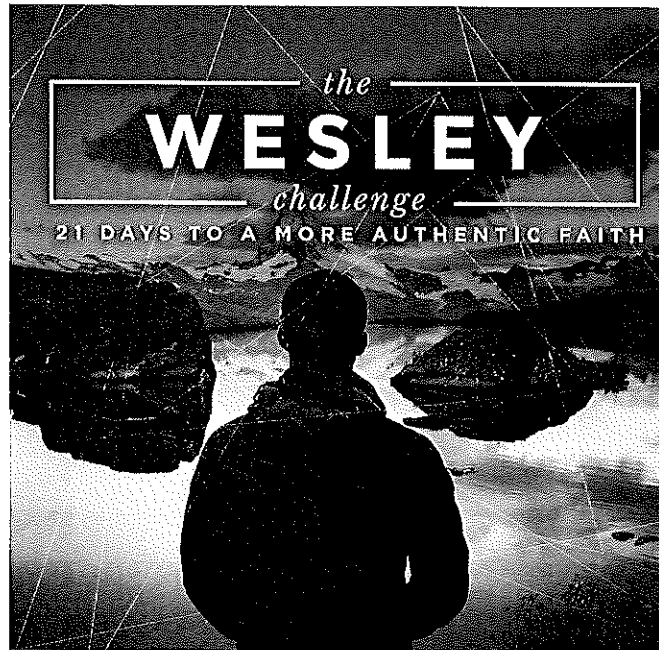


Central United Methodist Church



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2024
10:45 a.m.

Our Vision:
***Making Christ known by extending hospitality,
serving the community, pursuing justice and embracing all.***

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We Gather to Praise God

Prelude *I'd Rather Have Jesus* arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!** Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

Opening Prayer

† Call to Worship Lesli Bales-Sherrod

We gather together in the presence of God,
the Lord of heaven and earth:
the Creator of our world and everything in it;
the One who gave us life and breath,
the One who is never far away from any of us,
the One in whom we live and move and have our being.
Let's worship God together!

† Opening Song *Maker, in Whom We Live* UMH 88

Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"

Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

Scripture

Acts 17:26-28; † John 1:1-4, 14
This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Song

My Life is In You Lord

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you. [repeat]

I will praise you with all of my life, I will praise you with all of my strength;
with all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in you.

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you. [repeat] in you.

A Time for Young Christians

Wil Davenport

*Sunday school for nursery through 5th grade is offered every week following children's time except on
Sundays when we celebrate Holy Communion (typically the first Sunday of each month).*

Anthem

Everlasting Arms

Susan Naylor Callaway

Sermon

The Wesley Challenge: Is Jesus Real to Me?

Rev. Sherrod

We Respond to God's Great Love

† Hymn

Give Me Jesus (vv 1-3)

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

[refrain] Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.

I heard my mother say, I heard my mother say,
I heard my mother say, give me Jesus. [refrain]

Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. [refrain]

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Announcements

Offering our Gifts

Offertory

Draw Me Nearer

arr. Brian Buda

† Dedication of Gifts

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

† Closing Hymn

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) (vv 1-3)

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

[refrain] My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. [refrain]

† Benediction

Postlude

The King of Glory

arr. Mary McDonald

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of
Charles' and Patty Parham's September 15th wedding anniversary.

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† Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer List
Sunday, September 15, 2024

Pat Keyes is still recovering at home. Prayers and cards are appreciated. Her address is 2806 N Decatur Rd, Apt. 514, Decatur, GA 30033.

The **family of Doris Jean Moore**, who died August 31. Her service was yesterday.

Ford Deese (Mary Humes's grandniece) remains at her Charleston house with clinic visits to monitor her recovery from the last round of chemotherapy. She had an MRI and lumbar puncture scheduled last Friday to see if the cancer is gone. You can follow Ford's progress on <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/forddeese> The family's address during treatment is 104 Dorothy Dr, Charleston, SC 29414.

Elbert Gibson (his daughter is a friend of Tiffany Mynatt) is in hospice care and nearing death.

The **family of Rick Mendenhall** (Tim Mendenhall's brother), who died last week. Please pray for his family during this time.

Mike Purcifull (friend of Sean Gangaware) is now recovering at home.

Judy Dooley's elderly relatives are now refusing help and refusing to consider assisted living. Judy asks for prayers that no injuries or accidents occur while they're by themselves, and that they can find peace with accepting help and understand the family is fighting for them.

Pierson (John and Tana Slater's 2-year-old grandnephew) is now recovering at home from surgery. Please keep the whole family in your prayers, and especially pray for Pierson as he recovers.

Please continue to remember **Pat Cowart** (Melanie Gangaware's mother), **Michael Dearen** (Patty Parham's nephew, 7900 Stephanie Cove, Bartlett, TN, 38133), **Emalie and Haley Dockery** (5215 E Sunset Rd, 37914), **Lena Frye** (friend of Lauren Gangaware), **Brenda Bacon Goble** (friend of Susie Knable), **David Helms** (801 E Inskip Dr, 37912), **Pat and Peter Keyes** (2806 N Decatur Rd, Apt. 514, Decatur, GA 30033), **G.R. Lewis** (wife is friend of Ali Umbarger), **Diane Lowe** (7125 Meadowbrook Cir, 37918), **Joan Moon** (7655 Apple Cross, Corryton, 37721), **Nancy Morgan** (3105 Atoka, 37917), **Donna Shirley** (Larry Ward's sister, 4133 Stephanie, Jonesboro, AR 72405), **Mike O'Tool** (Ron O'Tool's grandson), **Billy Varnell** (4121 Riverstone Ln, 37918), **Carroll and Lucy Varnell** (4408 High School Rd, 37912), **Kathy Whaley** (friend of Penney Helms, 200 Nodding Oak, Chapel Hill, NC, 27516), **Bill Winans** (1658 Wisteria View Way, 37914), and **Rev. Grady Winegar** (5503 Pinecrest Rd, 37912).

