

EACH SUNDAY

Morning Light:

8:30 am

Meet and Greet:

9:30 am - FH

Sunday School:

9:45 am

**Traditional
Worship:**

11:00 am

Youth Group:

6 pm

**Youth Bible
Study:**

6:30 pm

**Evening
Worship:**

7 pm



**EACH
WEDNESDAY**

Pastor's Study

6:30 pm

CENTRAL

Chimes

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Jesus said, "Truly, Truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but is passed from death to life.: (John 5:24)

How do you prepare for Easter? Do you see it as a crucial holiday that marks the crux of the Christian life?

Crucial, crux, holiday— in these words we see even our language bowing to the essential nature of the event we remember during Lent and Easter. Good Friday is a holy day. Resurrection on Easter could happen only after the Crucifixion, and the cross is the main crossroad in our lives. Every one of us must stand at that crux, that point requiring resolution, and must choose which way to go. The decision we make is crucial, the crisis of our lives is resolved by our turn toward life and not death.

We reveal to ourselves and others what is important to us by the way we celebrate. Is the season of Easter mainly a hassle to get the mall and a strain on our budget purchasing clothes, Easter baskets, chocolate bunny's, cards and groceries for a big dinner? Or is it several days of genuine reflection, considering God's work in our lives through Jesus, along with special activities to help us think more clearly about Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection? Over the next several week we will remember the lowest points of sin and the highest peak of God's grace, what He has done for us through Jesus. We have a way, the only way to the Father. That's worth celebrating!

Let me suggest a couple of ways to prepare for Holy Week.

First, attend all our services focusing upon God's magnificent work. Our Holy week schedule will be:

April 17— Palm/Passion Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am

April 20— Pastor's Study on the Words of Jesus from the Cross

April 21— Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm, with Pastor Mike speaking

April 22— Good Friday Service at 7:00pm, with Pastor Don speaking

April 24— Sunrise Service at 7:00am with Pastor Don

Celebration/Praise Service at 8:30am with Pastor Mike

Easter Choral Cantata at 11:00am with Pastor Mike

Next pull out all your CDs, DVD's or tapes of Easter music and videos and place them in a basket near the TV or stereo ready to be popped into your player. Also, read books that will deepen your spiritual life and your understanding of what God has done and is doing in your life. If you have small children, put all their Easter-related books, tapes, etc. in a basket and place it where they spend most of their time. Purchase coloring books and other items that speak to the heart of this celebration.

I encourage you to spend as much time preparing for Easter as you do for Christmas. Be creative in getting your family involved in the celebration. Without Christmas there would be no Easter, without Easter no hope and no eternal life!

See you Sunday at the place where hope springs eternal...all the time! Mike

Record of Faithfulness

Attendance	3/27/2011	4/03/2011
Morning Light	80	95
Sunday School	161	162
11:00 am Worship	144	220
Evening Service	16	22
Total Worship	240	337

"They gave not only what they could afford, but far more; and I can testify that they did it because they wanted to."
II Corinthians 8:3

2011 Operating Budget: \$458,203

	3/27/2011	4/03/2011
Needed YTD	114,556	123,368
Received YTD	106,154	117,975
Received Sunday	4,241	11,821
Building Fund	1,645	1,284
Designated Gifts	1,413	1,848

Upcoming Volunteer Schedule

Nursery, Sunday, April 10

Eric & Dianna Grayson, Scott & Martha Kincaid, Trudy Eastridge, Casey Frye

Nursery, Sunday, April 17

Donna Skinnell, Marissa Forest, Debra Taylor, Abby Dangerfield, Nancy Wallace, Brittany Caldwell

Meet and Greet, Sunday April 10

Faithfinders

Meet and Greet, Sunday, April 17

UMM- Guest speakers, Darrell Fisher and Ed Jones

Wonderful Wednesday Snack Schedule

April 13- Kay Cook

Children Worship, Sunday, April 10

Holly Moore, Timmy Harrell

Children Worship, Sunday, April 17

Angie Hill, Camille Puckett

HELP STOCK THE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Central helps to stock the community food pantry at the department of social services during the month of April. Grocery bags, affixed with a list of needed items, are placed around the church building and in Sunday School classrooms. Please help this community-wide effort.



Items Needed the Most:

Instant Oatmeal, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Canned Meats and Fish, Peanut Butter, Powdered Milk, Shampoo, Deodorant, Cleaning Supplies, Laundry Soap

Other Items Needed:

Dry Cereal, Canned Fruits, Canned Vegetables, Boxed Meals, Packets of Pancake Mix, Pastas, Rice and Potato Mixes, Biscuit and Muffin Mixes, Pinto and Brown Beans, Pampers

Please keep detergent and cleaning supplies separate from the food items.

