



Day School Items of the Month:

Googly Eyes & Tissues



Envelopes for Angels

Please don't miss the chance to bless an "angel" from our day school 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 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.

We would like to wish a happy, happy birthday to:

Harmony Hoover, Nov. 2nd

McKenzie Emerson, Nov. 9th

Emma Julian, Nov. 13th

Jackson Mandara, Nov. 28th

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT: Register today for our Youth Winter Retreat the week-end 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!

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.

ONE MORE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY THIS MONTH: -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!

Attention United Methodist Women

If you have participated in the Reading Program for 2017, Please give the number of books read to Norma Connell by December 3rd, 2017.

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"Stephen Minister training taught me not just how to be a caregiver, but how to live life in a new way -- being Christ to other people. It's an awesome blessing to be used by God to bring hope and healing to someone else. I am humbled." (Mike, Carpenter, Georgia)

Please be in prayer for your participation in this ministry. Is God calling you? "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2 Contact Cindy or Trenten Lowe for more information. cindy.e.m.lowe@gmail.com or Trenten - 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 this Sunday November 19th. Collection boxes will be present in the narthex and by the church office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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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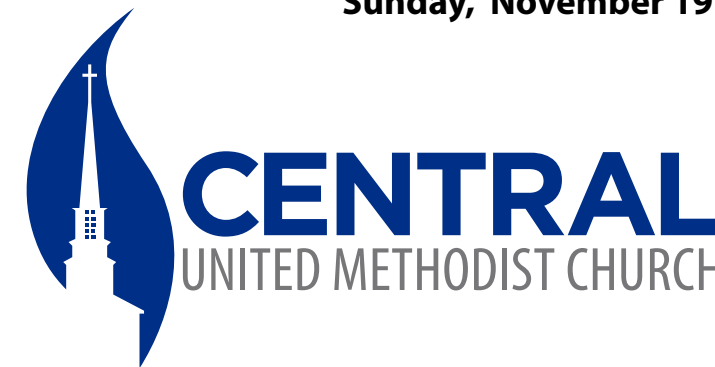
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Sunday, November 19th, 2017



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.

A Church For All

It is a trend today for churches to advertise on their signs and Facebook pages that "all are welcome" or that people can come "just as you are." I commend that sentiment, but I think it may only tell half the story of what the church is called to be. I recently read a quote by W. B. Fitzgerald who said the distinctive Methodist message and mission consists of "four alls:"

All need to be saved

All can be saved

All can know they are saved

All can be saved completely

That is truly a message "all" need to hear!

1) All need to be saved.

In Romans 3:23, the Apostle Paul shows us our need for salvation by declaring, **²³For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

In that verse it is clear that "all means all" with no exceptions. The irreligious, the religious, the wealthy, the poor, the educated, the uneducated...all...have sinned and are in need of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

2) All can be saved.

Again, it is the Apostle Paul who informs us here. He declares to his protégée Timothy that it is God "who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." {1 Timothy 2:4}

The good news message of saving faith speaks to us who sin:

¹...But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the righteous one. ²He himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world. {1 John 2:1b-2}

3) All can know they are saved.

The Apostle John wanted to make sure all Christ followers know with certainty that they are saved. He wanted believers to have the assurance that their sins were forgiven and their eternal destination was heaven:

¹³I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. {1 John 5:13}

Methodists have been strongest historically when they made the assurance of salvation a cornerstone of the gospel message.

4) All can be saved completely.

Hebrews 7:25 states:

²⁵Therefore, he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, since he always lives to intercede for them.

"Complete salvation" was a central part of the Wesleyan revival message. Theologically it is referred to as "sanctification." The Apostle Paul described it this way:

²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely. {1 Thessalonians 5:23}

When we declare that we are a church "for all," I hope we mean it in the truest sense of our Wesleyan Methodist message. I hope we mean that all are welcome because all are in need of salvation. I hope we mean that all are welcome because all can be saved and know it. I hope we mean that all are welcome because all can be saved by a life-transforming encounter with Jesus Christ!

There is a place for all at Central Church. All need what Central Church has to offer.

Pastor J.F.

