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CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Coffee @ Welcome Center

We are looking for volunteers to host our hospitality table in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. It's easy- you just brew coffee, set it and 2 dozen provided prepackaged snacks out by 9:25, and clean up after worship. There will be instructions provided for brewing the coffee. May our welcomes be wide and warm!



Central Lights

The July Central Lights program will feature guest speaker, Morton Massey, from Seven Islands State Birding Park. The program will be titled "Backyard Birds" Central Lights will meet Tuesday, July 5th, at 10:30 am. Lunch will follow the program (\$6). All senior and retired members and friends are invited to attend. Visitors are always welcome.

Church Directory

Get the church directory on your mobile device or iPad!

1. Search the app store for "Instant Church Directory"
2. Enter your email as it's listed in our directory
3. Enter the assigned password(will be emailed to you) into the app.

Text-Service

Central has a new text-message service that will be used to better communicate with the congregation.

To join text the message: @centralumc to: 81010

Central HUB

We send out a weekly e-newsletter via email to keep people up to date on important announcements, reminders, and calendar events.

If you would like to be added to the weekly e-news list, please contact the church office. office@knoxcentralumc.org

Quarterly Financial Statements

Quarterly Financial Statements are available on the counter in the church office. Please stop by to pick yours up or contact the office to have yours mailed. Thank You.

New Central UMC Shirts! T-Shirts(\$8) & Polos(\$10)

Light Blue in color.
Purchase yours today!

A gift to the Budget has been made in Honor of Bud & Carolyn Cottrell by Bill & Marjorie Rose

Ken & Phyllis Gregory 3303 Fairway Rd Knoxville, TN 37917	JoAnn Markhum 4808 Chase Hill Dr Knoxville, TN 37918 865-368-1064
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The Leadership Council met on May 31. The Finance Committee reported that year to date income is \$4,400 greater than expenses and Central is on track with paying our conference pledge to date. This is very good news at this point in the year and we are grateful to the congregation for its continued support and gifts. Staff Parrish Relations Committee is researching options for Central's staff to be paid by direct deposit. Trustees did not meet this month but have a meeting scheduled for June 20. Kathy Gant reported that the work of the Communications Team is complete with the new logo designed and the new on-line church directory developed. The Leadership Council approved Kathy's recommendation that this team "stand down" at this time since it accomplished its mission. Kathy will continue to help keep the directory up to date.

The Leadership Council will meet again on July 25. This meeting will include updates on our goals from all ministry co-leaders along plans for living our vision this fall.

Susan Rudell, Leadership Council Chair

VBS - Cave Quest 2016

Sunday, June 26th - Wednesday, June 29th

Contact Ashton Binkley, Director of Children and Youth, at ashton@knoxcentralumc.org or (336)624-2567 or go online to knoxcentralumc.org to REGISTER TODAY!

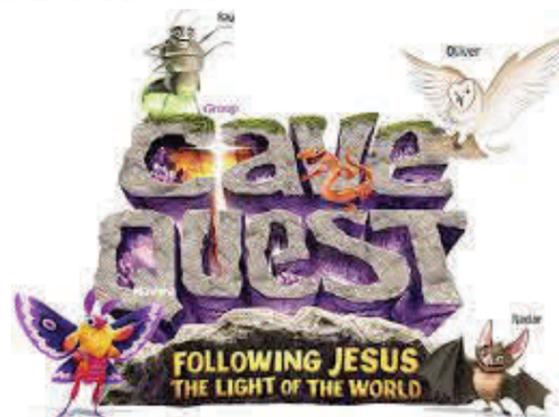
Cave Quest VBS Schedule

- Sunday, June 26 - 4:55pm to 8:05pm – Wear Gray – Spaghetti - **KICK OFF EVENT!!!**
- Monday, June 27 - 5:25 pm to 8:05 pm – Wear Blue - Hotdogs
- Tuesday, June 28 – 5:25 pm to 8:05 pm – Wear Green – Chicken Tenders/Mac&Cheese
- Wednesday, June 29 – 5:25 pm to 8:05 pm – Wear Neon - Pizza

Cave Quest VBS Needs

- Unique Lighting to borrow for VBS. Disco balls, lava lamps, twinkle lights, etc
- Workers for VBS Prep Days(6/19-6/24)
- Sets of Sheets to use in decorations.
- Volunteers for kick off event

Contact Ashton with any questions!



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Be the Salt & Light...

On Sunday, June 12, as I stood to welcome folks to church, I realized just how heavy my heart was feeling. New information was coming out of Orlando from what turned out to be the deadliest mass shooting in US history. Even as a pastor... someone who proclaims good news and hope in the face of death and destruction, it is difficult to find the words to express what we are feeling.

Yet, I feel I must. It would be easy to become desensitized to acts of violence given the frequency with which they seem to occur.

“What can we do?” I asked. Of course, we can pray. Some of us are activists who will work to bring about a change in gun safety. Some of us may get defensive when we start talking about gun safety. Can we not agree that extremes have polarized us and there is some middle ground we can all stand on together?

