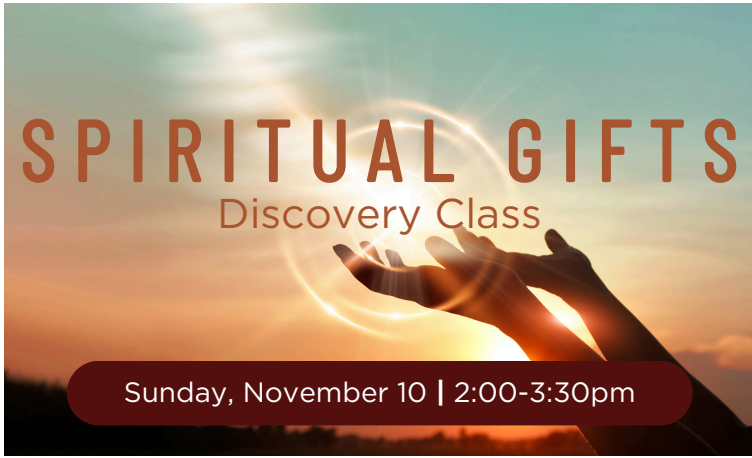


WORSHIP



Spiritual Gifts Discovery Class

Sunday, November 10 | 2:00-3:30pm

Spiritual gifts are special abilities given by God to enable you to serve others and contribute to the mission of God's kingdom.

You're invited this month to take some time to discover your spiritual gifts and practical ways you can make a difference. Sign up at the church or contact Pastor Scott at scott@centralmethodist.com.

THE CONNECTION

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2024

Count Me In

November 10 | 10:30am

For 2025's generosity campaign called "Count Me In," we invite you to take time to consider your commitments to the Lord with your giving and serving. Rather than focus on the needs of the church, concentrate on your need as a believer to give as an act of discipleship.

If this is your church home:

- Fill out the 2025 Serving and Giving Card.
- Pray about and identify areas you want to make a difference in at Central and the community.
- Make a financial commitment for 2025.



In a politically divided country, it's vital the church be united. Let's unite to say "Count Me In." Co-Chairs: Jennifer Hensley, Kyle Hensley, Ron McKean

CENTRAL CONTRIBUTIONS

	1-Sep	8-Sep	15-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep	Online
Worship Attendance	307	374	322	344	372	
<small>* worship attendance includes online</small>						
Sunday School Attendance	118	138	106	131		
Contributions	\$ 6,123	\$ 15,620	\$ 7,854	\$ 14,083	\$ 6,446	\$ 16,869
Faith Promise	\$ 550	\$ 962	\$ 675	\$ 490	\$ -	\$ 547
Promised 7-1-24 to 6-30-25	\$78,438		Received YTD		\$19,229	

Practicing Christian

November 3-24

What does it mean to be a practicing Christian? Around 63% of Americans self identify as Christian. Some surveys identify those actually following Jesus at around 4-10%.

Throughout this series, we'll look at what it means to be a practicing Christian in different aspects of our lives.



PRACTICING CHRISTIAN

November Messages

- 11.3 Community (*All Saints Sunday*)
- 11.17 Work
- 11.24 Joy

Lovefeast

*Wednesday, November 20
6:30pm | Worship Center*

As Thanksgiving approaches, you're invited to gather as a community for simple worship, a time of giving thanks, and to enjoy sweet rolls and hot chocolate together.



Let us know you're coming by signing up in the hallway outside the Worship Center or by scanning the QR code.

Christmas AT CENTRAL

- 12.1 Advent Sermon Series**
Hope: A Weary World Rejoices
- 12.5 UWF Christmas Luncheon**
11:30am
- LC Christmas Parade**
5:00pm
- 12.8 Hanging of the Greens**
4:30-6:30pm
- 12.9 Advent Tea**
6:00pm
- 12.22 Combined Service**
10:30am

PRAYER DAY

for our country

Tuesday, November 5
8:30am-4:30pm | Worship Center

Prayer Day

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Prayer makes a difference. You're invited to join us as we gather for reflection and unity, seeking peace, strength and guidance through faith together. Stop by the Worship Center anytime between 8:30am and 4:30pm.



Lovefeast
A Night of Thankfulness

SIMPLE WORSHIP
GRATEFUL HEARTS
SWEET ROLLS

Consecration Sunday: Central Kids & Students-Led Worship

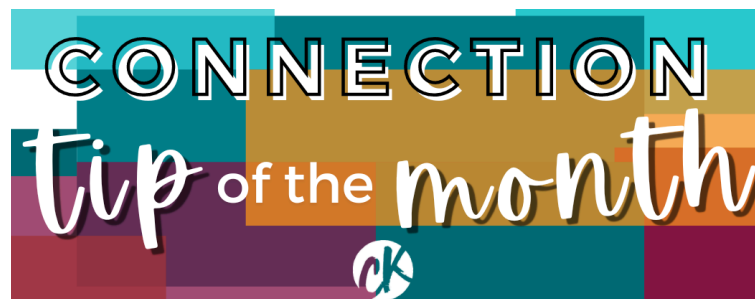
Sunday, November 10
Combined Worship 10:30am

Our youngest generation have huge hearts for the Lord and are excited to share it with you. Join us for a combined worship service at 10:30am to consecrate our commitments to God.

