You to Attend

A Special Service Thanking God

For the Blessings of The Past

& Looking Forward With Hope For The Future

See old friends! Make new friends!

Worship God for His goodness!

Seek God's face and listen for God's voice!

Join Us

For Our **Thanksgiving Meal**

Sunday, November 19th

6:00 pm

We will provide the turkey & dressing
You bring your family & your favorite dish

Name _____

Attending _____

Join us for our special "Welcome Home" services

Sunday, November 19, 2017

8:45 am and 11:00 am



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Contact Cindy at cindy.e.m.lowe@gmail.com
or Trenten Lowe at 336-420-3800.

Please support CUOC and Derek Freeman on his Student L.I.F.T. project by bringing non-perishable food items (they do not need canned corn, green beans or peas!) to the church between Sunday November 5th & Sunday, November 19th. Collection boxes will be present in the narthex and by the church office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

October CUOC food drive a BIG success! We have received 145 CUOC filled food bags out of 150 delivered to us! Total weight of food collected as of Nov 1 is **2,826 lbs.** You are wonderful!

Thank you Central members!
Missions Committee



COLLEGE ADDRESSES NEEDED! Parents! Students! Please contact the church office @ (336) 629-1425 with your current college or university mailing address, your year/class, and any other helpful contact info. We'd love to keep in touch!

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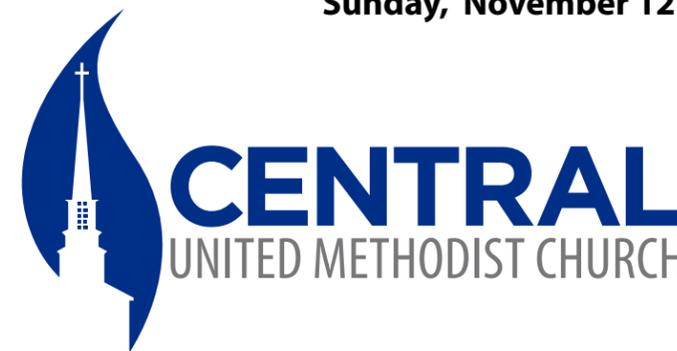
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Sunday, November 12th, 2017



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.

In Perfect Peace

I had just walked into the office last Sunday after our worship service when my phone buzzed with a text. It was a news alert stating a shooting had taken place in Texas. When I opened the text message I read with shock and sadness of the deadly shooting during the morning worship service at First Baptist Church, Sutherland Springs, Texas. The horrific loss of life of the more than two-dozen worshipers, as well as the numbers of others who were wounded is, even now, beyond imagination.

I could not help but wonder about the soul, the mind, and the heart of the shooter. What was going on inside of this person that would cause him to walk into a church worship service and begin firing a weapon with the clear intent to end the life of all the people in the congregation?

What level of anger, rage, animosity, and bitterness was there inside this individual, to lead him to do such a horrible act?

What can we do to make a difference in the lives of people who are wrestling with such deep-seated anger and evil?

As I thought about the Texas shooter, I remember a ministry event in the life of Jesus. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus encounters a tormented man (Luke 8:26-37). His life was filled with darkness and chaos. But all that changed when he came into contact with Jesus. Luke describes the man's transformation after meeting Jesus this way: **"Then people went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man the demons had departed from, sitting at Jesus's feet, dressed and in his right mind..."** (Luke 8:35).

The man's life had been changed from dark despair to peace and serenity. Our world is in need of this type of transformation. Jesus is still in the transformation business, and He is calling us, the Body of Christ on earth, to join Him.

Jesus is the embodiment of peace. It was prophesied that He would be called the **"Prince of Peace"** (Isaiah 9:6).

Jesus is the source of peace. He says to us still today: **"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful."** (John 14:27)

Through the cross of Jesus, peace has come. The Apostle Paul declares that by His crucifixion, Jesus was **"making peace through his blood, shed on the cross"** (Colossians 1:20).

We are promised that one of the fruit of the Holy Spirit working within us is peace: **"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."** (Galatians 5:22-23)

In fact, we have the hope and promise of perfect peace: **"You will keep the mind that is dependent on you in perfect peace, for it is trusting in you."** (Isaiah 26:3)

So how do we find "perfect peace" in a troubled world? We focus our mind on God and we put our trust in God. We look to Jesus and in faith open up our hearts, minds, and souls, to receive His gift of peace.

In this troubled world, you know someone who needs to hear the promise and hope of peace. Will you be the one who tells them about the peace that is found in knowing Jesus? There is no way for us to truly what a difference that message might make in the lives of those who are troubled and on the verge of doing something desperate.

Pastor J.F.