Regardless of what happens in Congress, the church is different. We have a calling grounded in Jesus Christ. An invitation to BE the church. To love our neighbor (yes, even our enemies - Matthew 5:43-44). To be hope-bearers and peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). To hold in tension faithful joy and the reality of suffering in our world. We lament as the Psalmist lamented, but we do not walk through the valley of shadow of death alone. Never alone.

We do what we have always done. Gather. Pray. Break bread and share the cup. Then, go out remembering Jesus' words, “You are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.” (Matthew 5:13-16).

In the words of one of my former bishops, John Schol, “In a polarizing world, let us not throw up our hands in hopelessness, but renew our efforts to be salt and light during challenging times. Let it be a time that we double our efforts to care about others, to engage more deeply in relationships. Let us work to end terror and discrimination and be the peace we want to see in our world.”

Let it be so. Amen.

Pastor Jimmy



Dear Saints and Sinners of Central UMC,

Thank you so much for allowing me to be your lay member of the 2016 Holston Annual Conference. Because we have one clergy person at Central, we send one layperson, making all votes a balance between lay and clergy. And votes there are- This year we considered clergy vacation, the 2017 budget in all its glory, and new and growing ministries.

The United Methodist Church continues to consider its stance on many social issues, and there is conflict, but Holston continues to affirm that all are loved and that we can work together even as we disagree.

Good news-

- 218 young people made first time professions of faith in Camping and Retreat Ministries in 2015
- Conference Hispanic ministries are growing and are healthy
- Sevierville, TN now has a vacation ministry called The Connexion
- 2016 is the 60th anniversary of full UMC ordination rights for women
- Holston is extremely generous in addressing specific needs for children in poverty and for the people in Liberia and Zimbabwe. A total of 9,018 health kits, food buckets, school kits (backpacks), sewing kits, and home buckets were collected-total value \$221,334. Two of the three shipping containers of these are already on the ocean.
- Jimmy Sherrod is back at Central for another year.

You can proud of the church's outreach to so many needs, but there is always work to do. Only 14% of churches are considered to be vital. Many congregations are not able to meet their tithe to the conference. The ministries mentioned above, and many others, are dependent on this to pay salaries and provide important services.

Please join me as we walk with Jesus and answer his call to reach out to the last, the least, and the lost.

- Penney Helms



Our prayers are with the Sherrod Family.

Rev. Jimmy's Sherrod's father, Jacky Sherrod, age 59, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, June 14 at his home.

Please continue to be in prayer for Jimmy's mother Paula, as well as Jimmy, Lesli, Henry and Catherine and the rest of the extended family.

The coming weeks will be a time of adjustment and they will need our prayers and love.

BIG RIVER

Pastor Jimmy will be playing the part of “Counselor Robinson” and be in the ensemble of the Word Players' production of Big River this July 15-17 at The Bijou.

For those of you whom have preordered the group tickets, please send in your money to the church office marked “for play” for \$16.50 a ticket (\$15.50 each + \$1.00 surcharge). Your ticket will be available at Will Call on the day of the show, Sunday, July 17, 3:00 pm, under your individual names and please remember to present a photo ID.

There are also shows on Friday, July 15 at 7:30 pm or Saturday, July 16 at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Tickets for those shows will be \$21.50 for adults, \$17.50 for seniors and students.

Jimmy is grateful for your prayers and support on this journey!



Youth Summer Bible Study Reach Out, Don't Freak Out!



Thursday, June 23rd @ 6 pm Pool Party!

Host: George Hayden
1412 Mandrell Drive Knoxville, TN37918

Monday, July 25 – Friday, July 29 Youth Mission Week



Operation Backyard

The cost of this trip is \$55, after July 1st it will be \$60. Chaperones do not need to pay. Reserve your spot today!

Donations of evening meals, snacks, drinks, are appreciated for the week of mission trip. Please contact Ashton if you think you can help!

Central will be hosting several overnight groups this summer! Please be aware that they will be in the building and let's show them Central UMC hospitality! If you are entering/leaving the building between May 27 to August 1, please do not touch the alarm system.

May 27 thru August 1 - W.O.W. Youth Group - 10 individuals will be staying on the 3rd and 4th floors all summer.
June 16 thru June 19 - Two Rivers Church - 100 individuals
June 20 thru June 27 - Church of the Brethren Work Group - 21 individuals
July 25 thru July 29 - Central UMC Youth

Please contact our Facilities Manager, Doug Johnson, if you have any questions regarding these groups.
doug@knoxcentralumc.org or 865-603-4745



A Note from Ashton..... "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." **Matthew 5:14-16**

This summer the youth have been doing bible study on the pretty scary subject of sharing our faith. We have been meeting at different houses and talking about what it means to be a Christian and how to share the message of Christ. We've had some fun too! From shaving cream wars, to pizza lasagna, who wouldn't?

