

This I Believe: Unshakeable Truth in a Shaky World

May 4 - June 22

There are words that stand the test of time. This series explore the core beliefs that have united the Church across centuries and cultures. Each phrase of the Apostle's Creed points us to the heart of the gospel and reminds us who we are, what we believe, and why. Come discover how ancient faith speaks to our modern world.

JUNE MESSAGES:

June 1 Rose, Ascended, Seated, Will Come

June 8 I Believe in the Holy Spirit, The Church

June 15 The Communion of Saints, The Forgiveness of Sins

June 22 The Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting

CENTRAL CONTRIBUTIONS 13-Apr 20-Apr 27-Apr Online 358 445 880 344 **Worship Attendance** * worship attendance includes online **Sunday School Attendence** 145 162 115 129 **Contributions** \$ 11.002 \$ 11.055 \$ 11.021 \$ 8.573 \$ 25,454 \$ 730 \$ 100 \$ 495 \$ 440 \$ 1,446 **Faith Promise Promised 7-1-24 to 6-30-25** \$78.438 Received YTD \$63,146



THE CONNECTION

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IUNE 2025



Thank you for filling the food buckets for Zimbabwe. We filled 108 buckets this year!

A Letter from Pastor Scott

Transition: Trusting God in Pastoral Changes

Transitions in church leadership are deeply emotional. When a beloved pastor moves and a new one is called to serve, it can stir up a mix of feelings - gratitude, grief, uncertainty and hope. As Pastor Audrey transitions from Central into retirement, we will certainly miss her personally and as a church family. We too will miss Barry and his acts of service that were often behind the scenes. We are excited for them, for the dawning of a new chapter and all that it holds for them.

At the same time, welcoming a new pastor with open hearts and prayerful support sets a strong beginning. Just as God was faithful in the past, God will be faithful in what comes next. Pastor Melissa Smith brings energy and fresh perspective in this next chapter at Central. You will have opportunities to get to know Pastor Melissa through Neighborhood Chat in July.

I invite you to be in prayer for these families as they transition. In every change, we are invited to deepen our trust in the One who never changes. Let us move forward together by being grateful for the past, present in the movement, and hopeful for what is to come.

- Scott Layer



NEXT Class

Sunday, June 22 | 10:00am

If you're new to Central or want to take a NEXT step in engagement, meet in the Gathering Area with Pastor Scott.



SERVE at Camp in the Community *July 7-11* | 8:30am-4:30pm

Central is excited to be hosting *Camp in the Community* again this year. Fifty children ages 5-14 spend a week learning about the Word of God, engaging in fun camp crafts and activities, and are fed two meals and a snack - all for free!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you're interested in feeding campers lunch, camp staff dinner, or joining camp as a small group helper, please let us know by scanning the QR code or see the table in the Gathering Area for more information.



GROUPS & EVENTS

CENTRAL KIDS



Nerf & Nachos Night Wednesday, June 11 | 6:00-8:00pm

Mark your calendars for a fun family night this summer. We'll enjoy a nacho dinner and have nerf wars. Bring your own nerf gun; darts and dinner will be provided. Scan the QR code to register by June 1st.





Serve with Central Kids

Are you looking to find community and purpose? Are you a kid-at heart and would like to find a way to serve your church?

We would love for you to join our Kids Ministry Team. No experience with kids is necessary. We're in need of helpers in our 9 and 11 am CK Worship services. We also need helpers for our Sunday school classes at 10am.

Age preferences and time commitments are flexible - no preparation is needed. Our kids ministry is growing. We need you to help grow our Kids Ministry Team with it.

CENTRAL STUDENTS



Bowling Night Friday June 20 | 6:00 8:

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All 6th-12th graders are invited to join Central Students for bowling and pizza at **Strike & Spare Family Bowl** (213 Hayfield Rd, Knoxville, TN 37922).

This is a great opportunity to have fun and to get to know the Central Student family. <u>RSVP by June</u> <u>15th</u> to Michelle Garcia at 865-622-1899 or michelle@centralmethodist.com.

The cost is \$10 per person, is due by 6/20 and can be paid in person or online by scanning this QR code.



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June at a Glance

- **6.1** Youth // 5-7pm
- **6.8** Youth // 5-7pm
- **6.15** Youth // 5-7pm
- **6.20** Bowling Night // 6-8pm
- **6.22** Youth // 5-7pm Hot Sauce Challenge
- **6.29** Youth // 5-7pm

Sunday School - Lessons from David Sunday Mornings | 10:00-10:45am Pavilion

What else can we learn from the life of King David? Join us this June to find out as we continue our series *Lessons from David* looking at four more key experiences from his life.

Youth Series - Games & Testimonies Sunday Nights | 5:00-7:00pm Pavilion

Our focus this month is *Games & Testimonies*. Students will enjoy a time of games, dinner, and learning more about our leaders and how God has impacted their lives.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Thank you Central family for supporting the Spring Bake Sale and donating items for Isaiah 117 House.

NO Martha Circle

Martha Circle will not meet until September 2025.

Ruth Circle

Tuesday, June 17 // 1:00pm A133

Hope Circle

Tuesday, June 11 // Time TBD Ann Stuart's Home

For additional information regarding meetings for Central's United Women in Faith contact <u>Sandy Dunsmore at 865-271-7426</u>.

Blessings Box

The following **non-perishable** items are needed to fill our Blessings Box. Please bring donations to the bins in the Gathering Area. NO GLASS CONTAINERS!

- Canned meats and soups
- Peanut butter
- Spaghetti sauce and pasta noodles
- Canned pork and beans
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Mac and cheese
- Individual packages cheese/pb and crackers
- Beef sticks

June Birthdays

- 1 Denise Collins
- 2 Sheila Borders
- **2** Mitzi Stamps
- **4** Tony Cole
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- **7** Eddie Stamps
- **9** Kris Allen
- **10** Hannah Collins
- **12** Michelle Garcia
- **15** Maxine Mantooth

- **18** Mary Bright
- 22 Adri Shanahan
- **24** Lee Sparks
- **25** Jess Fettig
- **27** Leslie Downey
- **27** Ken Jones
- 28 Kandi Lantz
- 29 Beth Brown
- **30** Megan Caldwell
- **30** Jake Platfoot



Common Ground

Tuesday, June 17 | 5:30pm Ugly Mug LC

You're invited to find community through fun and relaxed fellowship. Meet at Maui Waui (117 E Broadway St, Lenoir City). Contact Sheila Borders (423)-807-1269) or Jessica Fettig (952-460-0255) for more information.





Submit names online by scanning the QR code or in the Gathering Area. All names due no later than June 8th. Booklet will be available June 15th.