



ADVENT CONSPIRACY

November 30 - December 21



Sermon Series: Advent Conspiracy

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This Christmas season, join us for Advent Conspiracy—a special worship series inviting us to celebrate Christmas differently. In a world that tells us to spend more, rush more, and do more, we'll rediscover the true meaning of Christmas by learning to **worship fully, spend less, give more** and **love all**.

Together, we'll conspire to make Christmas about Jesus again—and bring hope to our community and world in the process. Come be part of the movement. Let's celebrate Christmas the way it was meant to be celebrated!

DECEMBER MESSAGES:

- 11.30 **Worship Fully**
- 12.7 **Spend Less**
- 12.14 **Give More**
- 12.21 **Together for Christmas**
Combined Worship | 10:30am
- 12.24 **Christmas Eve**
4:00 & 7:00pm Services
- 12.28 **Life After Christmas**
Combined Worship | 10:30am

CENTRAL CONTRIBUTIONS

	5-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	Online
Worship Attendance	332	341	306	339	
* worship attendance includes online					
Sunday School Attendance	109	131	145	125	
Contributions	\$ 8,072	\$ 15,908	\$ 12,428	\$ 4,469	\$ 26,371
Faith Promise	\$ 20	\$ 615	\$ 365	\$ 40	\$ 460
				Received YTD	\$47,483

THE CONNECTION

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 2025

Christmas at Central

I Am the Church December Mission: LC Christmas Parade

Thursday, December 4 // 5:30pm
Our Central Team will be handing out flyers during the parade to help spread the message of hope and generosity this Christmas season! Contact Hannah Collins at hannah@centralmethodist.com for questions.



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 7 // 3:00pm
Decorate the church, enjoy food and listen to Christmas tunes by Central Carillon, our handbell choir. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.

Advent Tea

Monday, December 8
6:00pm // Worship Center
Gather for an evening of fellowship, tea and special guest speaker Christy Via from *Cold Hands, Warm Hearts*. Sign up in the Gathering Area.



Combined Worship: Together for Christmas

Sunday, December 21 // 10:30am
Celebrate the season *Together at Christmas* with your whole church family in a combined worship service.

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24 // 4:00 & 7:00pm
Join us for warm, hope-filled Christmas services celebrating the joy and light of the season.

Christmas Day Brunch

Thursday, December 25
11:00am // Worship Center
Spend Christmas morning with your church family. Bring a dish and/or dessert to share, a ham will be provided. Sign up in the Gathering Area.



Combined Worship: Life After Christmas

Sunday, December 28 // 10:30am
Join us for our special combined service, *Life After Christmas*.

Scan the QR code or visit www.centralmethodist.com/christmas to learn more!

We hope you're able to join us for some or all of these Christmas events to celebrate our Savior's arrival together!



A Letter from Pastor Scott Looking to 2026

I invite you to join your church family by starting out the new year right by reading scripture together. Beginning January 1, we will begin a congregational-wide reading plan called "30 Days" by Nicky Gumbel. More details to come. I look forward to us growing together!

- Scott Layer

CENTRAL KIDS



Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, December 7 | 3:00-5:00pm

All children are invited to join us as we prepare our church for the Christmas season! Everyone will enjoy carols together and then children will create ornaments for the Children's Tree in the Gathering Area. **Please contact Hannah Collins at hannah@centralmethodist.com know if you plan to join us so we can have plenty of materials for everyone to enjoy!**



Modern Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, December 24 | 4:00pm

Central Kids and Students are preparing something very special for our modern Christmas Eve service. Our 4th- 5th graders and Central Students will share their thoughts on what Christmas means to them. Our Central Kids (ages Pre K-5th) and Central Students will also join together in song. We hope all of our children can participate! **Please let Hannah Collins at hannah@centralmethodist.com know whether your children can or cannot make the 4pm Christmas Eve service.**

CENTRAL STUDENTS



Central Students Christmas Party
Sunday, December 21 | 5:00-7:00pm

All 6th-12th graders: it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! **Wear your Winter PJs and bring a bag of candy for a gift exchange for our annual Central Students Christmas Party.** Enjoy Christmas games, a raffle of prizes, a yummy meal, an Advent devotion and lots of fun with your Central Student family!



December at a Glance

- 12.7 Hanging of the Greens // 3-5pm
No Youth
- 12.14 Confirmation Sunday // 9 & 11am Services
Youth // 5-7pm
- 12.21 No Sunday School
CS Christmas Party // 5-7pm
- 12.28 No Sunday School or Youth

Sunday School
Sunday Mornings | 10:00-10:45am Room A135
Find out how you can get to know Jesus through service, righteousness and devotion as we wrap up our **Knowing Jesus** series with a focus on **Practice**.

Confirmation Sunday
Sunday, December 14 | 9 & 11am Services
Confirmands will practice in the Worship Center on **December 7 at 10:00am** to prepare for Confirmation Sunday.

Youth - The Good News of Christmas
Sunday Nights | 5:00-7:00pm Worship Center
Enjoy decorating for Christmas, good food, fun and advent devotions focused on how to eagerly await, truly hope, deeply receive and humbly adore Jesus in our series called **The Good News of Christmas**.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

UWF Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday, December 3 | 11:30am-1:30pm
UWF will have their annual Christmas Luncheon at Barbara Williams' home! Donation of \$5.00 requested. RSVP to your circle leader!

Thank you to everyone for donating supplies for Morgan Scott Project and supporting our annual bake sale!



2026 Altar Flowers - Now Available!

Altar flowers are a simple, meaningful way to glorify our Heavenly Father, beautify our worship space and offer a tangible expression of gratitude and/or remembrance of a loved one. **2026 dates for altar flowers are now available** and we invite you to prayerfully consider how you might honor someone special in your life next year. **Cost of arrangements are \$40. Contact Rebecca Smith at rebecca@centralmethodist.com for questions or scan the code to the left to fill out a request online.**

December Birthdays

- 1 Mason Messler
- 1 Carol Ann Williams
- 3 Barbara Williams
- 4 Ruth Ann Wampler
- 5 Lisa Worner
- 5 Noah Browning
- 8 Martha Fox
- 8 Carolina Jay
- 8 Francie Jones
- 11 Lilly Borders
- 11 Evie Gillman
- 12 Sascha Hill
- 12 Sherri Johnson
- 14 Rebecca Moses
- 15 James Platfoot
- 16 Carol Taylor
- 17 Laurie Davis
- 17 Mary Platfoot
- 18 Rebecca Smith
- 19 Carol Clark
- 20 Emily Hensley
- 20 Matthew Davis
- 23 Rich McMillen
- 25 Jeanette Sixour
- 25 Susanna Platfoot
- 26 Rose Langefeld
- 27 Ryan Janikula
- 29 Michael Langefeld
- 30 Kayla Schuster
- 31 Garry Hudson