

Church Words March 9 - April 13

We'll conclude our "Church Words" series on April 13 and celebrate Easter together with a special message called "The Four E's of Easter." Join us at 9 or 11am on Sundays for worship.

APRIL MESSAGES:

April 6 Church Words: Sanctification

April 13 Church Words: Redemption

April 20 Easter Sunday - The Four E's of Easter

April 27 From Fan to Follower

CENTRAL CONTRIBUTIONS					
	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	Online
Worship Attendance * worship attendance includes	243 online	299	291	368	
Sunday School Attendence		130	113	167	
Contributions	\$ 24,884	\$ 37,210	\$ 4,333	\$ 9,811	\$ 14,355
Faith Promise	\$ 2,470	\$ 1,530	\$ 705	\$ 510	\$ 2,239
Promised <i>7-1-24 to 6-30-25</i>	\$78,438	Received YTD		\$53,797	

IANUARY

2025 New Members

So far this year we've had 13 new members ioin our church family and we're thrilled to have them here. If you see them around this month, be sure to say hi and introduce vourself.

FEBRUARY





Jim & Amelia Jarvis



For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these

members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:4-5

A Letter from **Pastor Scott**

In a few weeks, we'll celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. The empty tomb is the ultimate apologetic for the Christian faith. I am excited about the things God is doing at Central, the new members, the missions, the small groups where people are finding healing and growth. Thanks Central for all you do!

- Scott Layer

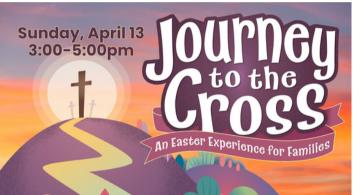
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CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 2025

Special Guests from Estonia Sunday, April 6

We're excited to welcome Rev. Taavi Holman and Rector Laur Lilleoja from Estonia. Join us for worship at 9 or 11am to hear a message from Rev. Taavi from Estonian Methodist Church. Laur, Rector of Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary, will have a special presentation at 10:00am in Room A138/9 hosted by the Friends and Followers Sunday school class.





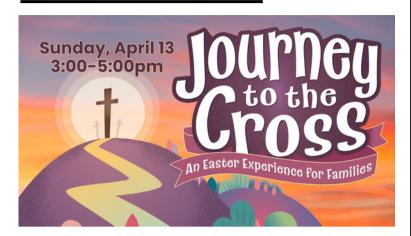
Journey to the Cross - CAN YOU **SERVE WITH US?** Sunday, April 13 | 3:00-5:00pm

We're still looking for people to help decorate for our event on Sunday, April 13th directly after church. We also

need several volunteers to staff activity stations to guide families with directions and restocking supplies. Scan the QR code above to sign up.



CENTRAL KIDS



Journey to the Cross Sunday, April 13 | 3:00-5:00pm

Spend a Sunday afternoon experiencing Jesus' last week through a family journey. Create, explore, taste and praise together through five multi-sensory, go-at-your-ow- pace stations. End your journey with tote bag decorating for each child and an *egg-citing* hunt! <u>Invite your neighbors and RSVP by before **April 5th** texting "Event" to (865)-234-4727.</u>



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

Registration is now open. Camp in the Community is an incredible summer day camp where kids worship, explore, create and learn about Jesus. Breakfast, lunch. and



snacks are included. Spots fill up quickly, so register now scanning the QR code.

CENTRAL STUDENTS



Youth-Led EASTER Sunrise Service Sunday, April 20 | 7:30am

We're excited to celebrate Christ's resurrection with our youth-led Sunrise Service. All our 6th-12th graders are invited to help make this service special. Ways you can serve include:

- Share how you've seen God's goodness
- Read Scripture
- Prav
- Greet and hand out bulletins
- Lead worship
- Share announcements or the benediction
- Help set up or clean up

Contact Michelle at 865-622-1899 or michelle@centralmethodist.com to share how you'd like to serve the Lord through this service.



- **4.6** Youth // 5:00-7:00pm
- **4.13** Youth // 4:00-6:00pm
- **4.20** Sunrise Service // 7:30am No Youth for Easter
- **4.27** Ultimate Frisbee & Youth // Willock's 5:00-7:00pm

Sunday School - Reside as Aliens Sunday Nights | 10:00-10:45am Pavilion

What does it mean for us to *Reside as Aliens*? We'd love you to join us Sunday mornings to find out and to be encouraged as we study 1 Peter.

Youth Series - Tear Down the IdolsSunday Nights | 5:00-7:00pm Pavilion

All 6th-12th graders are welcome to Youth to enjoy fun games, yummy suppers and deep discussions as we continue our series *Tear Down the Idols*.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Martha Circle

Tuesday, April 1 // 1:00pm Room A133

Ruth Circle

Thursday, April 17 // 1:00pm Room A133

Hope Circle

Tuesday, April 22 // 6:00pm Location TDB

March Donations

Thanks to our church family for donating 750 pounds of food and cleaning supplies to the Good Samaritan Center in Lenoir City and for our Blessings Box and for donating supplies for the Morgan-Scott Food Pantry.

Mother's Day Booklet Submissions

April 6, 13 & 27

During the month of April the United Women in Faith will collect names and donations for their annual *Mother's Day Recognition Booklet* as a way to honor women who have made a difference in your life. The booklet will be available on Sunday, May 13.



Forms will also be available in the church office. Scan the OR code to submit names online.

Save the Vates

SPRING BAKE SALE

Sunday, May 4 | 10:00am-12:15 pm



SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

Tuesday, May 6 | Worship Center Guest speaker from 117 Isaiah House

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



Common Ground

Tuesday, April 15 | 5:30pm Starbucks LC

All women are invited to join *Common Ground*, a new women's ministry, at Starbucks in Lenoir City (870 US 321). We're focused on providing an opportunity for women with *COMMON* beliefs, *COMMON* problems and *COMMON* interests to gather in fun and relaxed fellowship.

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at different coffee shops in Lenoir City and Loudon County. For questions, contact <u>Sheila Borders (423-807-1269)</u> or <u>Jessica Fettig (952-460-0255)</u>.

April Birthdays

1 Pat Presley

2 Megan Abercrombie

4 Gary Kelley

4 Elizabeth Irvin

4 Tyler Owens

5 Easton Porter

6 Gabriel Manning

8 Shirley Freedman

8 Bill Nicolai

11 Kate Galyon

12 Luke Abercrombie

13 Hadley Abercrombie

13 Stephen Gillman

16 C| Everett

18 Will Irvin

19 lazmine Dalton

19 Lily Dalton

19 Robert Fox

20 Dorothy Smith20 Janice Willocks

20 Dee Clark

21 Julie Corwin

22 Rita Hill

22 James Messler

23 Dian Crossland

24 Walter Hedge

24 Barbara Parks

24 Meghan Stamps

25 Mary Jane Church

26 Arthur Taylor

28 David Bell

29 Aiden Ma

30 Liz Thacker