

# CENTRAL UMC LEADERSHIP

## **Administrative Council**

**Ann Cashner:** Administrative Council Chair

**Alisa Clapp-Itnyre:** Secretary

**Pat Heiny:** Lay Leader

**Jan Passmore:** Finance Chair

**Janet Robinson:** Treasurer

**Amy McKee:** UWF Representative

**Jan Passmore:** Endowment Chair

**Ron Itnyre & Randy Cashner:** Co-Trustee Chairs

**Connie Locker:** Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Chair

**Joyce Egger:** Friends Fellowship Community Representative

**Becky Shaw:** Missions Chair

**Barb Shirden:** At-Large

**Jim Puckett:** At-Large

**Lowell Robinson:** At-Large

**Kathy Eyer:** At-Large

**Kathy Jones:** At-Large

**David Shaw:** At-Large

## **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



# TRANSITIONS

## **Welcome to Worship**

January 5th, 2025

Central United Methodist Church

Richmond, IN

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

**GATHERING**

Prelude In the Bleak Midwinter - Gustav Holst, arr. Amanda Mae Conrad

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: A new year has dawned; and God's mercies are new every morning.

**Many: Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord!**

One: The Lord goes before us, guiding our steps into the unknown.

**Many: We trust Your plans for us - plans for hope and a future.**

One: So let us begin this year with hearts full of praise.

**All: We worship You, Lord - The author of new beginnings.**

Pass the Peace

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

\*Hymn Guide Me, O Great Jehovah Red 127

\*Scripture Joshua 5:9-12 Kathy Eyer

Special Music All is Well Alisa Clapp-Itnyre, soprano

Prayer

Sermon Transitions Pastor Doug Anderson

Communion This month's communion will go towards our

Benevolence Fund

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn Amazing Grace Red 378

Benediction

Postlude We Three Kings - John Henry Hopkins Jr., arr. Polly Bekasova

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Shiyu Wang

*\*Please stand as you are able*



## Sunday, January 5th

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

## Monday, January 6th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center  
8:30am: Central Preschool  
12:00pm: Women's Prayer Group  
6:45pm: Brianna's Hope

## Tuesday, January 7th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center

## Wednesday, January 8th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center  
8:30am: Central Preschool  
5:30pm: Wesley Ringers  
6:30pm: Chancel Choir

## Thursday, January 9th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center

## Friday, January 10th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center  
8:30am: Central Preschool  
12:00pm: Wisdom Study

## Saturday, January 11th

## Sunday, January 12th

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



**Arbor Trace:** Marion Bentlage

**Forest Park:** Phyllis Bennett

**The Springs:** Tye Hill

**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

### **The Wisdom Study**

Join Pastor Ashley, 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.

### **To all our incredible volunteers,**

As we close out 2024, my heart is filled with gratitude for each of you who gave your time, energy, and love to support our church's events and missions this year. Your dedication made a difference—from helping with community gatherings to supporting missions that brought hope to those in need. Every act of service, no matter how big or small, has helped us share God's love and light with others. Because of you, lives were changed, hearts were uplifted, and our church's mission was fulfilled in beautiful ways. We are truly blessed to have such a caring and committed community of volunteers. As I look ahead to 2025, I am excited about the opportunities to continue making a positive impact together. Let's carry this spirit of service forward and strive to make an even greater difference in our church and community. With God's guidance and your amazing hearts, there's no limit to the good we can do! Thank you for being an essential part of our mission. Here's to a wonderful 2025 filled with faith, hope, and service.

With gratitude and hope, Christin Hampton

### **UWF**

There will be no Creative Hands of UWF Meeting in January. Join us on Wednesday, January 15th at Friends Fellowship for tea!



### **2025 Giving Envelopes**

2025 giving envelopes are available in the parlor. If you do not see yours, or would like to get envelopes, please let Christin know by calling the church office at 765-962-8543 or by email at [christin@richmondcumc.com](mailto:christin@richmondcumc.com).

### **The 2025 Photo Directories are coming!**

We are finalizing the 2025 photo directories. If you need to update any information including address, phone numbers, emails, or photos, please contact the church office at 765-962-8543 or email Christin at [christin@richmondcumc.com](mailto:christin@richmondcumc.com). Directories will be available Sunday, February 2nd.

### **Central Hosting Point in Time Count**

Every year, the Federal Government commissions a census of the homeless population to better allocate funding across the country. In Indiana, the Continuum of Care is charged with conducting these counts. This year, that date falls on January 29th. Central will again host the efforts of this count. The Emergency Resource Room will open to make sure those on the street have what they need. Please be in prayer for the many homeless neighbors we have in Richmond. If you feel led to join our efforts, please contact Dana Mollenkopf.

### **Winter Weather**

It's cold outside! That means winter weather is here and that can mean icy roads and slick snow. As weather gets rough, please use your best judgment about getting on the roads to come to small groups, church events, and Sunday worship. Pay attention to all emails, and social media announcements as this will be the avenues we use to communicate delays, cancellations, and closings.

### **Unhanging of the Greens Next Sunday!**

Mark your calendars! We'll be taking down the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, January 12th, right after worship. Many hands make light work, so we'd love your help as we transition our space into the new season. Stick around for fellowship and a chance to serve together!