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### Mark your Calendar

#### November 9

10:00a Thursday Bible Study

#### November 10

12:00p Kitchen Angels

#### November 12

4:00p F5

5:30p Fellowship Dinner

6:00p U-Nite

7:00p Admin Board Meeting

#### November 13

7:00p Evangelism Team Meeting

#### November 14

6:30p Disciple Bible Study

#### November 15

3:30p Wonderful Wednesday

4:00p Youth Choir

5:00p Children's Choir

6:30p Pastor Bible Study

6:30p Handbell Choir

7:00p Café Logos

7:30p Chancel Choir

#### November 16

10:00a Thursday Bible Study

12:00p WEOs

1:30p Grief Group

7:30p CFAA Night of Culture

#### November 17

*Newsletter Articles Due*

6:00p Family Paint Night

#### November 19

12:15p Care Shepherds

7:00p Community Thanksgiving Service  
at Unity Christian

#### November 20

6:00p Charge Conference

#### November 21

6:30p Disciple Bible Study

#### November 23-24

*Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving*

# Central News

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## *From My Perspective*

A couple of weeks ago, I found myself very sick with a childhood disease, and it just so happened that I got sick at a time when Angela was out of town. It was just me and the dogs, and they didn't seem to be very sympathetic to the fact that I didn't feel well.

I had no appetite on Saturday or Sunday. Then Sunday evening, I began to crave something. Not ice cream, not prime rib, and not even cheesecake. The only food that sounded good to me was cornbread. Cornbread! I don't know why. I guess I was missing my Mom, and suddenly the idea of eating some of her cornbread sounded good to me. Mom's cornbread was unique. I could pick hers out of a lineup of cornbread. Since Mom's making cornbread in Heaven these days, I wasn't going to get that. I went to bed Sunday evening, feeling some hunger pangs, but nauseated enough not to want to eat anything.

Monday morning I received a text from someone in the Church. Would I like for her to bring dinner? Since I had successfully eaten a bowl of cheerios and kept them down, I was confident that I could now enjoy the soup she offered to bring me. Late afternoon, her husband delivered a delicious bowl of vegetable beef soup, along with something else wrapped in aluminum foil. The soup was delicious. The other item? It was cornbread. Cornbread! And it was amazing how much it tasted like Mom's. How could she have known?

Now, we could just chalk this up to coincidence. After all, how could this sweet lady know that I was craving cornbread? Call it what you will, but in the midst of a delicious meal, this hungry man saw the hand of God, extended by a person with kind hands. All I can do is be grateful. You'll never know what an act of kindness can do to someone else. We truly can be the Body of Christ in both great and small ways.

See you Sunday. What we do here matters.

## ***Save the Date - CUMC Celebration!***

Join us on **Sunday, December 3rd** as we commemorate the 50th Anniversary of our sanctuary, and the opening of our new Family Life Center building!

We'll join together for *one worship service at 10:30a* to celebrate God's goodness in the life of our congregation.

The Rev. Curt McKee will be our guest speaker that day, and Wytheville District Superintendent Rev. Kim Goddard will join us to consecrate our new building. The annual Family Christmas Luncheon and Children's Choir concert will follow. We hope to see you there!



# Upcoming Events

## Upcoming Meetings

If you serve on the following teams, please plan to attend these scheduled meetings:

*Administrative Board*, Sunday, November 12th at 6:00p

*Evangelism Team*, Monday, November 13th at 7:00p

## F5/U-Nite

Join us for our November F5 as we have fun with all things Neon! Now that daylight savings time has ended, the darkness starts earlier but that doesn't mean that our lights can't make the night brighter. Neon colors appear brighter because they reflect more light than regular colors. We are told in Matthew 5:16 to let our light shine for Jesus. How can we shine brightly like neon colors on a dark night? Everyone is invited to join at 5:30p for a fellowship dinner, followed by our monthly youth-led U-Nite service at 6:00p.

## CFAA Night of Culture

Stop by Central Fine Arts Academy on Thursday, November 16th at 7:30p to enjoy a gallery of art by our talented students while listening to the music of our students and staff. Please bring canned or non-perishable items for the CUMC Food Pantry.