Looking Ahead ~ Our Calendar

Weekly:

Builder's Class Bible Study via Zoom, Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Handbell Rehearsals, Wednesday at 5:30-6:15 pm

Choir, Wednesday at 6:15 – 7:45

Worship, Sunday at 10:45 am

September 15	Wesley Challenge Book Study, 9:30 am, Room 210 Praising Team Meeting, Noon, Room 210
September 16	4 th and Gill Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 210
September 16 – 23	Friends of the Library Set up and Sale, First Floor
September 19	Serve VMC lunch, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
September 22	Wesley Challenge Book Study, 9:30 am, Room 210
September 23	Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, Room 210
September 29	Wesley Challenge Book Study, 9:30 am, Room 210 Centro Hispano Congregational Tour, Noon, 3 rd floor
October 1	Centro Hispano Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 8am Bible Study, 6:30-8pm, Room 209
October 2	Bible Study, 10am-11:30am, Room 209
October 8	Bible Study, 6:30-8pm, Room 209
October 9	Bible Study, 10am-11:30am, Room 209
October 12	Writers Guild Workshop, 10am-Noon, Room 210
October 13	Ministry Team Meeting, Noon-2pm, Room 210

Serving the Community

Founded by Cokesbury Church in 2014, **Susannah's House** is an independent 501c3 non-profit organization. Their mission is to provide a source of hope for the pregnant or parenting mother following detox from opioids. These are women who want to maintain their sobriety. I met Cheryl, the House Coordinator at Susannah's House, who came through the program and is now celebrating three years of sobriety! Cheryl was able to regain custody of her daughter who is now four years old. Cheryl explained to me that the classes and the support from Susannah's House included involvement from the community and all of this was a huge part of her recovery! This place saved her life. We, at Central, want to lift up these women and their children with our prayers and physical gifts needed for them to grow and recover. They have an Amazon list for donations, and we are collecting items to deliver to them on a weekly basis. The needed items are shampoo, conditioner, body wash, clock radio, drawstring trash bags (medium, large, xl) 5 gallon trash cans with lids, crib mobiles, sound machines, waterproof crib mattress protector, first aid kit, bathroom accessories (towel rack, toilet paper holders, etc) and towel sets. **Please leave items in the far left corner of the Fellowship Hall.** Thank you, Central, for being a light in the lives of these women and children!

Wesley Challenge 21-Day Reading - Week Two Study Guide The Wesley Challenge is about going beyond words to develop the spiritual habits, practices, and actions that can lead toward a thriving Christian life. See the link, in the HUB, for the September 15-21 daily study guide. Join us next Sunday morning for discussion as we explore the questions in room 210 at 9:30 a.m.

Rise and Shine! Instruction starts at 7:45 am!

Wow, no wonder snacks are essential to school survival!

With Breakfast at 7 am and Lunch at 10:30 am, how does a child make it through the afternoon? And how do the ones that eat lunch at 12:10 pm make it through the morning? Parents that can afford it send their kid to school with a snack, but many just cannot afford it. These are the kids that go without a snack. They do not have a snack to cover the longest part of their day *unless a teacher provides it.*

Teachers use their personal income to provide snacks to the kids that are without. In our school ministry with **Beaumont Academy**, this huge need for snacks was identified as a way to serve, a way to love. It is a way to help our teachers and our kids. It is why we buy snacks.

How can you get involved? Just add snacks to your grocery list and drop them off at the church each week. They need to be in individual bags or packets and no nuts or peanut butter to avoid allergies. The most requested snacks are: Cheez Its mini bags, Goldfish mini bags, applesauce pouches, granola bars - no nuts, veggie straws, popcorn, baked chips, and crackers.

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting with us today, we invite you to let us know you were here. In front of you, in the pews, you will find a visitor card. If you are willing, leave us your name and phone number, or e-mail address so that we can connect with you and find out more about you and share more about who we are as well.

Care and Prayer

If you have a prayer request, let us know so we can be in prayer for you. Either use the visitor cards in front of you or e-mail Kathy Gant at gants@att.net

Sunday Morning Coffee

The coffee is on! Every Sunday morning at 9:30 am, you are invited to join us for coffee. Connect with Central folks for fellowship and conversation. Coffee is available from 9:30 until 10:45 am.

The Central Hub

Keep up with what's going on each week by subscribing to our weekly e-newsletter. You can subscribe by going to knoxcentralumc.org and fill out the form at the bottom of the page.

Spiritual Discipline of Giving and Financial Update

Giving financially is a spiritual discipline and has the power to shape and transform us. When we give, it expresses priorities in our lives. All are encouraged to give out of the abundance that God has provided us. We aren't currently passing the offering plates, but we do ask you to consider giving to the ministries of Central Church in one of the following ways.

- Place your gift in the offering Plate on Sunday Morning. You'll find them as you exit the sanctuary.
- Mail a check to 201 Third Ave. or bring it by the office.
- Give online (text to give) and through the Vanco Mobile App.
- Set up an automatic withdrawal through your checking account. Please reach out to Laurie in the office to sign up.
- Scan the PayPal QR code to donate through PayPal.



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