

CENTRAL UMC LEADERSHIP

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Ann Cashner: Administrative Council Chair

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Kathy Jones: At-Large

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Central UMC Staff

Doug Anderson: Transitional Lead Pastor

Ashley Flores: Associate Pastor

Shiyu Wang: Director of Music Ministries

Stephen Flores: Youth Director

Christin Hampton: Business Coordinator

Kathy George: Central Early Learning Center Director

Carla Gillespie: Receptionist

Greg Scott: Lead Custodian

Kelli Fisher: Custodian

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Welcome to Worship

December 1st, 2024

Central United Methodist Church

Richmond, IN

All guests are encouraged to fill out the welcome card found in the pews

GATHERING

Prelude Playing Love, from *The Legend of 1900* - Ennio Morricone

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The days are surely coming when God will fulfill the promise
that God made to God's people.

People: We come with hearts full of hope, waiting for the Lord's coming.

Leader: For the Lord is our righteousness, and we will dwell secure in Him.

All: Let us worship the God of hope and promise!

Pass the Peace

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Red 196

Scripture Psalm 107:1-9 NIV Jan Hibner

Prayer

Sermon Expectant Emptiness Pastor Doug Anderson

Communion This month's communion will go towards our
Benevolence Fund

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Red 218

Benediction

Postlude One Bread, One Body - John B. Foley, SJ, arr. Mark Hayes

Pianist/Organist: Frederick Chatfield

**Please stand as you are able*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 1st

9:00am: Adult Sunday School
10:00am: Worship & Children's Church
5:00pm: OASIS Teen Group

Monday, December 2nd

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center
8:30am: Preschool
6:45pm: Brianna's Hope

Tuesday, December 3rd

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center

Wednesday, December 4th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center
8:30am: Preschool
11:30am: Lunch Bunch
12:00pm: Men's Prayer Group
5:30pm: Wesley Ringers
6:30pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 5th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center
10:30am: Low Vision Support Group

Friday, December 6th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center
12:00pm: Wisdom Study

Saturday, December 7th

4:00pm: **Our Neighborhood Christmas Festival**

Sunday, December 8th

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



Christmas at Central

Longest Night Service

Saturday, December 21st at 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24th at 6:30pm

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYER



Arbor Trace: Marion Bentlage

Forest Park: Phyllis Bennett

Friends Fellowship: Miram McComb

Legacy at Prairie Lakes: Wanda Puckett

The Willows: Candy Morguson

& everyone who is at home and unable to attend
Pastoral Visits

Do you know someone who could benefit from a visit? Let us know! We do our best to connect with all of our members but sometimes miss important information. If you or someone you know is in the hospital, has had surgery, or could just use a home visit, call the church office at 765-962-8543. We don't know unless you tell us!

Central Office Hours

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.



2025 Stewardship

There is still time to turn in your 2025 pledge card! This pledge card will help us plan for the New Year. Please don't just fill it out and turn it in. Rather, I invite you to sit quietly in prayer, and seek spiritual clarity about your commitment this coming year. Drop off your pledge cards on the main office during normal business hours. If you have any questions, please call the office at 765-962-8543

SPICE UP THEIR LIVES!

You can be a part of Central's OUTREACH by donating spices for the Indiana Women's Prison Christmas Bags. The women at IWP cook many of their own meals in their dorms, but they do not have access to seasonings. You can help by donating any of the spices listed below. Spices can be purchased at Dollar Tree, Walmart, and Ollie's for \$1.00-\$1.25 apiece. Give your donation to Ann Cashner or Becky Shaw or deliver them to the church office any time over the next three weeks. Thank you!

Garlic, Taco Seasoning, Cajun spices, dried onions, Italian spices, cinnamon, cinnamon-sugar, nutmeg, lemon pepper, pumpkin pie spice, cumin, oregano, etc. Spices bottles must be PLASTIC, around 2-4 oz. NO parsley or paprika or whole basil leaves, please.

Communities in Schools Giving Tree

This Christmas season, we are overjoyed to once again partner with Communities in Schools through our Giving Tree, bringing the spirit of generosity and love of Christ to families in need. Last year, Central members came together in an incredible way, purchasing over 50 gifts to bless 12 families. For many of these families, the gifts they receive through this program are their only presents. This year, we have the opportunity to make an even greater impact, helping 15 families with children ranging from 3 to 17 years old. **Thank you to everyone who has purchased or will be purchasing a gift! Please drop off all unwrapped gifts in the main office by Monday, December 9th.** Together, we can share the joy of Christmas and make this season brighter for those who need it most. Let's fill hearts with love and homes with hope—one gift at a time.



Endowment Committee

As we move forward enjoying all God has provided, we need to make sure that all of our bases are covered.

- Do we have a will that clearly spells out our desires?
- Do we have proper insurance? Home, auto, and health?
- Are our investments in line with our needs now and in the future?

If you have any questions or concerns your Endowment Committee is available to meet with you.

- Planning: Do it for yourself, do not leave it to others.
- Funeral Planning: Have you established plans?
- Advanced Directives: Medical instructions in case of incapacity.
- Banking: Are you getting the best rates on your accounts.

The Wisdom Study is back December 6th!

Join us Fridays at noon in the Memorial Room for a wonderful deep dive into the wisdom of the scriptures. Learn and discuss how biblical characters utilized or spurned wisdom, and discern in community how we can apply those lessons to our modern lives. During the month of December, we will delve into the Advent story and discover the biblical roots of the longing for a Messiah and the fulfillment of that longing in the surprising arrival of Jesus the Christ.

All Church Christmas Luncheon on December 15th!

United Women of Faith will be celebrating Christmas and our church with an after-church luncheon on Sunday, December 15th. We thank everyone who supported our projects throughout the year. Join us for a light lunch right after church on December 15th in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to being in fellowship with you. UWF would also like to thank you to all who supported the United Women in Faith Pop-Up, pecan and noodle sales!

Warm Glow Candles

All Warm Glow Candle orders are ready for pick-up in the main hallway or in the main office during normal business hours. Thank you again to everyone who has supported Central's Early Learning Center & Preschool through this fundraiser and throughout the year.