

SERMON MESSAGES

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Testimony Sunday: Hannah Collins
Special Guests: Heritage High School Singers

Walk This Way

Sermon Series
October 4 - November 8

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? During this series, we'll explore in-depth the essential practices that shape a life of discipleship. More than a program or checklist, *Walk This Way* is an invitation for us who call Central UMC our church home to embrace living as a disciple of Jesus.



Central Contributions					
	6-SEP	13-SEP	20-SEP	27-SEP	ONLINE
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	347	325	266	342	
* worship attendance includes online					
SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	121	121	144		
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 7,546	\$ 10,962	\$ 8,227	\$ 28,278	\$ 18,580
FAITH PROMISE	\$ 20	\$ 240	\$ 395	\$ 540	\$ 3,120
Promised 7/1/26 to 6/30/27: \$10,429					

Thanksgiving Office Hours

Wednesday, November 25

8:30am-1:00pm

Thursday, November 26

Closed

Christmas at the Movies: Finding the Gospel in the Stories We Love

Sermon Series // November 29 - December 27

What is it about Christmas movies that keep us coming back year after year? Often it's the humor, the heartache, the happy endings, but there's something more. This Christmas, we're going to look beyond the screen and discover how the movies we love point us to the gospel we need. Sometimes, the message of Christmas is hiding in plain sight.

- November 29 Christmas Vacation - Pastor Scott
- December 6 Elf - Pastor Melissa
- December 13 The Grinch - Pastor Scott
- December 20 Home Alone - Combined 10:30am Service - Pastor Scott
- December 27 It's a Wonderful Life - Combined 10:30am Service - Pastor Melissa



THE CONNECTION

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One Team Party

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Friday, November 6 // 6:00pm

SAVE THE DATES

Christmas at Central

DECEMBER 2

Hanging of the Greens

5:30pm

DECEMBER 3

Lenoir City Christmas Parade

6:30pm

DECEMBER 6

Many Voices, One Choir

Music Concert

Central UMC

201 E. Third Ave, Knoxville

3:00pm

DECEMBER 13

Advent Tea

6:30pm

DECEMBER 20

Combined Worship

10:30am

Central Kids & Students

Live Nativity

5:30pm

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

4 & 7pm

Join us for our One Team Party—a fun-filled celebration of the amazing volunteers who make our ministry possible! Enjoy delicious food, friendly competitions, and meaningful time together as we celebrate not just what we do, but why we serve. We'll laugh, connect, and be reminded that we are one team, united by one mission: helping people find and follow Jesus. Please RSVP by November 1 for your household.

Commitment Sunday

Sunday, November 8
9 & 11am Services

Giving and serving are essential parts of following Jesus. Your 2027 Commitment Card includes a giving pledge and 60 ways to serve through Central, helping us **CONNECT - GROW - SERVE - GIVE - GO** together. Prayerfully consider how you can give and serve in the year ahead, then bring your completed card to worship on for Commitment Sunday on November 8th at either the 9:00 or 11:00am service. We'll consecrate our gifts and service together. Giving commitments can be adjusted at any time, and no one will contact you about your pledge.

A Letter from Pastor Scott - Giving Thanks

November is more than a month of beautiful scenery and Thanksgiving. It's a month to take stock, reflect and give thanks.

Scripture calls us to give thanks in all circumstances. This includes times of celebration, times of sadness and disappointment, and times of waiting.

I encourage you to take some time daily this month to count your blessings and praise God for how good He has been to you. If you do this, you will develop a deeper sense of gratitude and contentment. Give thanks!

Sunday School
God With Us Series

Sunday Mornings
10:00-10:45am Kids' Hallway
Children will spend the month of November experiencing the way God cared for His people as they wandered in the wilderness, received His commandments and heard the news of a coming Messiah.

Each Sunday children will learn a unique story that strengthens their understanding of God's story from Old Testament to New in hands-on and memorable activities. This month's memory verse is from **Exodus 6:7**, "I'll take you as my people, and I'll be your God."



ALL 6TH-12TH GRADERS INVITED!