The coolest experience so far was after the bible study portion one evening we were playing with water balloons in the neighborhood, and we got to make a new friend from our community, and tell him that we were from Central UMC. We let them throw a few water balloons too. We don't always know who or how God is going to use us to shine a light, but we are learning that we have to be ready to share. -Ashton, Director of Children and Youth

CENTRAL UMC - JULY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Overnight Group - Church of the Bretheran 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Morning Worship 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Cave Quest - Vacation Bible School 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM NA	27 Overnight Group - Church of the Bretheran 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Cave Quest - Vacation Bible School 5:00 PM Joint Trustees/Finance Meeting	28 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Cave Quest - Vacation Bible School	29 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Cave Quest - Vacation Bible School 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM NA	30 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pantry Open	1 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA	2
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17 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Morning Worship 3:00 PM Church Group to see Big River 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM NA	18 9:30 AM KCRTA 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM VMC Event in Fellowship Hall	19 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA	20 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM DBSA 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM NA	21 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pantry Open	22 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Helen Ross McNabb Event	23
24 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Morning Worship 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM NA	25 Youth Mission Trip @ Central 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA 5:30 PM Leadership Council	26 Youth Mission Trip @ Central 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA	27 Youth Mission Trip @ Central 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM NA	28 Youth Mission Trip @ Central 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pantry Open	29 Youth Mission Trip @ Central 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA	30
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JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1	Tasha Pouncy	7/17	George Whedbee
7/4	Sally Ball	7/19	Charles Sartwell
7/9	Larry Gangaware	7/22	Clara Hagaman
7/9	Missy Parker	7/22	Sherry Johnson
7/9	Cory Petko	7/25	Joe Mahlum
7/10	Harold Wanzer IV	7/26	Greg Clark
7/11	Don Loy	7/30	Charles Parham
7/12	Allen Knable		



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/6	Bob & Beth Stivers
7/11	Larry & Jean Gangaware
7/15	John & Ali Umbarger
7/23	Alan & Nancy Cheatham

Central UMC Sunday Servants – July 2016

	July 3		July 10		July 17		July 24		July 31	
Worship Assistant	TBD		TBD		TBD		TBD		TBD	
Greeters & Ushers	<u>Greeters</u> Jean Gangaware Joan Moon Bill Rose Marjorie Rose	<u>Ushers</u> Paula Bellah Phil Evans Bill Rose J. Umbarger Amy Walker D. Roberts	<u>Greeters</u> Ed Hoskins D. Roberts AC Wilson Virginia Colson	<u>Ushers</u> Ed Hoskins D. Roberts S. Johnson M. Walker Liz Umbarger	<u>Greeters</u> Carol Wear Beth Stivers Missy Parker Tim Parker	<u>Ushers</u> Carol Wear Beth Stivers Missy Parker Tim Parker Lori Guess G. Whedbee	<u>Greeters</u> Susie Knable Sally Ball D. Unger D. Unger	<u>Ushers</u> Susie Knable Sally Ball D. Unger D. Unger B. Kopotic T. Guess	<u>Greeters</u> Carol Wear Beth Stivers Missy Parker Tim Parker	<u>Ushers</u> Carol Wear Beth Stivers Missy Parker Tim Parker Lori Guess G. Whedbee
Children's Time	Ali Umbarger		Ashton Binkley		Ann Sartwell		Ashton Binkley		Jeanette Carlson	
Pew Care Team	Patty Parham Beth Stivers		Patty Parham Beth Stivers		Patty Parham Beth Stivers		Sally Ball Joan Moon		Sally Ball Joan Moon	
Sound System	D. Unger		Don Loy		Tim Mendenhall		John Umbarger		Bill Hutton	
Security	Rodney S.		D. Helms		Rodney S.		D. Helms		Rodney S.	
Drivers	AC Wilson		Don Loy		Phil Evans		David Helms		Steve Rudell	
Altar Flowers	Tim & Melanie Gangaware		AC and Doris Wilson				Vicki Baumgartner			
Coffee Hour										
Buddies	Torrie Boggs		Megan Brown		Dora Moore		Jeanette Carlson		Megan Brown	
Nursery	Alex Comen Judy Dooley		Laura Walker Becky Cox		Mark Walker Sherry Johnson		Doug Johnson Lori Guess		Alex Comen Becky Cox	
Children's Sunday School	<u>Preschool</u> Jabette Carlson	<u>Elementary</u> Karl Allen	<u>Preschool</u> Jabette Carlson	<u>Elementary</u> Ann Sartwell	<u>Preschool</u> Jabette Carlson	<u>Elementary</u> Karl Allen	<u>Preschool</u> Jabette Carlson	<u>Elementary</u> Penney Helms	<u>Preschool</u> Jabette Carlson	<u>Elementary</u> Kathy Gant
Youth Sunday School	combined		combined		combined		combined		combined	
Pantry Workers	<u>Thursday, July 9</u> George & Carolyn Whedbee Sherry Johnson		<u>Thursday, July 14</u> Don & Anne Loy Gayle Burnett		<u>Thursday, July 21</u> Patty Parham Bob & Kathy Gant Lisa Graham		<u>Thursday, July 28</u> Kaye Whedbee Susan Marks Lisa Graham		<u>Thursday, August 4</u> Whedbees Sherry Johnson	

Please note: If you are greeting, please be in place by 10:30 am.

Also, If you cannot work as scheduled, please arrange a replacement and if possible, let the office know. Thank You.