



Summer Playlist

June 30 - July 28

For five weeks this summer we'll hear music and examine the lyrics of popular songs as we hear the gospel in a fresh way. The songs will be performed live.

July at a Glance

- 6.30** *What Was I Made For?*
By Billie Eilish
- 7.7** *Bad Moon Rising*
By Creedence Clearwater Revival
- 7.14** *Boulevard of Broken Dreams*
By Green Day
- 7.21** *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For*
By U2
- 7.28** *Second Chance*
By Shine Down

CENTRAL CONTRIBUTIONS

	5-May	12-May	19-May	26-May	Online
Worship Attendance <small>* worship attendance includes online</small>	336	416	341	345	
Sunday School Attendance	157	141	135	120	
Contributions	\$ 16,215	\$ 4,880	\$ 9,715	\$ 5,471	\$ 31,074
Faith Promise	\$ 987	\$ 230	\$ 500	\$ 1,115	\$ 2,181
Promised 7-1-23 to 6-30-24	\$78,134		Received YTD		\$63,693

A Letter from Pastor Scott

What Unites Us

For the past couple years I've been watching *The Chosen*, a TV series about the life and ministry of Jesus. Season four was just released.

What strikes me from the series is how different all of the disciples were. Peter and Andrew were fishermen. Simon was a zealot against the Roman Empire. Matthew was a Jew who worked for the Roman government to exploit his people. Judas was a businessman. Each of them were very different. The only thing that united them was they were followers of Jesus.

The same as true for us today. We're very different, but what unites us is we're all followers of our rabbi Jesus.



We celebrate the purchase of a new organ for our Worship Center. This investment in our traditional worship experience was made possible by the generosity of the estate of Barbara and Roy Cardwell. Barbara and Roy loved traditional worship, were active in the music ministry at Central and remembered the church in their will. We benefit from their generosity to the glory of God.

THE CONNECTION

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 2024

Summer of Serving

Methodist Build - We continue to make great progress on the Habitat House Build at 501 W. 1st Ave. in Lenoir City. The roof trusses were installed last month on top of the recently constructed walls.

Buckets for Zimbabwe - Way to go Central. You filled 95 food buckets for Zimbabwe. We're praying these buckets will be a blessing and help the families who receive them feel the love of God.

Central Students Summer Mission Trip - 15 students and leaders spent the week building a new deck. Way to go, Central Students.

Camp in the Community - We welcomed 45 children, eight CITC staff, 4 junior counselors and eight Central volunteers this week for fun activities, faith growth and relationship building.



Church-Wide Trivia Night

Wednesday, July 10 | 6:30pm

Looking for a fun way to spend your evening connecting with others at Central? Then mark your calendars our church-wide Trivia Night. All ages and levels of trivia knowledge are welcome. We'll enjoy fun music, fellowship and laughter. Winning teams will be awarded prizes. Scan the QR code if you plan to join us.



Central Family Olympics

Wednesday, July 24 | 6:00-8:00pm

It's finally here! We're bringing back Central Family Olympics this summer and registration is live now. This event is intended for **ALL AGES**.

If you enjoy competitive yard games, getting a little messy, and having lots of fun, maybe even laughing with (or at) a family member or two, come and be a part of this event. Scan the QR code to register now and invite your neighbors to join in on the fun.



CENTRAL KIDS



Central Kids Ministry Team Training
 Sunday, July 21 | 3:00pm

As our kids program is growing, we need a core Central Kids Ministry Team to grow with it. During this training we'll review the variety of roles our ministry team needs fulfilled, how to lead a lesson, how to use technology, room supplies, behavior management tips, Safe Sanctuary policies and more.

This training is intended to answer any questions of those interested but hesitant to get involved, while also equipping current volunteers with the information they need to be confident leaders in the ministry. **Please consider investing in the future of our children's program by joining us.** Email Hannah Collins at hannah@centralmethodist.com if you'd like to join our Central Kids Ministry Team.



