## **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**

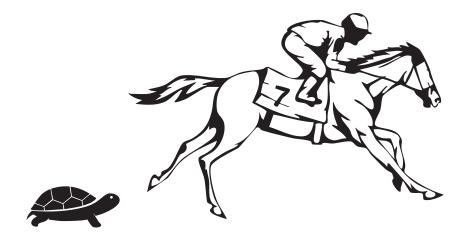
Doug Anderson: Transitional Lead Pastor Ashley Flores: Associate Pastor Shiyu Wang: Director of Music Ministries

Stephen Flores: 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**

May 4th, 2025 Central United Methodist Church Richmond, IN

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



#### **GATHERING**

Prelude Bach Goldberg Variations, Var. 19

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Come, people of God, with hearts open to hope. **Many: We come, trusting in the promises of our God.** 

One: Though the night is long, God's light is near.

Many: We wait in hope for the Lord, our help and shield.

All: Let us worship the God of hope, who fills us with joy and peace.

Pass the Peace

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

\*Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Red 139
\*Scripture James 5:7-11 Carla Gillespie
Prayer

Sermon

Racehourses and Turtles Pastor Doug Anderson

Communion This month's communion will go towards

our Benevolence Fund

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn Be Still, My Soul (vs. 1 &2) Red 534

Benediction

Postlude Bach Goldberg Variations, Var. 23

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Shiyu Wang \*Please stand as you are able

# INSPIRATION FROM WORSHIP

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## Sunday, May 5th

9:00am: Adult Sunday School

10:00am: Worship &
Children's Church
5:00pm: OASIS Teen Group

## Monday, May 6th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center

8:30am: Central Preschool

12:00pm: Women's Prayer Group

6:45pm: Brianna's Hope

## Tuesday, May 7th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center

## Wednesday, May 8th

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, May 9th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center

9:00am: Creative Hands 1:00pm: UWF Meeting

#### Friday, May 10th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center

8:30am: Central Preschool 12:00pm: Wisdom Study

## Saturday, May 11th

#### Sunday, May 12th

Food Pantry Sunday

Mother's Day

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
Briefward Colden Bulge Fliesch eth Itaura

Brickyard Golden Rule: Elizabeth Itnyre & 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.



#### Garage Sale - May 31st - DROP OFF DAY, SATURDAY MAY 24TH

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

#### **Undie 500 - DOUBLE DOUG'S CHALLENGE!**

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40

Get ready, Undie Sunday is shifting into high gear with a powerful new mission: the Undy 500! Pastor Doug has challenged us to collect 500 pairs of underwear, socks, and t-shirts for men, women, and children that will go to local nonprofits.

We started with a goal of 500—and thanks to your amazing generosity, we're already closing in! Now, we're setting our sights even higher, aiming to double our impact and truly live out the words of Jesus by caring for those in need.

Between now and May 11th, you can bring your donations to the church and help us cross the finish line with compassion and love. Final results will be shared on Sunday, May 18th!

Let's come together, serve boldly, and show the heart of Christ through simple acts of kindness. Because when we care for our neighbors, we're serving Him.

- Becky Shaw, Missions Chair

## **Central Early Learning Center Openings!**

We have openings in our One's class! If you or someone you know would like to get more information, please contact Joshlyn Sandlin, ELC Director, at 765-962-8543 or cumcchildcare@richmondcumc.com

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS** %

#### HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL MISSIONS

United Women in Faith will meet on Thursday, May 8 at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Our guest speakers will be Bridget McFadden, Director of the Refuge of Hope, and Becky Shaw, who is chairperson of Central's Mission Committee. You may also join us for lunch at noon, but please make a reservation by calling or texting Shanron Rider or Ann Cashner. Women are encouraged to bring donations on May 8 for the Refuge of Hope, which houses homeless women and their children, by bringing items from the following list or by donating with cash or by check: **paper towels, Kleenex, diapers, hair brushes, underwear.** 

#### **OASIS Mission Trip Fundraisers!**

This summer, Oasis will be traveling to Augusta, GA to support Long-Term Disaster Recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene, which struck the Florida Gulf Coast in 2024 as a powerful Category 4 storm. Initially expected to weaken over land, the hurricane unexpectedly shifted course on September 26, slamming into the Central Savannah River Area—including Augusta—causing widespread damage, power outages, and the tragic loss of eleven lives. From July 13-19, our group will be on the ground to lend a hand and help our neighbors rebuild. To support this mission, Oasis will host three fundraisers beginning in May. From May 1–16, we're partnering with Texas Roadhouse to sell peanuts (each purchase includes a free appetizer voucher) at all three churches, with proceeds going toward our trip. On June 2, Texas Roadhouse will also host a Donation Dine event, where a portion of meal purchases will benefit our group—and yes, those free appetizer vouchers can be redeemed then! Finally, Oasis will wrap up the season with a community skate night on May 18 from 6-8pm at SKATE here in town. Tickets are \$10 (including skate rental), and all proceeds will support our mission trip. Donations are welcome, but we hope to see Oasis students and families join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

