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Doug Anderson: Transitional Lead Pastor

Ashley Flores: Associate Pastor

Shiyu Wang: Director of Music Ministries

Stephen Flores: Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Christin Hampton: Business Coordinator

Joshlyn Sandlin: Central Early Learning Center Director

Carla Gillespie: Receptionist

Greg Scott: Lead Custodian

Kelli Fisher: Custodian



Welcome to Worship

April 6th, 2025

Central United Methodist Church
Richmond, IN

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Jesus said, "I am the True Vine, and my Father is the Gardener"

Many: God prunes us so that we may bear more fruit.

One: "Remain in Me, as I also remain in you."

Many: Apart from Him, we can do nothing.

One: Let us abide in Christ, the source of life and strength.

All: We come to worship, rooted in His love!

Pass the Peace

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn

Jesus, Thine All Victorious Love

Red 422

*Scripture

John 15:1-11

Ann Cashner

Prayer

Sermon

I AM the True Vine

Pastor Doug Anderson

Communion

This month’s communion will go towards Refuge of Hope

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn

Abide with Me (vs. 1-3)

Red 700

Benediction

Postlude

Bach Goldberg Variations, Var. 20



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 6th

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

Monday, April 7th

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

Tuesday, April 8th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center

Wednesday, April 9th

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

Thursday, April 10th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center
9:00am: Creative Hands
1:00pm: UWF Meeting

Friday, April 11th

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

Saturday, April 12th

6:00pm: Odyssey Young Adult Group

Sunday, April 13th

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

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Garage Sale - May 31st

Are you tackling that spring cleaning list and wondering what to do with that ever-growing pile of stuff? We've got the perfect solution! Our BIG Garage Sale is happening on May 31st, and now's your chance to clear out the clutter for a great cause! Drop off your treasures anytime at the "Garage Sale Drop-Off Zone" outside the main office. Donate your stuff. Make a difference. Every dollar raised goes directly to support local missions! Let's turn your old finds into new blessings for our community! PLEASE NO CLOTHING

A Heartfelt Thank You to Central United Methodist Church from the Laundry Project

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to the wonderful congregation of Central United Methodist Church for their incredible generosity. On Sunday, March 16th, you came together and raised an amazing \$1,515 in donations. Your kindness and commitment to making a difference is truly inspiring. This gift will go a long way in supporting our project. Thank you for being a shining example of compassion and community. Together, we can accomplish incredible things!

Undy 500

In MAY we will be having a new and improved version of Undy Sunday, called the Undy 500. Pastor Doug has challenged us to collect and donate 500 pair of underwear (men's, women's, children's) to nonprofits in our community. Start looking for sales now. We can do this, Central! Thank you for all you do to further God's kingdom right where we live.

- Ann Cashner, The Mission Committee, and the Administrative Council

Central Early Learning Center Thank You!

We want to say a big THANK YOU to anyone who has donated in any way! Whether it be items, egg orders, even eggs to use for our event. It is all greatly appreciated and helps us provide the best care and learning possible for the little humans here at Central! We are very blessed for the help and opportunity to be able to continue to update and grow, plus the kids get so excited over even the littlest things so we continue to get to see their bright smiles as they discover each new thing! It all helps in ways most probably wouldn't think of, so I'll end by saying THANK YOU one more time!

Exciting Updates and Events!

- We have openings in the Infants, Ones, and Twos classes. We are now fully staffed!
- Open Enrollment for preschool starts Monday, April 28th
- We are working on times during the week to have volunteers scheduled to come in for an hour and read stories, do a craft, etc

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Koinonia Class Invitation

Are you looking for a kernel of hope in a chaotic world? Are you or is someone you know and love suffering from a terminal illness? If so, the Koinonia Sunday School Class cordially invites you to join us for a unique two book study.

The Koinonia Class will finish its present book study on March 23rd. On March 30th we will discuss guilt – real guilt, neurotic guilt, and existential guilt. This is a one-week study and anyone is welcome to join us for this limited study.

On April 6th we will start a two-book study alternating from one to the other every other week. This is a unique approach. The two books are:

My Bright Abyss – Meditation of a Modern Believer by Christian Wiman. My Bright Abyss is a non-linear narrative by a poet living with terminal cancer. It is an intellectual and emotional challenging read; intense, confusing and a bit disruptive. Written in short, diary like sections many sections will pass under the reader's eyes without leaving an impression, but, then there will be a sentence or a paragraph that will touch and potentially change the reader. We will start with this book.

The second book in this study is Anne Lamott's Almost Everything – Notes on Hope. In a style many of us are familiar with, Lamott tells stories and dishes up gems of wisdom to a world darkened by despair and uncertainty. Lamott's short chapters and glass-half-full point-of-view will nicely balance the weight of My Bright Abyss.

Whereas Lamott has faith and experiences grace, Wiman gains faith and feels grace; he embraces in the moment both joy and future hope. In Lamott's book you will read personal stories and her nuggets of hope and wisdom; in Wiman you will read narrative, poems and quotes all eventually focusing on faith and grace.

Interested in joining the Koinonia Class for this unique study? If yes, purchase the books wherever you purchase books or ebooks. The Koinonia Class meets from 8:50 to 9:50 AM Sunday mornings. If you have questions, talk to any Koinonia member or text or call Angie (Angelo) Giannitelli at 765-969-2405.