



The Central Connection

-Messages and Opportunities-

September, 2012

“Celebrating Good Times at Central UMC”

ZACHARY SNYDER'S EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY



Family



Barbara Snyder shared these thoughts about her son- Zach started Cub Scouts in first grade and had 12 busy years of Scouting. I wish I knew how many hours he camped and how many tents we purchased over the years! He earned 34 merit badges and learned so many skills that will stay with him the rest of his life. He also made lots of friends and had wonderful leaders who were all part of his growing up. Probably the highlight of his Scouting career was a 2 week backpacking trip at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Zach, along with 3 other boys from Troop 388 hiked approximately 70 miles and really "got back to nature". He is planning to go to the annual Scout Jamboree in West Virginia next summer as an assistant adult leader with Troop 388.

Fellowship





I am not sure about you but my mind and life is inundated with change. There are some days that I just want to put everything on pause so I can not only take a nap but catch my breath too. It is not just personal change I've experienced, but I have watched those around me experience sudden, life altering change as well. I think we all recognize that change is inevitable. I remember the quotation, "The only constant in life is change." That quote can be attributed to Henry A. Wallace, Issac Asimov, or Heraclitus.

The bible says in Ecclesiastes 3:1- "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." This is what I thought of first when I was trying to wrap my mind around all this change business. There has to be more. And there is. However we cannot not look at the concept of change on a surface manner. If we stand still without change we do not grow or learn. In Genesis, God spoke the world into existence. He, through this spoken command, changed what was dark and void into light/life in this world. He is continually speaking to us and as we yield to His

Will, amazing things will happen. We see change when Abraham's name was changed from Abram and Sarah from Sari. They realized so much of what God had promised while experiencing significant life changes when they followed God's will for their lives.

The narrative of change continues throughout the Bible. God continues to work with us and move us toward perfection in Him. Is that not His effort to make us one with Him? That is an endeavor of not just any kind of change, but constant, life altering change.

We were given the gift of God's only Son so that we might live and have everlasting life. That is the ultimate change that is more meaningful for us than anything else.

So, why are we so resistant to change? Well, I like knowing - who, what, where and when up front. In all honesty that is a control issue that we all experience to one degree or another. But it is important for us to remember that we are not in control of everything. I needed to say that more for myself than anyone else.

*We have had much change recently here at Central. We have a new minister (Pastor Steve, just wait until you are no longer new!) and a new Bishop. In addition there were new **rules** that we adopted at General Conference; Renovations, etc...Lots of change! Is God in this mix? Isn't He always? Has change become an issue in your life lately? Have you been calm and*

prayerful about it or do you want to just run away? "Change is real and necessary. For salvation we must change our mind (repent) and agree that God's way is better than our way. For spiritual maturity we allow the Holy Spirit to change us." P.R Williams - as it is written- In Romans 12:2 (The Message) "Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

-Anita Jackson- Lay Leader



**Mission Work Trip
Planned for
October**

During the past year, Central has sent work teams on four occasions to the Pulaski area to assist with the recovery effort after the April 2011 tornado. Although much work has been completed in Pulaski, the tornado damage was widespread and many areas are still in need of assistance. We are organizing a trip to the Glade Springs area in October, and are

recruiting volunteers. We have set a tentative date of Oct 3-6; however, the final date will depend on the availability of our volunteers. It is approximately a three hour drive to Glade Springs, so if someone is only able to work one or two days the distance is not too great.

We will not know the specific nature of our work assignment until closer to our work date, but generally there are a variety of assignments—something for skilled workers and unskilled workers who simply have a desire to serve. Presently we have 10-12 members who have expressed interest. The work we do will be important, but just as important is the opportunity to serve, and to fellowship in a different way with our friends from Central. If you have interest in participating, or would like more information, please contact Jim Printy, 292-2029.



Phone Prayer Chain Contacts

1. Gladora Grant
2. Hazel Richardson
3. Suzanne Peeler
4. Emily Morgan
5. Ann Spotts



CHILD'S PLAY NEWS

This year our **Child's Play Program** begins on Tuesday, September 11 at 9 am. We are still receiving new children and we would encourage you to let a friend, neighbor or relative know that there are vacancies.