We want every child and student to have a part in this service so we hope all families are able to attend.



CENTRAL KIDS



Parenting can be rewarding and challenging, and approaching it with spiritual wisdom can provide great guidance and comfort. Here are some spiritually-led tips for navigating parenting challenges:

- 1. Pray for Guidance and Wisdom** - Regularly pray for wisdom in your parenting decisions. Seek God's guidance in difficult situations and trust He will provide the insight you need (James 1:5).
- 2. Model Christ-Like Behavior** - Children often learn by example. Strive to model patience, kindness, forgiveness, and love, demonstrating the character of Christ in your daily interactions (Ephesians 5:1-2).
- 3. Teach and Apply Biblical Principles** - Integrate biblical teachings into your family life. Use everyday moments to discuss God's Word and its application to life's challenges and decisions (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).
- 4. Discipline with Love and Consistency** - Make an effort to discipline with love and consistency, not in anger. Set clear boundaries and consequences, always explaining the reasons behind them and linking them to biblical principles (Proverbs 13:24).
- 5. Foster Open Communication** - Encourage open and honest communication. Listen to your children's thoughts and feelings without immediate judgment or anger, creating a safe environment for them to express themselves (James 1:19).

CENTRAL STUDENTS



Hearts on Fire
November 22-24, 2024

Central, please be praying for our Central Students as we prepare for and enjoy a weekend away at our *Hearts on Fire* retreat. Pray for our students to grow closer to the Lord and to each other, for everyone's health and safety, and for good weather.



Students, we still have 7 spots available. Register using the QR code & submit payment of \$150 by 11/10. Scholarships are available.

November at a Glance

- 11.2 Day in Chattanooga // 10am-2:30pm
- 11.3 Youth // 5-7pm
- 11.10 CK/CS Worship Service // 10:30am Youth // 5-7pm
- 11.17 Youth // 5-7pm
- 11.20 Serve at Lovefeast // 6:30pm
- 11.22-24 *Hearts on Fire* Retreat



Christmas Parade

Thursday, December 5 | Downtown LC
5:00-7:00pm

We're excited to try something new this year for the Lenoir City Christmas Parade. **This year Central will advertise to the community to bring canned food to the parade.**

All who donate to our food drive will be entered to win a large gift card prize. Each person that comes by our tent will receive a packet of hot chocolate with our church information attached.

If you would like to help with the food drive at the parade or help prepare hot chocolate packets contact Hannah Collins at hannah@centralmethodist.com.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

MEETINGS

Martha & Ruth Circle

Tuesday, November 5 | 1:00pm Room B125
All are invited to the Martha and Ruth meeting this month to hear about our recent trip to Henderson Settlement. Refreshments will be provided.

Hope Circle

Tuesday, October 22 | 6:30pm Location TBA
All women are invited to Hope Circle's dinner and meeting. Contact Sandy Valentine at 865-898-9045 for additional information.

For information regarding UWF activities call the church office at [865-986-7329](tel:865-986-7329) and you will be contacted.

November Birthdays

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| 1 Barbara Arnold | 15 Dan Duckworth |
| 1 Kenny Hensley | 15 Kris Rice |
| 1 Christine Powell | 16 Nadia Chandler |
| 2 Jim Atherton | 17 John Stauffer, Sr. |
| 2 Tassie James | 17 Callie Jo Wright |
| 5 Betty Hawk | 18 Bob Farr |
| 7 Trevor Good | 20 Melissa Best |
| 7 Patsy Harvey | 21 Nancy Odiorne |
| 7 Kim Morton | 22 Cayden McKee |
| 9 Cameron Hall | 24 Joyce Dunn |
| 10 Brenda Allen | 24 Joni McElroy |
| 11 Berti Ewertz | 24 Dean Odiorne |
| 11 Sally Anne Platfoot | 24 Patrick Milliken |
| 11 Talon James | 26 Jamie Stauffer |
| 12 Alan Harnack | 27 Alex Stamps |
| 13 Sam Herron | 30 Jake Spoon |
| 14 Julia Dunsmore | |

Thank you for the generous donations for Henderson Settlement and Fall Bake Sale!



Henderson Settlement Donations (Pictured left to right): Elaine Crowder, Sandy Dunsmore, Barbara Williams and Sarah Stockham.



Fall Bake Sale (Pictured left to right): Carolyn Haynes and Sandy Dunsmore.