



This I Believe: Unshakeable Truth in a Shaky World

May 4 - June 22

There are some words that stand the test of time. In this series, we'll explore the core beliefs that has united the Church across centuries and cultures. Each phrase of the Apostle's Creed points us to the heart of the gospel and reminds us who we are, what we believe, and why. Come discover how ancient faith speaks to our modern world.

MAY MESSAGES:

- May 4** *I Believe in God*
- May 11** *Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord*
- May 18** *Suffered, Crucified, Died, Buried, Descended*
- May 25** *Audrey Preaching*

CENTRAL CONTRIBUTIONS

	2-Mar	9-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	30-Mar	Online
Worship Attendance <small>* worship attendance includes online</small>	243	299	291	368	358	
Sunday School Attendance		130	113	167	155	
Contributions	\$ 14,535	\$ 7,980	\$ 9,996	\$ 9,229	\$ 10,875	\$ 18,932
Faith Promise	\$ 695	\$ 1,080	\$ 885	\$ 430	\$ 1,130	\$ 1,918
Promised 7-1-24 to 6-30-25	\$78,438		Received YTD \$59,935			

SERVING OPPORTUNITY at Camp in the Community

July 7-11

We're so excited to be hosting *Camp in the Community* again this year. 50 children ages 5-14 will spend a week at Central learning about the word of God, engaging in fun camp crafts and activities, and are fed two meals and a snack, all for free!



We need your help! If you're interested in feeding campers lunch, feeding camp staff dinner, or joining camp as a small group helper, please reach out to Hannah Collins at hannah@centralmethodist.com. More details to come beginning May 18th.

A Letter from Pastor Scott

Finding Confidence in Shaky Times

Life often throws us into seasons of uncertainty - whether it's changes in our lives, unsettling news in the world or unexpected challenges. It's good to be reminded that our confidence doesn't come from our circumstances - *it comes from Christ.*

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Psalm 46:1

This verse doesn't promise us a life without trouble. **It promises that God is with us in the midst of it.** If you're feeling shaken, you're not alone. Let's keep walking together, rooted in faith and trusting in the God who never fails.

- Scott Layer

THE CONNECTION



CENTRAL'S United Women in Faith

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



Tuesday, May 6 // 11:30am-1:00pm Worship Center
Isaiah 117 House guest speaker; all are welcome!

UWF's Spring Salad Luncheon

Tuesday, May 6 | 11:30am-1:00pm Worship Center

All (men and women) are invited to attend the United Women in Faith's *Spring Salad Luncheon*. A special guest speaker from Isaiah 117 House will share insight about the organization.

We're accepting the following donations for Isaiah House:

- 3 in 1 body wash, shampoo and conditioner (like Sauve Kids)
- Journals for kids to use for writing
- Hair accessories suitable for girls/teenagers
- Crafts for kids-Legos®, bracelet making
- New or very gently used books for children all ages

Items can be brought to the designated basket in the donation center in the Gathering Area.



Zimbabwe Buckets

Available May 11 and Due May 25

It is that time where we collect food to bless the people of Zimbabwe. Buckets will be given out May 11 and need to be returned by May 25. Last year we filled 99 buckets. Our goal for 2025 is 110. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

CENTRAL KIDS

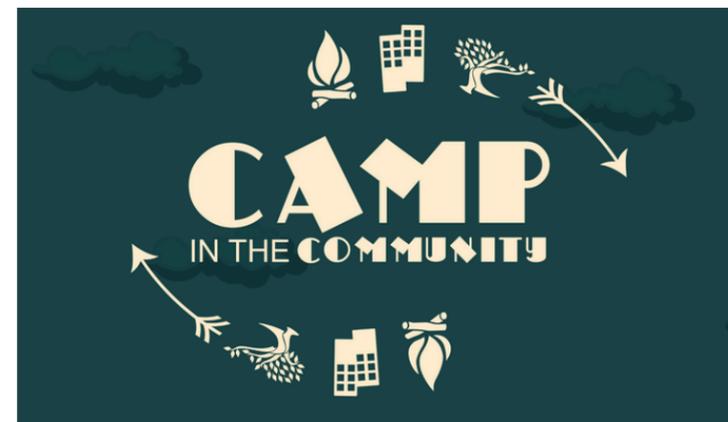
Mother's Day Celebration
 Sunday, May 11 | 9 & 11am Services

