



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	243	299	291	368	
<small>* worship attendance includes online</small>					
Sunday School Attendance		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 7-1-24 to 6-30-25	\$78,438		Received YTD	\$53,797	

2025 New Members

So far this year we've had 13 new members join 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 yourself.

JANUARY



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

FEBRUARY



Mary & Megan Bright



Bill & Peggy Nicolai



Matt & Haleigh Davis

MARCH



Jason, Liz, Noah & Sam Thacker



Ann Greiwe



Gerald & Lenny Carnes

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

THE CONNECTION

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.



TAAVI HOLMAN
Estonian Methodist Church

LAUR LILLEOJA
Rector of Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary



Sunday, April 13
3:00-5:00pm

Journey to the Cross
An Easter Experience for Families

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.



Palm Sunday, April 13 | 9 & 11am

Maundy Thursday, April 17 | 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 18 | 6:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 20 | 7:30am Youth-led Sunrise, 9am Four E's of Easter & 11am Easter Cantata

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-own-pace stations. End your journey with tote bag decorating for each child and an *egg-citing* hunt! Invite your neighbors and RSVP by before April 5th texting "Event" to (865)-234-4727.



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
- Pray
- 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.

April at a Glance

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 Idols
Sunday 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.

For additional information regarding meetings for Central's United Women in Faith contact [Sandy Dunsmore](mailto:Sandy.Dunsmore@centralmethodist.com) at 865-271-7426.



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 [Sheila Borders](mailto:Sheila.Borders@centralmethodist.com) (423-807-1269) or [Jessica Fettig](mailto:Jessica.Fettig@centralmethodist.com) (952-460-0255).

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 QR code to submit names online.

Save the Dates

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

April Birthdays

1 Pat Presley	19 Robert Fox
2 Megan Abercrombie	20 Dorothy Smith
4 Gary Kelley	20 Janice Willocks
4 Elizabeth Irvin	20 Dee Clark
4 Tyler Owens	21 Julie Corwin
5 Easton Porter	22 Rita Hill
6 Gabriel Manning	22 James Messler
8 Shirley Freedman	23 Dian Crossland
8 Bill Nicolai	24 Walter Hedge
11 Kate Galyon	24 Barbara Parks
12 Luke Abercrombie	24 Meghan Stamps
13 Hadley Abercrombie	25 Mary Jane Church
13 Stephen Gillman	26 Arthur Taylor
16 CJ Everett	28 David Bell
18 Will Irvin	29 Aiden Ma
19 Jazmine Dalton	30 Liz Thacker
19 Lily Dalton	