BIBLE TRIVIA & GAME NIGHT

Sunday, November 15 // 5:00-7:00pm

All 6th-12th graders are encouraged to join us for our Bible Trivia & Game Night. You'll enjoy fun games, a delicious meal and the chance to stump the pastors in Bible Trivia! Be sure to invite a friend and join us for this night of fun, food and fellowship.

CENTRAL STUDENTS

Michelle Garcia, Director of Student Ministries

Sunday School - Not What You Think Series
Sunday Mornings // 10:00-10:45am Room A135
We'll discover more unique things about Jesus and His ministry as we continue in our Mark series, *Not What You Think*.

Student Ministry Program
michelle@centralmethodist.com

Youth - Your New Playlist Series
Sunday Nights // 5:00-7:00pm Room A134/5
We finish our series, *Your New Playlist*, by learning how to change our negative thoughts, find evidence for the truth, and create symbols to remember the truth.

CENTRAL KIDS

Hannah Collins, Director of Children's Ministries

Children's Ministry Program
hannah@centralmethodist.com



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Women's Ministry Program

All women in our church are invited to participate in United Women in Faith programs. For additional information contact Sandy Dunsmore at 865-271-7426.



United Women in Faith

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Drop off at the donation center in the Gathering Area.

Morgan-Scott Project

Due by Thursday, November 12

- Peanut butter
- Rice
- Dry beans

World Thank Offering Program

Tuesday, November 3 // 1:00pm Room B125
All members are invited to join together to hear from a speaker from Good Samaritan Center as part of our World Thank Offering program. **All are welcome to this meeting if you would like to learn more about the Good Samaritan Center.** Refreshments will be provided.

 **Save THE DATE**

Christmas Luncheon
Thursday, December 3
11:30am Barbara Williams's
RSVP by Nov. 25 to Sandy at 865-271-7426
Donation of \$5.00 day of luncheon

Annual TN Valley UWF Meeting

Saturday, November 14 // 9:00am Norwood UMC, Knoxville
Pastor Melissa Smith is one of the speakers and the program includes a panel discussion on the issues of immigration, food insecurity and climate justice. Registration starts at 9:00am and the program will be from 10:00am-12:00pm. **Registration due by November 7** - forms and the November district newsletter are in the UWF file box in Hallway A.

Thank you for supporting our bake sale and the Henderson Settlement Birthday Cake project

MONTHLY MISSIONS

November 16 Prepare & deliver snack baskets for staff appreciation at hospitals & nursing homes

December 3 Bless Lenoir City Christmas Parade attendees & hand out invites to Christmas Eve services

"I Am the Church" Monthly Missions

Our "I Am the Church" monthly missions continue! Contact Pastor Melissa (melissa@centralmethodist.com) for the November mission or contact Hannah Collins (hannah@centralmethodist.com) for the December mission. Let's BE the church together, Central!

November Birthdays

Happy birthday to all our wonderful church family celebrating in November! May God bless each of you with joy, good health and a year filled with His favor!

- 1 Barbara Arnold
- 1 Kenny Hensley
- 1 Christine Powell
- 2 Tassie James
- 3 Angela Leonard
- 5 Betty Hawk
- 6 Lenora Brennan
- 6 William Davis
- 7 Trevor Good
- 7 Patsy Harvey
- 9 Cameron Hall
- 9 Rudy McKinley
- 10 Brenda Allen
- 11 Parker Stamps
- 11 Berti Ewertz
- 11 Sally Anne Platfoot
- 11 Talon James
- 13 Sam Herron
- 14 Julia Dunsmore
- 15 Dan Duckworth
- 15 Kris Rice
- 16 Nadia Chandler
- 17 John Stauffer, Sr.
- 17 Callie Jo Wright
- 18 Bob Farr
- 20 Melissa Best
- 21 Nancy Odiorne
- 24 Joyce Dunn
- 24 Joni McElroy
- 24 Dean Odiorne
- 25 Paula Rogers
- 25 Noah McCormack
- 26 Anderson Duckworth
- 26 Jamie Stauffer
- 27 Alex Stamps
- 30 Jeannine Martin
- 30 Tracey Walters