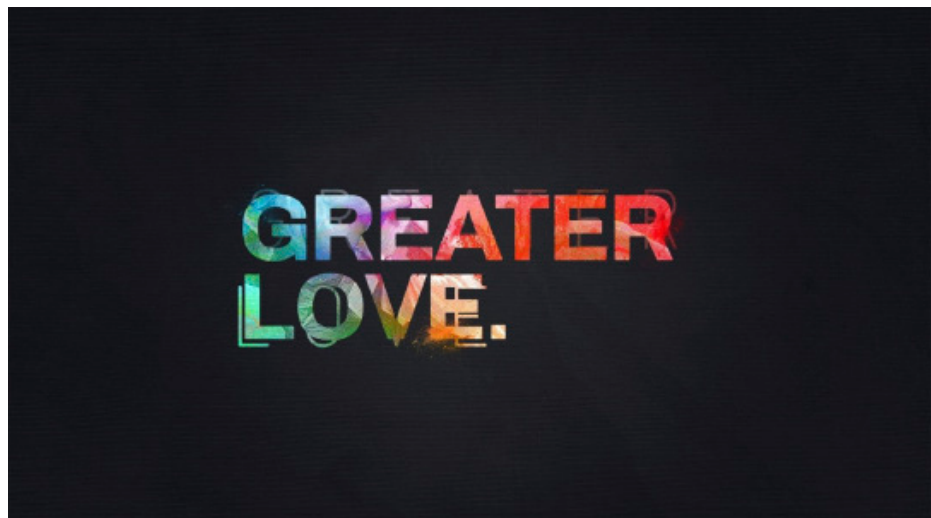


Current Series: Greater Love

Life is not a sit com. We deal with many challenges from the outside and within. Throughout this series, we will look at having greater love for family, neighbors and difficult people.

- May 1** *Why Our Relationships are the Mission - JD Walt*
- May 8** *Greater Love: For My Family*
- May 15** *Three Years From Now*
- May 22** *Greater Love: For My Neighbors*
- May 29** *Greater Love: For Difficult People*



CENTRAL CONTRIBUTIONS

	6-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	Online
Worship Attendance*	494	226	366	376	
Sunday School Attendance	134	103	130	129	
Contributions	\$27,147	\$ 5,254	\$ 7,0911	\$ 9,010	\$33,103
<i>*worship attendance includes online</i>					
Faith Promise	\$ 525	\$ 165	\$ -	\$ 60	\$ 458
Promised 7-1-21 to 6-30-22	\$35,742	Received YTD		\$30,272	

Missions Celebration Weekend 2022



On Sunday, May 1 we will hear how God is working locally and around the world. We will also have an opportunity to be on mission with God by participating in *Faith Promise Giving for Missions*.

By Faith Promise Giving you are making yourself a channel through which God can send money to missions and trust God for extra money for missions above your normal giving to church.

Our missions budget is funded by money given through Faith Promise Gifts made each year during our annual

Missions Celebration. The entire budget for July 2022 - June 2023 can be found on our website. Thank you for stepping out in faith and participating in God's mission locally and around the world!

Looking Ahead

JUNE SERMON SERIES
On Tiptoe With Joy: Living The Spirit-Filled Life

STARTING IN JUNE
Self-Study Ministry Launches



THE CONNECTION



Hands-On Mission Project
Ishe Anesu Project for Underprivileged Children - Zimbabwe

Each year the Holston Conference collects ministry supplies for Liberia and Zimbabwe. We are again assembling food buckets for those in need in Zimbabwe.

Pick up a bucket on May 8th. We thank you in advance for loving your neighbor.

To pack in a NEW 5-gallon bucket with lid:

- 1 bag sugar (4-5 lbs)
- 1 bag self-rising flour (4-5 lbs)
- 1 bag rice (2 lbs)
- 1 bag dried beans (2 lb)
- 1 powdered milk (10 oz or less)
- 1 box quick/instant oats (18 oz or less)
- 1 bottle cooking oil (48 oz or less)
- 1 box Splenda/sucralose (50 ct or less)
- Canned Meat (2 lb total)

Return buckets by May 29th or drop off during office hours before, including \$5 for shipping.

Please bring only the specific items and sizes requested.

A Message from Pastor Scott
Three Years From Now

Beginning in August 2021, your church leadership has been engaged in a process of discernment. We have asked questions such as:

- Who are we?
- Why do we exist?
- Where is God calling our church to go in the next season of ministry?
- What strategy will be engage with to live into where God is calling us to go?

After this nine-month season of reflection, prayer, ongoing consultation with The Unstuck Group and refinement, **we are excited to share where we are headed at Central UMC!**

Join us on **Thursday, May 5th at 6:30pm in the Worship Center.** *Everyone is invited.* We will share with you the process, info about our mission field, the current health of our church, our areas of focus over the next three years and our action plan for the next 12 months.

If you love this church, its mission and its people, I encourage you to make plans to join. Because of refreshments and seating arrangements, please **RSVP in advance** to cumc@centralmethodist.com so we can be as prepared as possible.

On Sunday, May 15 in both worship services I will share with you the broader vision from our May 5 meeting and why it matters in the time in which we live.

I am excited to serve here as one of your pastors. Thank you for your prayers for your church leadership and for all you do to lift up the name of Jesus!

