



Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

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Sunday School Materials are available for pickup in the CAC Hallway.

Worship Service Update

We will be continuing to hold services outside until September 2020.

Preschool News

The Carpenter's Clubhouse Preschool will be delaying the start of their school year for 9 weeks. The start date will be evaluated based on the conditions and a decision will be made when to resume preschool.

Upcoming Meetings

- Finance Meeting (CAC) (Zoom)
Monday, August 10 6:00pm
- Administrative Council (CAC) (Zoom)
Monday, August 10 7:00pm

Dear Church Members,
There is an old saying that goes something like this, "you never know how much you miss something until it is gone." Though our church is not gone, this pandemic has placed us in a different method to worship. I miss seeing you, walking the hallways of our church, and worshipping in the CAC and sanctuary. I know many of you feel the same way. As always, God has a plan. We at Central have been extremely fortunate financially.

Though the second quarter has reduced our reserves, we are still in outstanding shape versus where we would have been if we had not implemented reserving money for untimely expenses. Through June we have received \$267,719.00. We have spent \$296,527.00. Please remember that we had a large payment on the Crawford property at the beginning of the year to reduce the debt to \$50,000.00.

Our expense goal for the quarter is \$120,000.00 or \$40,000.00 per month. We only received \$114,141.00 in the second quarter. The ending balance for June including reserves is \$167,972.00. We have used \$28,807.00 from our beginning balance in January of \$196,779.00. June deposits were the worst month that we have had since 2012. The good news is our grand total through June was \$267,719.00 which is the third-best for the first 6 months of the year since 2012.

We may have been off some for the month of June, but our total continues to be strong. This time last year, we had a net loss of- \$21,268.00. At the end of June 2020, we have a plus net income of \$58,252.00. That is a difference of \$79,521.00 for trailing 12 months.

Some of you may ask how this can happen? Basically, two ways: first our committee continues to manage the contributions to this church in a prudent manner. Secondly, some of our fixed expenses have been reduced during this pandemic.

If you have been unable to attend the outdoor services, you can always [tithes online](#) or mail a check directly to the church. At this time, we have no direction of how the church will be managed over the next 6 months. Please remember that we have monthly fixed costs ranging from salaries to utilities. Please help us to stay on track during these unusual times.

David Brinkley, Finance Chair



Be sure to pray for our schools, teachers, faculty and students as they return to schooling 8/17/2020. We will be holding a special prayer during service on 8/16/2020.

Thank You Notes

Dear Central,
 Our deepest thanks for your generous donation to the Community Math Academy. Your caring support will continue to provide opportunities to students in Cleveland County. Thank you for investing in the lives of the students of Cleveland County.

Warm Regards!

Community Math Academy



We welcome all youth from 6th-12th grade to come join us! We provide a time of gathering for youth to support one another, to have fun, to develop service projects, and to grow deeper in Christ. Any questions, please contact Gene Bragg at gene@cumckm.org or 336-404-8673. **We are now meeting Sundays after church.**



The UMYF Youth Group met for Movie Night in the Christian Activities Center led by our Youth Director, Gene Bragg. The teens really enjoyed spending time together, old time movie snacks and Bible Trivia

The Community Kitchen is still continuing to serve during this time with a few modifications. Meals are take out only with a few people allowed in at a time to pick up.

UPDATED New Hours:

*Mondays 11:00am-11:45am

*Thursdays 4:00pm-4:45pm

*If you would like to volunteer, please email central@cumckm.org or call the church office at 704-739-2471.

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Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am -4:30pm

Staff:

Pastor, Bruce Gwyn

Administrative Assistant, Candy Love

Director of Discipleship Development, Gene Bragg

Handbell/Drama Director, Teresa Williams

Preschool Director, Lindsay Romesberg

Organist, Doug Parker

**AVAILABLE JOB POSITION:
 DIRECTOR OF MUSIC PART-TIME**

Purpose: Encourage growth in Christ through leading of music through worship.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for leading music at all regularly scheduled worship services Sunday mornings
- Lead, Plan and implement music for all weekly worship services, and other Special occasions
- Direct the Choral Music programs of the Church (all choirs/age groups, praise band),
- Develop, Coordinate and provide leadership to youth and children's musical experiences
- Provide support to pastor as needed

Minimum Qualifications:

- 4 year music degree or equivalent work experience
- Technical Audio/Visual skills
- Experience in performing traditional hymns, gospel and contemporary music
- Proficient in piano
- Ability to form and conduct a choir
- Commitment to the mission and vision of Central United Methodist Church

Please send resume to central@cumckm.org



***Our History Mystery!
The Angel Band stained
glass window***

A History Minute by Libby Putnam

You may have noticed the beautiful stained glass window located in the stairwell leading from the first floor of our sanctuary to the second floor balcony. It is titled *The Angel Band*. Money to buy the window was raised by the Light Bearers Society, made up of children and youth, and originally placed in the 1905 church building. The window was donated in memory of three Light Bearers who had lost their lives in a tragic accident. After questioning many church members, researching archived newspaper articles, and studying the records of our church membership in the early 1900s, no information about an accident in this area or the names of those who may have been involved have been found.

When our church secretary, Candy Love, became interested in the story behind the window, she joined in the search for information related to the accident. Candy found that the Park Methodist Church in Hannibal, Missouri, had sold tickets for a steamboat excursion as a fundraiser. The excursion left Hannibal on June 3, 1903, running to Quincy to allow a view of the swollen Mississippi. About 250 children from the church Sunday School were on the steamer which was towing a barge to accommodate the large number of passengers. When the boat swung out into the river, the swift current caught the boat and dashed it against the stone pier of a nearby bridge. Many of those aboard were able to climb to safety on the bridge before the current caught the barge causing

three children to be thrown into the water and swept away to their deaths. The horrible accident was reported in newspapers all across the country, including the June 4, 1903 edition of the Charlotte Daily Observer (Charlotte Observer).

Could the Light Bearers of our church in 1903 have decided to collect change in their mite boxes to dedicate a window in memory of those three Light Bearers who drowned in that horrible accident in Missouri? Please let the church know if someone in your family has passed down a story from that time long ago that will help us solve this history mystery.

For more information and pictures of the barge accident, click this link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_4r8OL8uVg and it will also be available on our Facebook page.

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