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November 15, 2016

Mark your Calendar

November 17

12:00p WEOs
1:30p Grief Group
3:30p Chess Club
6:30p Experiencing God Study

November 18

7:00p Knitted Together

November 19

5:30p Family Craft Night

November 20

12:15p Care Shepherds Meeting
6:00p Youth Group - Junior High
6:30p Youth Group - Senior High

November 21

6:30p UMM

November 22

6:30p Disciple I Bible Study

November 24-25

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

November 26

9:00a Advent Decorating

November 27

6:00p Youth Group - Junior High
6:30p Youth Group - Senior High

November 28

6:00p Endowment Committee Mtg
7:00p Finance Committee Meeting

November 29

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

November 30

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

December 1

1:30p Grief Group
3:30p Chess Club
6:30p Experiencing God Study

Central News

Central United Methodist Church

From My Perspective

I love this time of year, and have since I was a kid. I love to see the leaves hanging from the trees, creating a beautiful carpet on which you can walk. As a kid, I loved to jump into piles of leaves, and I loved running through piles of leaves to spread them all around after someone had worked so hard to rake them into a pile.

I took the dogs out yesterday so they could do their business, and I got a very different perspective on leaves. Our youngest dachshund, Brandy, was in the grass doing what dogs do. However, every step she took, and every leaf that made a crunching sound as she stepped on it made her jump backwards, making it hard for her to concentrate on the task at hand. So while I love to make crunching sounds with the leaves, Brandy doesn't find it quite as enticing.

Here's my issue. Right now, as you drive through Radford, there are leaves piled high along the streets. In many places the wall of leaves is so high that I fear what might jump out of them. That notwithstanding, I have this primal urge to drive my car straight into the leaf pile. I know, there are dozens of good reasons not to do this, but think of the payoff. The sights, the sounds, the feelings that the little boy in me craves to act upon just one more time. Then reason kicks in.

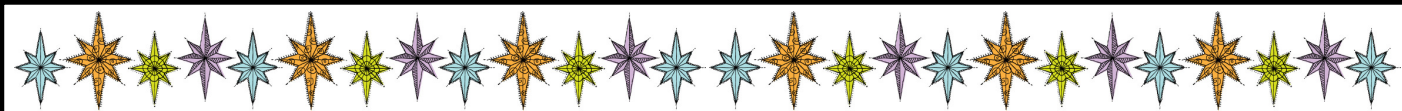
I think about the headline it would create: "Pastor Arrested for Reckless Destruction of Leaf Piles." It would look bad on the church, and it wouldn't look very good for me, either.

So I don't drive into the leaf pile. I exercise a little self-control and probably save myself a lot of heartache in the process.

"The fruit of the Spirit is ...self-control." Yes, there are several other things listed as a fruit of the Spirit, but self-control is an important part of the list.

It's not always about leaves. It may be about things that carry very real consequences. Consequences that involve hurting those we love, or hurting ourselves. The tempter has a temptation that is tailor-made for you. And the consequences can be both deadly and eternal. That's why we talk about a gracious and forgiving God who calls us to be something better, and something more.

I'll see you Sunday. I might be the guy outside running through the leaves. What we do here matters.



Join Us for our Family Christmas Luncheon
Sunday, December 4, 2016 after worship

Lunch Menu: Baked Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Potatoes, Green Beans,
Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee/Tea



And after lunch, enjoy:
"Aaron, the Allergic Shepherd"
a Christmas Musical Production by the
CUMC Children's Choir

RSVP to the Church Office by November 30th!

Upcoming Events

November Meetings

If you serve on the following teams, please make note of the scheduled meetings:

- **Care Shepherds**, Sunday, November 20th at 12:15p
 - **SPRC**, Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:00p
- **Endowment Committee**, Monday, November 28th at 6:00p
- **Finance Committee**, Monday, November 28th at 7:00p
 - **Mission Team**, Tuesday, November 29th at 7:00p

UMM

The UMM meeting this month will be on Monday, November 21st at 6:30p. All men are welcome for a potluck dinner and a talk from our guest speaker, Chuck Hussy.

Advent Decorating

On Saturday, November 26th at 9:00 am, you are invited to help make wreaths and decorate the sanctuary to prepare for the Christmas season at Central! If you have never made a wreath you can be paired with someone who has done it before – just bring gloves and clippers. This is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit!