-Pastor Scott

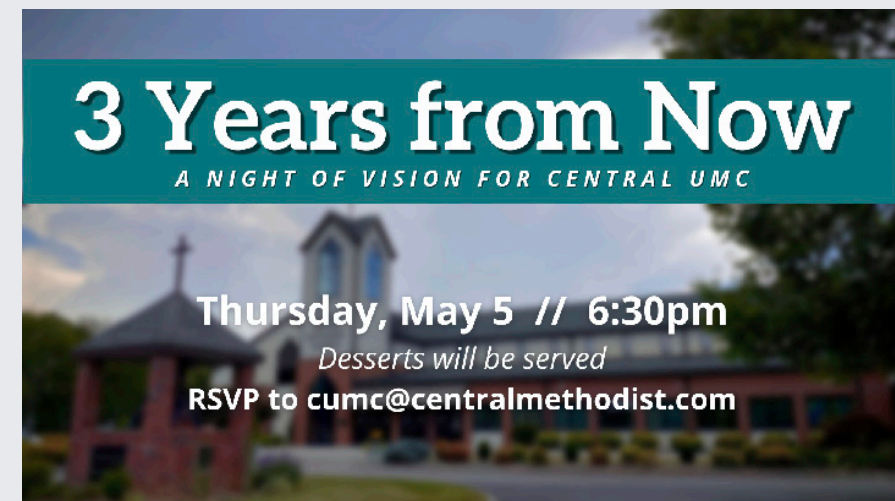
3 Years from Now

A NIGHT OF VISION FOR CENTRAL UMC

Thursday, May 5 // 6:30pm

Desserts will be served

RSVP to cumc@centralmethodist.com



Central Kids

Sunday School

10:00am | Room 106

In a new study, *Ruth*, children will learn how God helps us do good. Our focus verse comes from **Micah 6:8**:

“He has told you what is good and what the Lord requires from you: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with God.”

Join us as we discover more about Ruth through art, cooking, games, missions, science, spiritual practices, storytelling and drama.

Save the Date

Saturday, July 16 | 9:00am-2:00pm
VBS - Farm Fresh Faith



United Methodist Women

Meetings

Martha Circle

Tuesday, May 3 | 1:30pm Room C121

Ruth Circle

Thursday, May 19 | 1:00pm Room C121

Hope Circle

Tuesday, May 26 | 6:30pm Location TBA

For questions regarding UMW programs and events call the church office at 865-986-7329, leave your name and number and your call will be returned.

Additional information is also available at holstonumw.org and at unitedmethodistwomen.org

Save the Date

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Central UMW to provide meal for Youth

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

12:00pm Worship Center
Salad and Sandwich Luncheon

Central United Methodist Women collect the following items on an ongoing basis:

Good Samaritan Center, Lenoir City

- shampoo
- laundry detergent
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- bars of soap (no Ivory)

Susannah's House East TN (for mothers and prenatally-exposed infants who are recovering from substance abuse)

- baby wipes
- size 1 diapers
- detergent
- hand soap

Donations can be brought to the collection boxes in the Gathering Area.

Central Students

Sunday School - The Gospel of John

Sunday Mornings | 10:00am Pavilion

Come with hearts ready to encounter Jesus as we continue our study through the Gospel of John.

Youth - Loving God

Sunday Nights | 5:00-7:00pm Pavilion

Jesus said in Mark 12:30 that the greatest commandment is to:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

Come and find out how you can love God fully on Sunday nights at Youth! We'll break this commandment down piece by piece and go deeper into what this looks like for our lives.



May at a Glance

Youth meets on Sunday nights at 5:00-7:00pm in the Pavilion unless otherwise noted.

1st *Youth* Senior Slideshow & Catacombs

8th Graduation Sunday - Both Services
No Youth - Enjoy Mother's Day with family!

15th *Youth* Crazy Sock Night

21st Mini Golf at Sir Goony's | 10:00am
Upcoming 6th graders and their families invited!

22nd Summer Kickoff & Prize Raffle | 4:00-7:00pm
Carpool to Sir Goony's for Mini Golf, Splash Zone & Pizza

27th Movie Night @ the Smiths' | 7:00-10:00pm
All youth and families invited!

29th Usher for Early Service | 8:45am, arrive @ 8:30am
No Youth - Enjoy Memorial Day weekend!

May Birthdays

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|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Janine Bateson | 9 Mikenah Grace Rogers | 17 Sharon Farr | 21 Mary Jane Raymer |
| 2 KadiAnn Tuck | 9 Trey Saylor | 17 Garrett Pardue | 22 Suzanne Ghormley |
| 3 Suzanne Herron | 9 Randy Gouge | 17 Janice Rogers | 22 Laurinda Hancock |
| 4 Sandra Dunsmore | 10 Amber Merickel | 18 RK Kane | 22 Robin Harris |
| 5 Mckenna Kinamon | 12 Pauline Rains | 18 Marcia Malin | 23 Jane Everett |
| 5 Carol Ann Martin | 12 Julie Carroll | 19 Marilyn Jones | 23 Ruth Vaught |
| 6 Ann Stuart | 12 Raiden McNelley | 20 Elaine Crowder | 25 Suzan Harnack |
| 6 Bella Ma | 14 Dale Arnold | 20 Emily Collins | 25 Sharon Watson |
| 6 Wendy Messler | 16 Josh James | 20 Mike Easter | 27 Karen Katcham Tuck |
| 7 Dara Cummins | 16 Damon Hughes | 20 Dick Leeds | 29 Viola Mason |
| 7 Brayden Hensley | 16 Jacob Herron | 20 Nancy Nabors | 30 Jill Gresham |
| 8 Sandra Melson | 17 Phyllis Wilburn | 20 Jordan Pardue | 30 Samuel Best |
| | | 20 Derrick Williams | 31 Forrest Davis |
| | | 21 Chelsea James | |

Sonlighters

May 10 | 6:30pm Meadowview

Join the Sonlighters for a special evening at Meadowview Greenhouse and Gardens. Owner and CUMC member, Lisa Grugin, will give a presentation about gardening, plants and answer questions.

Picture from Meadowview Greenhouse and Gardens' Facebook Page



“Know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

Galatians 2:16