## Family Paint Night

Join us for our third annual Advent themed Paint Night on Friday, November 17. Everyone is invited to this fun time of creativity and fellowship. Each family will work together to create a masterpiece! We will eat together before we begin painting. A \$10 donation per family is encouraged to help offset the cost of materials. Sign up today!

## Charge Conference

Charge Conference will be held here at Central on November 20th at 6:00p. Administrative Board members are voting participants. All are welcome to attend.

## UMM

All men of the church are invited Monday, November 20th at 7:00p for a potluck dinner. Jerry King will be guest speaker.

## WEOs

WEOs will meet Thursday, November 16th at 12:00p for a potluck lunch. Turkey and dressing will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. You can still bring items for OCC boxes or a donation of money for the postage.

## Gleaning

Gleaning at the Riner turnip patch continues Saturday mornings 9-11:30 until Thanksgiving. Please let Martha Kincaid know (639-6231) if you are planning on going so we can work out carpools. There will also be a special gleaning time on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 23rd., for those wishing to participate in a special morning of service.

## OCC Trip

Would you like to travel with the team to the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Charlotte on Friday, December 1st? Our shift that day is 1:00-6:00. We will pack the shoeboxes on the bus around 10:00 and will return to Radford around 9:30PM. Notify Marcy Harless or Martha Kincaid ASAP if you want to participate.

## OPERATING BUDGET

	10/22/17	10/29/17	11/5/17
Needed YTD	\$424,675	\$434,556	\$444,436
Received YTD	\$374,837	\$381,927	\$395,105
Building Fund	\$255	\$1,271	\$1,515
Designated Gifts	\$200	\$199	\$130
Received Sunday	\$3,441	\$7,090	\$13,178

ATTENDANCE	10/22/17	10/29/17	11/5/17
Morning Worship	80	85	102
Sunday School	97	113	115
Traditional Worship	102	123	120

<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>222</b>
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## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### Nursery, Sunday November 12

Darrell/Janie Fisher

Amy Shrewsbury

### Nursery, Sunday November 19

Martha/Scott Kincaid

Kari Fender

### Meet and Greet, Sunday November 12

Pathfinders

### Meet and Greet, Sunday November 19

Youth

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Taylor Family

Roger Hill

Chuck Lidgard

Lyman Jones Family

Joanne Lineburg

Dot Sowers

April Salvant

Pat Yanhko

Johnny Crews

van Kamp

Phyllis & Don

Simpson

Graham & Jennie

Simmerman

Karen Wayt

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Logan Haynes - Poland

Ryan Haynes - Florida

Kerry Keys - South Korea

Elizabeth Venegas - North Carolina

# Giving Thanks

We can't thank you loud enough for the beautiful memorial service for my mother, Doris Willard, this past Sunday. Everyone was so caring and helpful, from the beginning to the end. This is the best example I've seen how God's people show love and our Lord must be so very pleased with Central United Church. You're blessed to have such a wonderful Staff and Pastor. Many thanks for the reception and the delicious food.

God Bless you and Many thanks from the Willard Family.

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The Radford High School Football Coaches and Team would like Central and the Kitchen Angels for providing a pre-game meal this season. The spaghetti, salad, and bread dinner was a hit and greatly appreciated. Thanks for donating your time, money, and energy to feeding our team prior to a home game. We appreciate your support.

-Coach Matthew Saunders

# Notable Notes

## Community Thanksgiving Service

The Radford Ministerial Association will host a Community Thanksgiving service at Unity Christian Church on Sunday, November 19th at 6:00p. Central's Youth Band, *Crossfire*, will lead worship.

## Operation Christmas Child

HAVE YOU PACKED YOUR SHOEBOX YET?! Just a reminder that the Samaritan Purse shoe boxes are due Sunday, Nov 26th. **What to pack in a shoebox:** A "wow" toy (a quality toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal). Then fill the box with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Next, pray for the child who will receive the gift, and will participate in the evangelism programs that go with distribution. Add \$9 to cover shipping and project costs. NOTE: there are some new regulations for this year-no toothpaste or candy. Visit [samaritanpurse.org/occ](http://samaritanpurse.org/occ) for more info!

## 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.