Check out some of these great tips to engage your child(ren) this summer from *Parent Cue*:

- Take a family trip** to a zoo, museum, the park, etc.
- Volunteer** locally together.
- Let your children plan a family game night** where they pick the menu and games, you work together to make it happen.
- Read a book series** together either by audible in the car or a chapter together at night.
- Plan a family dinner night** by picking a theme and encourage your kids to help make the menu. Let the kids have a hand in cooking with you.
- Work out together.**
- Give screen time a purpose** with a fun, educational app that can help continue learning over the summer or choose an app the family can connect over (Heads Up, Words with Friends or Mad Libs).
- Take a hike.**
- Clean the house** and have a garage sale.
- Make puzzle time** and keep it on a table in the house and work on it throughout the summer.

CENTRAL STUDENTS



Courtyard Camp Out
 July 12-13 | Register by July 7

All 5th-12th graders are invited to our Courtyard Camp Out.

Join us for games, fellowship and worship by the campfire. Grow in your faith as we study the leadership qualities of Nehemiah for our mini-retreat. We'll set up tents in the church courtyard and enjoy sleeping beneath the stars.

Register by **Sunday, July 7** by scanning the QR code.



July at a Glance

July 7	Youth 5-7pm
July 12-13	Courtyard Camp Out 6pm-11am
July 21	Bread of Life Ministry 4-7pm
July 24	Central Family Olympics 6-8pm
July 28	Youth 5-7pm

Sunday School

Sunday Mornings | 10-10:45am Pavilion

Be encouraged to live out your faith journey in love, joy and unity. Join us this month as we do a deep dive into the book of Philippians.

Youth

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

6th-12th graders are invited to Youth this month for a time of fun games, a delicious meal, making friends and discussions on *Staying Free* as we finish our *Journey to Freedom* curriculum.

Blessings Box

Donations of non-perishable foods can be brought to the designated wooden storage bin in the Gathering Area.

The Blessing Box was placed in 2020 as an Eagle Scout project by one of our church members. The United Women in Faith will coordinate donations and keep the box filled.

The following items are requested (NO GLASS CONTAINERS):

- Canned baked beans
- Canned spaghetti
- Canned chili
- Canned soups
- Canned tuna
- Canned chicken
- Taco mix
- Tortillas
- Salsa
- Marinara sauce
- Pasta noodles



Group Activities

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

MEETINGS

Hope Circle

Tuesday, July 23 | 6:30pm
 Meet for dinner at Kitty Sexton's home.

Mission u

July 19-20 | First Centenary UMC in Chattanooga

Registration is due by July 5. Contact Sandy Dunsmore at 865-271-7426 for additional information.

Save the Date

Saturday, August 3

*TN Valley District Social Action Workshop
 at Norwood United Methodist Church*

For information regarding UWF activities call the church office at 865-986-7329 and you will be contacted.

July Birthdays

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| 2 Ken Cook | 16 Cole Weber |
| 3 Jennifer Malone | 17 Sharon Brown |
| 5 Wesley Good | 17 Savannah Gresham |
| 6 Charlotte Wright | 17 Chase Wright |
| 7 Norma Idom | 18 Clay McCammon |
| 7 Wyatt Morton | 18 Matt Collins |
| 7 Julia Stauffer | 19 Bonnie Womac |
| 7 George Sterchi | 19 Barb Fox |
| 7 Carter Duff | 20 Elizabeth Hartzler |
| 8 Sarah Jane Raymer | 20 Sally Weber |
| 8 Tim Sayers | 20 Lisa Thompson |
| 9 Doug Raymer | 24 Brayden Hartzler |
| 10 Sharon Lantz | 25 Charly Vicars |
| 12 Ed Allen | 25 Caleb Lantz |
| 13 Becky Manning | 26 Pat Davis |
| 13 Anna Layer | 26 Jim Kern |
| 14 Knox Wilson | 29 Blake Messler |
| 15 Nena Hall | 31 Tyler Galyon |
| 16 Edwin Blackburn | 31 Hayden Wright |
| 16 Chris Hartzler | |
| 16 Peggy Tinnel | |