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Central News

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From My Perspective

It seems like only yesterday that my son, Austin called. His exact words were, "Hey, Grandpa!" Since I did not know that I had any grandchildren, I assumed that he was about to share some unexpected news with me. And that's just what he did.

The baby, he explained, was due on February 26. That seemed like a long way off, but here it is. In the meantime, we've been asking the normal questions: Boy or girl? What names have you picked out? Are you registered anywhere? What will the nursery look like?

All the questions have been answered now. It's going to be a girl. Her name is going to be Olivia. And based on the ultrasound images, she looks just like me (fat, bald, and toothless). And that due date? Well, thanks to modern medicine, it has been moved forward a few days. If all goes as planned, she will enter this world on February 21.

I've witnessed childbirth on two occasions. Both times, I have shed tears of joy as I looked into the eyes of a newborn miracle. I'm praying it goes that way again.

Another thing that's made this whole event so great is the love and support that Angela and I have received from our Central family. Your prayers, your gifts, and your well-wishes have meant so much to us.

See you Sunday. I hope to have pictures to share. What we do here matters.

Mark your Calendar

February 23

6:30p Experiencing God Study
7:00p Worship Committee Meeting

February 24

7:00p Knitted Together

February 26

6:00p Church & Society Meeting
6:00p Youth Group - Junior High
6:30p Youth Group - Senior High

February 27

7:00p Evangelism Team Meeting

February 28

5:30p Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
6:30p Women's Bible Study
6:30p Disciple I Bible Study

March 1

3:30p Wonderful Wednesday
4:30p Ash Wednesday Service
7:00p Ash Wednesday Service
7:30p Chancel Choir

March 2

1:30p Grief Group
6:30p Experiencing God Study

March 3

Newsletter Articles Due
7:00p Knitted Together

March 5

4:30p Confirmation Class
6:00p Youth Group - Junior High
6:30p Youth Group - Senior High

March 7

6:30p Disciple I Bible Study
6:30p Women's Bible Study
7:00p Missions Team Meeting

March 8

3:30p Wonderful Wednesday
5:00p Children's Choir
6:30p Pastor Bible Study
6:30p Handbell Choir
7:00p Café Logos
7:30p Chancel Choir

Join us for these special events next week!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 28th, 5:30-7:00p
in the Fellowship Hall
Donations accepted for UMM



SHROVE TUESDAY

Ash Wednesday Services

March 1st
4:30p Family Oriented
7:00p Traditional
All are welcome to either service!

*Ash
Wednesday*

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Meetings

- *Worship Committee*, Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00p
- *Church & Society Team*, Sunday, February 26th at 6:00p
- *Evangelism Team*, Monday, February 27th at 7:00p
 - *Missions Team*, Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00p
- *El Salvador Team*, Sunday, March 12th at 12:15p

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The United Methodist Men will host a pancake dinner fundraiser on Tuesday, February 28th from 5:30p-7:00p in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be accepted to support future UMM projects.

Women's Bible Study

A new Women's Bible study will meet for six weeks on Tuesdays, beginning on February 28th at 6:30p in the New Room upstairs. The group will be using Beth Moore's new study of 2 Timothy, "Entrusted." If you're interested in joining this group or have questions, please contact Donna Judy or Janie Fisher.

Ash Wednesday

Join us on Wednesday, March 1st as we observe Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. A family-friendly service will be held at 4:30p as part of our Wonderful Wednesday program. A more traditional service will be held at 7:00p. Note: there will be no Handbell Rehearsal that day. Chancel Choir will rehearse after the 7:00p service has concluded.

Family Game Night

Mark your calendars for Family Game Night on Saturday, March 18th. More details coming soon, but be assured you won't want to miss the fun!