Children will celebrate mothers in both worship services. Please let Mrs. Hannah know at hannah@centralmethodist.com which service your child(ren) will attend so we can plan accordingly. 🌸



Nerf & Nachos Night
 Wednesday, June 11 | 6:00-8:00pm

Mark your calendars for a fun family night this summer. We'll enjoy a nacho dinner and have nerf wars. Bring your own nerf gun; darts and dinner will be provided. Scan the QR code to register by June 1st.



Camp in the Community
 July 7-11 | 8:30am-4:30pm, Ages 5-14

Spots are filling up FAST! If you would like your child to attend *Camp in the Community*, scan the QR code to register.



CENTRAL STUDENTS



Summer Kickoff: Bikes, Blades & Boards
 Sunday, May 18 | 5:00-7:00pm

All 6th-12th graders are invited to a fun night at Youth kicking off the summer! Bring your bike, roller blades/skates, scooter, or skateboard and a helmet to enjoy riding around the church parking lot with friends. We'll also eat dinner, celebrate May birthdays and discuss spiritual and physical health from our new series called *Becoming Healthy Humans*. Invite a friend to join you.

May at a Glance

- 5.4 Graduate Sunday Celebration // 10-10:45am
 Youth (Star Wars Theme) // 5-7pm
May the 4th be with you.
- 5.11 Mother's Day - No Sunday Night Youth
- 5.15 Middle School Putt Putt // 6:30-8:30pm
- 5.18 Summer Kickoff // 5-7pm
- 5.25 No Sunday Night Youth - Costa Rica Mission Trip

Sunday School - Lessons from David
 Sunday Mornings | 10:00-10:45am Pavilion

In our new series called *Lessons from David*, we'll look at eight key experiences in David's life and how we can learn from them.

Youth Series - Becoming Healthy Humans
 Sunday Nights | 5:00-7:00pm Pavilion

What does it look like to be healthy? This month's Youth series called *Becoming Healthy Humans* will show us what it means to be emotionally, mentally, spiritually and physically healthy and why that's important. We'll also enjoy a time of fun games, good food and small group discussions.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Hope Circle

Tuesday, May 20 // 6:00pm Location TBD

May Events

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 Sandy Dunsmore at 865-271-7426.

Blessings Box

The following **non-perishable** items are needed to fill our Blessings Box. Please bring donations to the bins in the Gathering Area. NO GLASS CONTAINERS!

- Canned meats and soups
- Peanut butter
- Spaghetti sauce and pasta noodles
- Canned pork and beans
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Mac and cheese
- Individual packages cheese/pb and crackers
- Beef sticks

Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to the following graduates. We celebrate your achievements and pray for God's guidance for your future.

High School

- Callie Garcia
- Sam Farris
- Pierson Layer
- Markos Preciado
- Jenna Rasar
- Elijah Whitt
- Kale Wiggins

College - Undergrad

Jonah Stauffer

College - Grad

Lucas Smith



May Birthdays

2 KadiAnn Tuck	20 Elaine Crowder
4 Sandy Dunsmore	20 Mike Easter
6 Ann Stuart	21 Chelsea James
6 Bella Ma	21 Mary Jane Raymer
6 Wendy Messler	22 Laurinda Hancock
12 Pauline Rains	23 Jane Everett
13 Donnie Malone	23 Ruth Vaught
13 Lauren Bell	24 Marlene Hillermann
14 Dale Arnold	27 Karen Tuck
16 Josh James	29 Lenia Wunder
17 Sharon Farr	30 Jill Gresham
17 Janice Rogers	31 Forrest Davis
19 Marilyn Jones	



Common Ground

Tuesday, May 20 | 5:30pm Ugly Mug LC

All women are invited to join **Common Ground**, a women's ministry, at Ugly Mug in Lenoir City (108 B St.) this month.

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 (423-807-1269), or Jessica Fettig (952-460-0255).