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Let's Connect!

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 12pm / 1pm - 5pm
 Friday: 9am - 1pm
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Our Vision

Connect, Grow, and Serve at Central, because Jesus is central.

Our Mission

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



BELIEVE LIKE A CHILD

Reaching younger generations

Welcome to Worship

July 21st, 2024 • 10:00am
 Central United Methodist Church
 Richmond, IN

Guests are invited to fill out the welcome card found in the pews



GATHERING

Prelude Open the Eyes of My Heart - P. Baloché

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: We fix our eyes upon you, our God. Fill our hearts with astonishment, and whisper to us about your endless love and mercy.

People: Our curiosity is in awe of your almighty wonder and unmeasurable wisdom, oh God.

Leader: We cry out to you our heavenly father, comfort us in our confusion and in our hurt; for we are your children in need of you.

People: Stretch our imaginations with acts of your mercy and help us believe as though we were still children.

All: Almighty Father, your children gather here today, to worship you. For you alone are the only one worthy of our praise. Amen.

Pass the Peace

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn Lord, I Want to Be a Christian Red 402

Scripture Matthew 11:15-17; 18:1-5; 19:13-15 Connie Locker

Prayer

Offertory Higher Throne - K. & K. Getty

Offertory Prayer

*Hymn We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder (vs.1 & 4) Red 418

Children's Moment

Sermon Believe Like a Child Stephen Flores

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Doxology Red 95

*Hymn Breathe on Me, Breath of God Red 420

Benediction

Postlude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - J. G. Walther

Altar Flowers given by:

Rhonda Christopher in loving memory of Ron Christopher

Pianist/Organist: Frederick Chatfield

**Please stand as you are able*





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 21st

9:00am: Adult Sunday School
10:00am: Worship Service & Children's Church

Monday, July 22nd

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center & Preschool Summer Care
12:00pm: Women's Prayer Group
6:45pm: Brianna's Hope

Tuesday, July 23rd

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center & Preschool Summer Care

Wednesday, July 24th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center & Preschool Summer Care
12:00pm: Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, July 25th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center & Preschool Summer Care
9:00am: Creative Hands
6:30pm: Ad Council

Friday, July 26th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center & Preschool Summer Care
12:00pm: Wisdom Study

Saturday, July 27th

Sunday, July 28th

Oasis Mission Trip
9:00am: Adult Sunday School
10:00am: Worship



Stay Connected!

Sign-up for our weekly emails! Scan the QR code with your phone and stay up-to-date on everything happening at Central UMC.



Living Water Children's Church Teachers
July 21st & 28th: Doug & Tara Jamison

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYER



Arbor Trace: Marion Bentlage, Phyllis Bennett

Friends Fellowship: Miriam McComb

Legacy at Prairie Lakes: Wanda Puckett

The Willows: Candy Morguson

& Everyone who is at home and unable to attend

Do you have a prayer request?

Let us know! There are prayer request cards in the pew in front of you. Fill it out and place it in the offering plate as you leave today or hand it to one of our Ushers. You may also share your prayer request with the congregation during the prayer time. If you would like your prayer request to be kept private, please email one of our pastors;

Doug Anderson - doug.anderson@inumc.org

Ashley Flores - ashley@richmondcumc.com



Splash Kids Nursery

Splash Kids is for ages 0 – preschool. This is available to everyone on Sundays from 9:00am – 11:00am. Our wonderful teachers are: Linda Bane, Abby Truitt, & Mary Smith. If you are visiting for the first time, an Usher would be happy to show you where to go.

Living Water Children's Church

Children's Church is for grades Preschool – 4th Grade. Children will be invited to the front for a children's message and then will be dismissed to their classroom. There, they will be learning the same message as the adults but at an age-appropriate level.

Oasis Teen Group

Oasis is our teen group meant for grades 5th – 12th. They meet every Sunday at 5:00pm here at Central. With Oasis, our teens are able to fellowship with other teens weekly, go on mission trips, and can participate in various community outreach events.



Prayers for the Oasis Mission Trip

Oasis will be headed to Sullivan, Indiana for this year's mission trip from July 28th to August 2nd. As we look forward to our upcoming mission trip, we ask that you continue to keep our youth in your prayers, not only for a safe trip, but for a trip that will help our youth grow even more. Oasis is made up of some remarkable people, and the more they know they have our support, the more they will amaze us with what God has for them.

Upper Room Daily Devotional Guides UPDATE

We hear you and share your frustration with not having the most recent Upper Room Daily Devotional. We are not sure why but Upper Room has cancelled our long-standing recurring order. After multiple attempts to contact the company, we have decided to no longer work with them. **BUT WE HAVE GOOD NEWS!** We will now be receiving Quarterly devotionals from Our Daily Bread. We expect our first order to arrive within 2 - 3 weeks. We will announce when they are available. Thank you for your continued patience and grace while we figured this out. To learn more about Our Daily Bread, please visit <https://odb.org/>

Wisdom Study

Pastor Ashley leads a bible study group every Friday at 12pm. This group is focused on taking biblical wisdoms and applying them to our everyday lives. You can contact the church office at 765-962-8543 or email Pastor Ashley at ashley@richmondcumc.com for more information.

United Women in Faith

No unit meetings this summer, but we are not idle! UWF Groups are meeting throughout the summer. All women are welcome to any group!

- Monday Morning Connections meets the 2nd Monday at 9 a.m. at 5th Street Bagel
- Creative Hands meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and lunch is served.

Mark your calendars for these UWF events!

- September 12th: Unit Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 1 p.m.
- September 28th: the East District UWF will be meeting here at CUMC from 9am to noon. (More details to come)
- October 5th: Women's Spiritual Retreat, led by Judi Marshall from 10am to 3pm. (Ticket sales and other details will be forthcoming in September). If you have any questions about any activities UWF is hosting, please contact Amy McKee



Central Preschool is starting soon!

Central Preschool starts back up on Wednesday, August 7th after many years away! We are so excited to watch our students learn and grow in their faith. We currently have 5 students enrolled for the 2024 - 2025 school year. While small, we are mighty and have faith that we will grow as the years continue. Our Preschool Teacher, Ms. Joshlyn Sandlin, has been with our Early Learning Center for 3 years and has spent many hours preparing our preschool room for our incoming families. If you would like to donate to our preschool room, please see the list below and drop off all items in the main office.

- Kleenex
- Empty Kitchen Containers (Milk etc.)
- Washable Ink Pads
- Rubber Stamps
- Pom Poms
- Q-Tips
- Cotton Balls
- Clothes Pins
- Paint Brushes (Various sizes)
- White Board Markers

Communities in Schools Back to School

With all of Richmond and the surrounding areas headed back to school, CiS could use some items to better support our community youth. Please see the list of items below and drop off any donations in the church office

- Plastic School Supply Boxes
- 4 oz cans of Playdoh (any color)
- 3x3 Sticky Post-it Notes
- 3x5 or 4x6 Index Cards
- Hair Brushes