Continuing as teacher and Director is JoAnn Black. Our own Mary Ann Shoemaker will be the second teacher. We are planning for another year as a safe, loving program for children from age 18 months into their third year. Our emphasis is on free play, however our day also includes stories, music, games, and crafts. The children enjoy learning shapes, colors, Nursery Rhymes, and Bible Verses. A Blessing is given before snack and lunch.

We are thankful to Central for continuing to be a sponsor of Child's Play. If you happen to be at Central on a Tuesday or Thursday morning, feel free to wave to us from the doorway.

JoAnn B. Black, Director/Teacher



NURTURE & EDUCATION PRESENTS

“TOGETHER ON THURSDAYS”

Pageant Rehearsal, Dinner, Bible Study

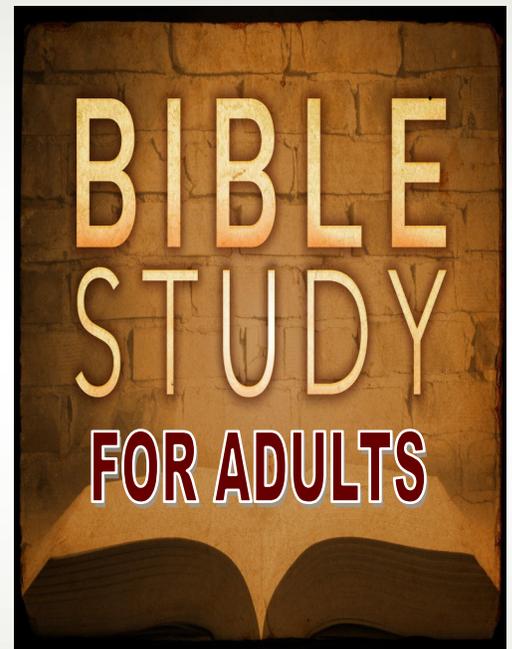
WEEKLY

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
REHEARSALS
FOR ALL AGES**

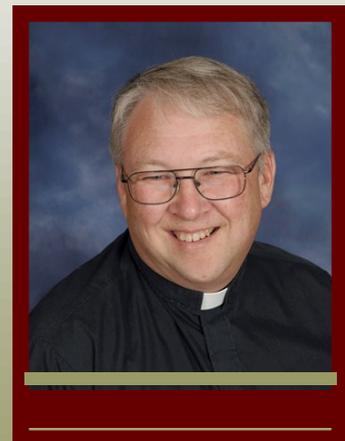
DINNER PROVIDED @ 6 PM



Dinner menu is different every week



WITH PASTOR STEVE



CHURCH PICNIC



CHICKEN
AND
DRINKS PROVIDED



Mark Your Calendar it's Picnic Time Again!

Where: Gypsy Hill Park

Off Thornrose Ave. take the first entrance into the park. Parking will be immediately on your right, just past the trolley stop. We will meet down the hill on the lawn beside Lewis Creek (behind the Art Center).

When: September 15th

Dinner will be Blessed at 5:00pm.

Free train rides for the kids and games for all ages begin at 3:30pm!

Bring your friends, favorite dishes, and your lawn chair for an afternoon of fun!



September Lectionary Readings

Sunday-2nd

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 72
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23



Sunday-9th

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 124
James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

Sunday-16th

Proverbs 1: 20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8: 27-38

Sunday-23rd

Proverbs 31: 10-31
Psalm 1
James 3: 13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9: 30-37

Sunday- 30th

Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women September Calendar:

- 8th -Volunteers in Mission District training at Central (UMM & UMW hosting breakfast & lunch)**
11th -Rebekah Circle meets at 10:00 a.m. in Gathering Area; Susanna Wesley at 6:30 p.m. at Connie Davis' home
15th -UMW District meeting at St. John's on Augusta St at 9:30 a.m.
17th -Appreciation Dessert 7:00-8:00 p.m. in gathering area
23rd -UMW Sunday

Ladies take note of the above dates. Lots of activities scheduled for September. Contact Ellen DeLong if you have any questions.

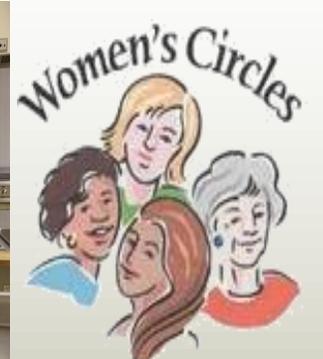
Let me explain what the Appreciation Dessert is all about. We realize some ladies have no interest in joining UMW; however, this past year you have supported the birthing kit fundraisers, dried dishes at dinners to name a few ways. Let us show our appreciation by providing dessert and punch. You have our promise there will not be a meeting to sit through. All ladies of Central UMC come join us on the 17th. See you there.