COOKS NEEDED FOR JOSHUAS MEN



We are looking for volunteers to help provide a meals for Joshua's Men. There are 8 men and they will be meeting during the months of April—November. If you are able to

help please call Janie Fisher at 633-0545.

OLAN MILLS MAKE-UP DAY

We will be having a make-up day for the directory on April 20. Anyone that has not had their picture made is encouraged to attend.



Sign-ups are located at the back of the sanctuary or by calling the church office.

School Kits for Liberia and Zimbabwe

Pack all items in 2 gallon Zip-Lock bag or a secure plastic bag. A \$5 donation for packing and shipping should accompany each kit. Make your check payable to Central UMC and place in the memo section "school kit". We will write one check to the conference. Kits must be returned to the church office no later than June 6.

- 1- 12" Ruler
- 1- Box of Crayons or magic markers (24 count)
- 1- Pack of erasers
- 1- small dictionary (new or used)
- 1- 10 pack of pens (blue or black)
- 1- 10 pack of pencils
- 3- spiral notebooks (70 count)
- 1- pack of notebook paper (any number)



Will be meeting on April 17 at 7:30am, in the fellowship hall. Our guest speaker's will be Darrell Fisher and Ed Jones.



INVITE A FRIEND!

"The United Methodist Men shall be a creative, supportive, fellowship of men who seek to know Jesus Christ, to grow spiritually and seek daily his will."

WEO's

April 21st at 12:00 noon
ALL ARE INVITED TO
JOIN US!

EASTER EGG HUNT



HEY KIDS! The annual Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 16, 3:00pm at Sandy Hill's house. Kids in third grade and younger are invited to hunt for eggs beginning at 3:00pm. After the hunt we will have an Easter story and a snack. We look forward to seeing you!

Spring Bazaar and Vendor Fair, Saturday, April 9th from 9am-3pm, at Grove United Methodist Church. Over 20 vendors! All proceeds from vendor registration supports local missions! Contact Lynn Wright 639-3456 for more information.



THE MARRIAGE YOU ALWAYS WANTED

The GYFT class is discussing *The Marriage You Always Wanted* by Gary Chapman. We welcome you to join us, we meet downstairs across from the PK room. We are an active young (so we like to think) married couples class. We plan several activities outside of Sunday School for our families (some kids and some events without kids). Come and fellowship with us!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- April 8-9th:** 30 Hour Famine at Good Shepherd Baptist Church.
- April 10th:** Clean-up day at the Youth House
- April 16th:** Easter Egg Hunt, Worship practice for Youth Sunday (May 1st)
- April 17th:** Painting at the Youth House 3-8pm
- April 20th:** Final Wonderful Wednesday
- April 21st:** Maundy Thursday Service (Youth skit)
- April 24th:** Pancake Breakfast between Sunrise and Early Service, and for Meet-n-Greet (donations for youth group trips) NO EVENING SERVICE





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FAMILY FUN DAY SUNDAY!!

May 15... 3-5pm @ Bissett Park

(more details to follow)

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CARE CORNER

April 5, 2011

Current Care

A new concern within the last two weeks

- Diane Abercrombie*
- Shirley Randall*
- Linda Hovey*
- Vivian Ellis*
- Andrew Taylor*
- Becky Ritter*
- Brian Taylor*
- Amy Shelor*

Sympathy to:

Sara Goad- Death of her father Douglas Gabbert

Prolonged Care
A concern that has lasted between two weeks & a couple of months

- Sherril Vandyke*
- Charlotte Leslie*
- Mike Dangerfield*
- Bobby Abercrombie*
- ♥ *Maddox Anderson*
- Eloise Brown*
(Sharon Taylor's Sister)
- Bill Crowe*

- Clyde*
(Carolyn King's father)
- Jan Wukich*
- Connie Hoover*
- Jeff Lambert*
(Tina Cox's Big Brother)
- Bob McNeel*
(June Hazelton's brother)
- Liz Mills*
- Eddie Smallwood*
- Betty Wilson*
(Connie Hoover's sister-in-law)
- Patricia Criner*
- Betty East*
- Juanita Grantham*
- Pat Collins*
- Christine Barton*

Brittany Carter-Barrett

Ida Brown
(Karen Smith's Grandmother)

♥ *Indicates - a child*

Constant Care
A concern that is ongoing

- Walter and Mary Case*
- Troy Hampton*
- Mark Lynch*
- Sherman Collins*

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

- Ryan Haynes*
Iraq
- Kerry Keys*
Washington
- Isaiah King*
Hawaii
- Jordan King*
Iraq
- Scylar Woods*
Afghanistan

Please contact the church office at 639-3529 or office@centralmethodistchurch.com to give updates, reports of recovery or to move into the next category.