Notable Notes

Mission of the Month - El Salvador Medical Clinic

Our Mission of the Month for February is the El Salvador Mission trip, specifically the medical clinic we are blessed to provide each year. In the five years we have run the clinic in Ahuachapan we have seen over 1500 patients. We also buy medicines to help stock the Methodist Medical Clinic in town. As we are one of only three churches who run a clinic and provide medicines, the people and doctors of Ahuachapan really depend on your contributions to help keep the children and citizens as healthy as possible. Medicines will be ordered this month, and we are hoping to provide as many different of medicines as possible. We appreciate your generosity!

Jubilation

Jubilation 2017, a retreat for older adults sponsored by the Holston Conference, will be held May 1-3 in Pigeon Forge, TN. Last year this retreat filled up quickly, so register soon! If you plan to attend Jubilation and would like church provided transportation, please contact the Church Office. If you have questions, contact Joe Hester. Brochures can be found on the table outside the Sanctuary.

Giving Thanks

Thanks for your visits, calls, texts, smiles, hugs, food, flowers, "I Love You"s, and most of all your prayers.
- Lulabelle Lewis & family

OPERATING BUDGET

	2/12/17	2/19/17
Needed YTD	\$68,977	\$78,858
Received YTD	\$61,393	\$69,378
Building Fund	\$1,300	\$755
Designated Gifts	\$505	\$3,087
Received Sunday	\$5,161	\$7,984

ATTENDANCE

	2/12/17	2/19/17
Morning Worship	95	109
Sunday School	136	138
Traditional Worship	134	138
U-Nite	69	-
Total Worship	298	247

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery, Sunday February 26
Lisa & Emily Dignan
Scott & Casey Hamblin, Tayler Cooper

Nursery, Sunday March 5
Amber Hollins, Lisa Ninnis
Terri & Logan Shelor, Amy Shrewsbury

Meet and Greet, Sunday February 26
Spirit Seekers

Meet and Greet, Sunday March 5
Pathfinders

PRAYER REQUESTS

April Salvant	Karen Wayt
Pat Yanhko	Charlie Speed
Kathleen Ratcliffe	Johnny Crews
Doyle Lyons	van Kamp
Nick Pappas	Graham & Jennie
T.G. Gearheart	Simmerman
Dot Sowers	

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ryan Haynes - California
Kerry Keys - South Korea
Jeffrey Kincaid - Hawaii
Elizabeth Venegas - North Carolina

Children & Youth

Confirmation Classes

Sundays during Lent, we will hold Confirmation classes for 6th grade students and above who have not yet been confirmed in the United Methodist Church. Interested adults are also welcome to attend. Classes will be held on Sundays at 4:30p beginning on March 5th. If you have questions, please talk to one of the Pastors or Danny.



Save the Date!

Central's VBS will be held June 25-29th!
At VBS Hero Central, your students will discover their strength in God as they explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.
Many volunteers are needed to make VBS a success.
Let Wendy know that you'd like to be part of the team today!

Central's Care Shepherd Ministry is evolving!

Our former model—one Care Shepherd caring for three to five flock families—left many members of our congregation without adequate care and attention.

We now plan to implement a new team-focused model of caring. This model involves forming four care teams, named Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, that will provide congregational care on a rotating basis. Each team will be assigned a two-week time period to provide for Central's caring needs, approximately every other month. Care responsibilities include, but are not limited to, sending cards or notes, making phone calls, taking small gifts, providing a meal, and visiting shut-ins, those in the hospital, nursing homes, assisted living, or rehab. You will have many ideas of your own.

Using the team approach means that care responsibilities would be shared and should not be overwhelming to any one person. Each team will determine its own organizational structure and meeting schedule. Meetings can be fun and informal, over coffee, lunch, etc. You would work closely with the pastors, secretary, prayer groups, and by word-of-mouth to learn of the needs of the church.

It would be wonderful if each Sunday school class (or two small classes working together) would form a team. This would allow a variety of people and age groups to be involved in caring for our Central family.

Please prayerfully consider forming or joining a team. If you have questions contact:

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Kathy Hall at 382-7843 or 357-1433