Central UMC Administrative Council Sept 17, 2024 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Call to Order and Opening Devotion and Prayer - Phyllis Wilburn

Our Vision: Helping People to Find and Follow Jesus **Our Mission:** "We exist to CONNECT, GROW, SERVE, GIVE, and GO so that all may know God's love through Jesus Christ!"

Time of Sharing of how we are seeing our mission lived out in our church

Approval of July 2024 Council Minutes

Lay Leader Reports	Lisa Thompson - Connect Kara Scheetz - Grow Steve Abercrombie - Serve Jennifer Hensley /Joel or Karlee - Give Shelia Borders and Steve Rodier - Missions
Trustees	Joel Malone
Staff Parish	Danny Lantz
Staff Reports	
Central Kids	Hannah Collins
Central Students	Michelle Garcia
Associate Pastor	Audrey Madigan
Lead Pastor	Scott Layer

Other Items: 2025 Generosity Campaign - Count Me In

Fall Events

- 1. Habitat Build (ongoing)
- 2. Hands on Mission Backpacks for children in Costa Rica September 15
- 3. Out of The Nest Leadership Pipeline Course Sept 22 2-5pm
- 4. Fall Sermon Series: Practicing Christian Sept 22 Nov 24
- 5. Companion Study Groups for Practicing Christian: Practicing the Way
- 6. Illuminare Thursday Oct 3 Community Concert 100+ Singers and Orchestra
- 7. Tailgate Fellowship Event Oct 16 5:30-7pm
- 8. District Days with Bishop Wallace Padgett Maryville, First 7pm Oct 17
- 9. Falloween Outreach Oct 27 3-5pm
- 10. Children and Youth Combined Service | Commitment Sunday Nov 10 10:30am
- 11. Love Feast Nov 20. 6:30pm Simple Worship | Sweet Rolls
- 12. Advent Worship Series Finding Joy This Christmas Dec 1
- 13. Confirmation Sunday Dec 8
- 14. Hanging of the Greens Food | Carols | Decorate Dec 8 4:45-7pm
- 15. Advent Tea Dec 9 6pm Camp Scholarships
- 16. Dec 22 10:30 Combined Christmas Service

2024 Scheduled Administrative Council Dates:

Nov 17 3pm - Charge Conference at Concord. Dec 11 6pm

Closing Prayer

The Four Tiers of Effectiveness

Goal: How to best spend our organization and people resources to make an impact. Focus on Tier 1 and Tier 2 as much as possible to advance our mission of helping people find and follow Jesus.

Tier 1 - Absolutely Mission Critical

- Worship (includes greeters, praise band, choir, handbells, tech, ushers, ert)
- Groups (Sunday and group leaders)
- Children and Youth Min (Volunteers that make it happen)
- Mission (We do not exist for ourselves) (Hands on and trips)
- Prayer

Tier 2 - Very Important and Strategic

- Social | Digital Ministry | Streaming
- Outreach ministry events
- Visitation (Pastoral Care)
- NEXT class
- Admin (Trustees, finance, sprc, ad council)
- Camp in Community, VBS
- UWF
- Clubhouse Central
- Prayer Pals

Tier 3 - Meaningful but not as vital

- Exercise
- Heavenly Helpings
- Yoga
- Cards Ministry
- Larger Fellowship Events
- Funeral Meals
- Sonlighters
- Funseekers
- Girlfriends
- Blessing Box
- Stitches of Love
- Scouts



Count Me In - This is a positive invitation to join in our mission as a church. The generosity theme this year is based on Jesus invitation in Luke 9:23-24 to be his disciple. Jesus invites all people to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him. This theme ties in with the Practicing Christian series this fall and invites our church to be on board with his mission.

Timeline

- October 13 Generosity chairs share in worship about campaign, it's importance, and to think about your giving and service to God. Introduction of campaign with giving statements as well .
- October 20, 27 Video testimonies/stories
- Oct 29 Mail out Letter 2 with commitment card and service card
- Nov 3 Generosity Chair invites folks in both services to make plans to attend next week, prayerfully complete them and present them to God as an act of worship. Emphasize why I give, make commitments. Explain how to fill out the card. Have additional commitment cards available.
- Nov 10 Commitment Sunday. Present those commitments to God in worship.
 - * Youth Commitment Card, and Kids Commitment Card.
 - * Online People Involvement Digital Time and Talent Card
- Nov 10 and 17 weeks Enter in service opportunities into our system for follow up. (Steve Abercrombie). Send info to group leads for follow up by Thanksgiving.