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Mark your Calendar

January 15

6:00p Knitted Together

January 16

10:00a CFAA Music Playdate

January 17

7:30a UMM Breakfast

12:00p El Salvador Meeting

January 18

6:00p Holy Yoga

January 19

5:00p Library Committee Meeting

January 21

12:00p WEOs

1:30p Grief Group

7:00p Fellowship Committee Mtg

January 22

Newsletter Articles Due

January 22-24

Children/Youth Ministries to
Resurrection Event

January 25

7:00p Worship Committee Meeting

January 31

4:00p Sunday Funday

Central News

Central United Methodist Church

Happy New Year!

Our church continues to be blessed. I wrote a very difficult letter in April last year to inform the congregation of the church's difficult financial situation. I am so pleased to now be able to write a letter to tell each of you how well we finished the year! At the end of March, we projected our giving would only be \$430,000 – a shortfall from the budget of \$70,000. We also had a deficit in our operating cash.

Because of your commitment, we were able to end the year with approximately \$25,000 in operating cash. This was the result of two impressive accomplishments. Giving during the second half of the year increased significantly. While we didn't meet our budgeted contributions of just under \$500,000, we did end the year with over \$476,000 – significant improvement from the first three months of the year. The second major accomplishment resulted from conservative spending and good stewardship of our financial resources.

As we move into 2016, I ask that you continue to prayerfully and obediently support our church with your tithes and offerings so that our body of Christ can continue to grow and fulfill the Great Commission.

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

With the love of Christ,

Angie Hill

It's a new year!

How can you be involved at CUMC in new ways?

There are endless ways to get involved at Central, and with the start of a new year, there are a couple specific places we're looking for extra help:

Nursery Help

We are in need of more volunteers to assist in the nursery during both worship services. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please contact the Church Office.

Van Drivers for 2016

We are trying to put together our schedule for van drivers for the new year. If you are willing to be on the schedule to drive the van for a month in 2016, please contact the Church Office, indicating which month(s) of the year you would be available.

Upcoming Events

CFAA Music Play Date

CFAA invites you to a Musical Playdate for the whole family! Join us on Saturday, January 16th from 10-11:30a for music, crafts, snacks and games. Come with us while we sing, sway, laugh and play! This event costs \$12 per family. Call the Academy at 639-4011 to sign up.

UMM

United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast on Sunday, January 17th at 7:30a. All men are welcome.

January WEOs

WEOs will meet for a potluck lunch on Thursday, January 21st at 12:00p. Bring a dish to share!

Sunday Funday

Our Winter Sunday Funday will be held on January 31st. Warm your heart with fun and fellowship, warm the hearts of others with God's love. Fun for all ages will include crafts and service opportunities, starting at 4:00p. Potluck dinner at 5:15p and Family Worship at 6:00p! Dessert is provided. Stay tuned for more details!

Valentine's Day Dinner

Make plans today to attend the Valentine's Day Dinner on February 6th at 6:00p. Bring a date or a friend and help support the Children's Ministry! Tickets are \$20 per couple, and can be purchased after worship on January 17th or 24th. If you have questions, please contact Wendy.

Children & Youth

Polar Express Thank You

The Polar Express is a magical journey that takes children on an adventure, searching for the True Meaning of Christmas. The CUMC bus is transformed into a festive setting with Christmas lights, snowflakes and other holiday decorations and begins the evening by picking each of the children at their home. Our search for the True Meaning of Christmas takes us through several stops, one of which treats us to cocoa and cookies! Rather than the main destination being the North Pole like in the movie, the CUMC Polar Express makes its way to "Bethlehem" where we find the True Meaning of Christmas lying in a manger, surrounded by camels, sheep, cows and goats. This year the Polar Express was able to share the True Meaning of Christmas with thirty-six children over two nights. Thanks to all who supported this awesome event!

Youth Update from Danny

So what's going on with the youth this month? Something youth in the Holston Conference have looked forward to every year for decades... Resurrection! For the uninitiated, Resurrection is an annual gathering of youth from around the Conference. It is a weekend with engaging speakers, exciting music, and a whole lot of fun! On January 22-24th a group of about 50 youth and adults will be attending Resurrection 2016 together in Pigeon Forge, TN. I'm looking forward to all the new memories we will make together - all the little inside jokes that will carry our group through the year. The thing I'm looking forward to most, though, are the decisions. For many in our group, Resurrection will be a time when they make important life changing decisions. Some will have the opportunity to begin following Christ for the first time. Some will be challenged to commit to going deeper in their faith. A few may even be called into ministry. Please join me in prayer for this important life changing weekend.

Your Youth Pastor Too,
Danny

OPERATING BUDGET

	1/3/16	1/10/16
Needed YTD	\$9,723	\$19,445
Received YTD	\$15,244	\$27,289
Building Fund	\$150	\$50
Designated Gifts	\$1,075	\$1,775
Received Sunday	\$15,244	\$12,045

ATTENDANCE

	1/3/16	1/10/16
Morning Worship	94	100
Sunday School	145	137
Traditional Worship	135	139
U-Nite (1/10)	-	57
Total Worship	229	296

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery, Sunday January 17
Justin & Amy Price
Terri Shelor, Kari & Keith Fender
Nursery, Sunday January 24
Laci & Jenna Carroll
Casey & Scott Hamblin, Linda Lawson
Meet and Greet, Sunday January 17
Youth
Meet and Greet, Sunday January 24
Faithfinders
Van Driver - January
Roger Hollins

PRAYER REQUESTS

April Salvant Graham & Jennie
Pat Yanhko Simmerman
Becky Ritter
Margaret Hammond Bill Goode
Phyllis Clarkson
Kathleen Ratcliffe

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY
Ryan Haynes - California
Kerry Keys - South Korea
Jeffrey Kincaid - Hawaii
Elizabeth Venegas - North Carolina

Notable Notes

Knitted Together

Knitted Together is Central's knitting circle (formerly known as Cross Stitchers). We welcome all ages who enjoy yarn crafts to join us. Some of us use needles and some use a loom. Some knit, some crochet. A few of the projects we have been involved in are scarves for schools and prayer shawls. Often, we are each working on a different project. We meet Friday nights from 6:00 - 8:00p in the lower room of the new addition. Please contact Holly Moore or Dorie Kincaid if you would like more information.

Cub Scouts

Are you curious about Cub Scouting? Do you have a boy who is in the first through fifth grade? Pack 244 meets here at Central and we would love to get you more information about joining - either as a leader or for boys who want to join. Please contact Cubmaster Holly Moore if you're interested.

Altar Guild Room Clean-Out

Several pieces of fabric and a pair of drapes/curtains have been left in the Altar Guild Room. If these are yours or you would like to have them, please call the Church Office.

Forward in Faith

What an exciting time in the life of our church! We have been "transformed" over the fall as together we worked through the book *Treasures of the Transformed Life*. We have more people wanting to participate in the ministries and outreach of the church, and we have a renewed vision for building a Family Life Center on the adjoining property. Space that would meet existing needs of on going ministries, and visions for the future. Sunday, January 10th, we had the opportunity during the Sunday School hour to hear from the Building Committee and get feedback and ideas from the congregation. Many have been prayerfully considering the next big step for our congregation and what we need to be doing to plan for future ministry needs. God has a plan for Central UMC! We want to be faithful in seeking what He wants us to do and how we go about it. Join us as we once again go "Forward in Faith."