Family Christmas Luncheon

Join us for a Sunday afternoon Family Christmas Luncheon Sunday, December 4th after worship. We'll have lunch together before enjoying a Christmas musical by our Children's Choir - you won't want to miss *Aaron, the Allergic Shepherd!* RSVP to the Church Office by Wednesday, November 30th. Donations will benefit the Music Ministry of CUMC.

Trip to OCC Processing Center

In addition to packing shoeboxes, Central will send a team to help work in the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Boone, NC on **Tuesday, December 6th**. If you would like to go with us to help ready the Christmas Shoeboxes for their trip around the world to share the love of Jesus, please contact Marcy Harless or Martha Kincaid. More details to follow.

Christmas Cantata

The Chancel Choir will present its Christmas Cantata, *Morning Star*, on Sunday, December 11th at the 11:00a service. We hope you'll join us for a special time of worship and music!

~ *As always, you can see these and other church events by visiting the calendar on our website*
www.CUMCRadford.org/church-calendar.html ~

Children & Youth

Rez Kidz

Mark your calendars and begin planning for this year's trip to Rezkidz. This family worship event will be held in Sevierville Tennessee, January 14-15th. If your family is interested in attending this event, please e-mail Wendy@cumcradford.org

OPERATING BUDGET

	11/6/16	11/13/16
Needed YTD	\$437,522	\$447,244
Received YTD	\$419,958	\$428,794
Building Fund	\$1,371	\$100
Designated Gifts	\$375	\$10,566
Received Sunday	\$13,774	\$8,836

ATTENDANCE

	11/6/16	11/13/16
Morning Worship	102	108
Sunday School	161	151
Traditional Worship	145	113
U-Nite	-	86
Total Worship	247	307

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery, Sunday November 20
Justin & Amy Price
Scott & Martha Kincaid, Karen Radford

Nursery, Sunday November 27
Laci & Jenna Carroll
Jackie Hester, Peggy Phillips,
Mary Simms

Meet and Greet, Sunday November 20
Youth

Meet and Greet, Sunday November 27
Faithfinders

PRAYER REQUESTS

April Salvant	T.G. Gearheart
Pat Yanhko	DeHart Family
Billy & Janet Angell	Alec Ecobichon
Nancy Narraway	Johnny Crews
Kathleen Ratcliffe	van Kamp
Gloria Kenworthy	Graham & Jennie
Family of Lisa Cox	Simmerman

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Notable Notes

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving.

Sunday School Teacher Needed

We are currently seeking a teacher for the 4th & 5th grade Sunday School class. If you feel led to help in this capacity, please see Lyman Jones or Debra Taylor. Thank you for prayerfully considering this great opportunity to nurture our children!

Coatsgiving

Do you have winter coats in good condition that you don't wear or don't fit anymore? The Children's Choir is collecting coats as a service project for the month of November. These coats will be shared with those in need during the winter months. There will be racks in the upstairs hallway or downstairs choir room where you can hang donated coats.

Clothing Bank Volunteers Needed

During the month of December, each of the many churches affiliated with the Radford Clothing Bank take just one day to help. Central's day to help is **Thursday, December 8th**, from 10:00a - noon. Please let Jean Umberger know if you are planning to help that day. jeanumberger@aol.com

Reading Mentors Needed

Reading mentors are needed for the Headstart/Preschool children at McHarg. You would be reading with the same child each Wednesday morning from approximately 10:00 - 11:00a, working on that child's communication skills with a book, discussion, and crafts. Guidance is available. Contact the Reading Hour Program Coordinator, Mary Beth Keenan at SBNRVReadingHour@gmail.com to register. You may also ask either Betty Overdorf or Jean Umberger about the program. There are 20 kids who need help and only 3 mentors, so far.

Operation Christmas Child

It's time to start packing your Operation Christmas Child boxes! As you start collecting items for your shoebox, don't forget to pray for the child who will receive it. For many children it will be the only new toys they ever receive. But the main message is that they will also receive an introduction to God's love and the saving power of Jesus Christ. Labels and flyers with ideas of what to include can be found on the table outside the sanctuary. Finished boxes will be due by **Sunday, December 4th**. Don't forget to include the \$7 for shipping costs!