UMW Joint Circle Breakfast



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Music Notes

As far back as history goes, music has been used in religious ceremonies. The ancient Egyptians, Assyrians, Greeks and Hebrews all depended upon music to furnish religious fervor and enthusiasm.

It is no mere chance, therefore, that the Bible often points to the vital role of music in worship. It was heard in the Hebrew nation's feasts and festivals and formed a large part of the Temple worship. In the early days of the Temple there was a great chorus of men singers with 120 priests who blew the trumpets, besides instruments of music played by others. In II Chronicles we have a description of one of these services:

“It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying, For He is good; for His mercy endures forever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord; so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God. (II Chronicles 5:13,14)

The Psalms, most wonderful of all hymns, have been sung by the Christian church in all ages. Jesus and His disciples went singing from the Last Supper to Gethsemane. In



Colossians 3:16, St. Paul gave this advice to the church: ***“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God.”***

Yes, worship and music have been closely associated always. It may be a long way from the styles and chants of early history to the “Hallelujah Chorus,” but there is melody all along the way.

(This is quoted from “Better Music in the Church” by O. W. Moerner)

I pray that the music sung by the choir and the congregation, played by the bells, piano and organ, offered by guest musicians will all be to the Glory of our Lord!

Sherry von Oeyen

Director of Music

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 6 James Borrell
- 7 Eleanor Petty, Susan Sutton
- 9 Hazel Richardson
- 12 Eva Rodgers
- 13 Esther Mabry
- 15 Jennifer Hanger
- 17 Cheryl Kent, David Sault
- 22 Hannah Fauber
- 27 Stephanie Sault
- 29 Andra Borrell
- 30 Betsy Gutshall

Single Mingle

Sunday, September 9 Lunch Following Worship (Taste of India)



All single adults are invited to join the group for a meal with great conversation, and laughter.

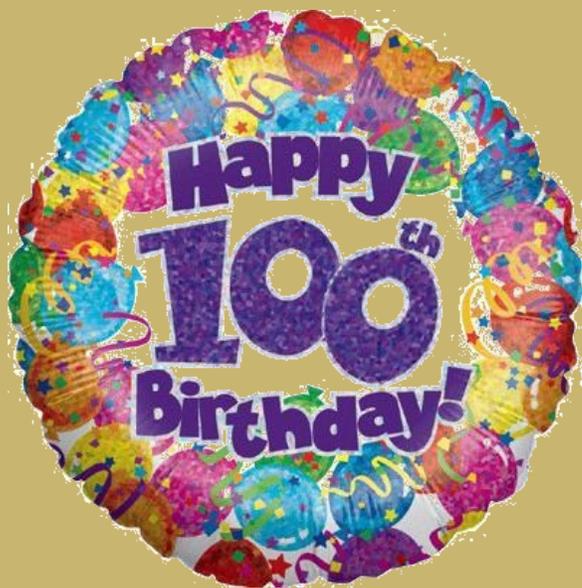
Psalm 139:1-16

O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *But* behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You have enclosed me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot *attain* it.

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*.

If I take the wings of the morning, *And* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, *And* Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, *But* the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light *are* both alike *to You*.

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, *And that* my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. *And* in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, *When as yet there were* none of them.



Eleanor Petty

Children's Activity Page

WORD SEARCH

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ANSWERS

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- SAD
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- JESUS

WORD SEARCH

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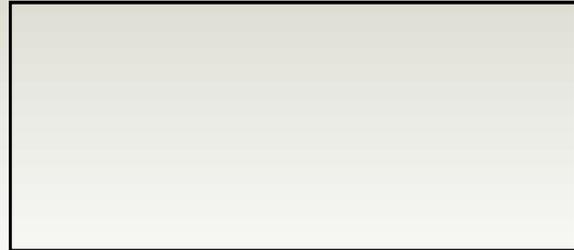
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He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." **Psalm 91: 1-2**

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Zachary Snyder's Eagle Scout Ceremony at Central Church