



SEE YOU ON THE TRAIL

In the days following my graduation from Wabash College, I prepared for (or so I thought I did) my summer position with US Forest Service as a Volunteer Trail Crew member in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness just north of Yellowstone National Park. Being a recent graduate and full of independence, I asked my mom to take me and my stockpile of saved gift cards to the giant Bass Pro Shop nearby.

After filling the cart with everything I needed, we paused for lunch at the in-store restaurant. I dreamed of clinging to cliff faces, reeling in giant trout, and maybe beating back a bear attack. Then reality struck in the form of a budget. I retraced the steps through the store to put back what I could not afford. Sigh. With the now diminished new supply I returned home to scavenge hand-me-downs from family members throughout the years. I found what I needed. I would depart for Montana with the confidence of Bear Grylls.

Every bit of the early journey lived up to the hype. Massive thunderstorms on the way out nearly blew my car off the road. Towering mountains welcomed my approach. However, after only one day trip on the trail, I realized how little prepared I was. I knew of altitude issues and increased calorie demands related to hiking, but I found myself needing to ask others around me for provisions. In fact, I found most all of my provisions to be inadequate for the journey

ahead. Despite having all the 'stuff,' I never prepared myself.

Only, I was not the first 'lowlander' to make this mistake. The crew of veterans were not just great guides for my summer adventure, they also provided for me along the way. They lent out better gear, offered their extra food, shared their experiences, and generally poured their collective wisdom into me and anyone else who desired to join them on the trail. By the end of the summer, their leadership, companionship, and relationship allowed me to gain the confidence to lead groups on my own.

This memory comes to mind as we continue our journey together here at Central. We all have different experiences and 'gear' to equip us for yet unknown paths ahead, but I have discovered something better in our midst. I want you to know God has assembled a crew here at Central which has been down such paths before. We may not have formally gathered or could even name ourselves as such leaders, but as I have begun sitting with this congregation, the stories I hear are dripping with the wisdom of a life lived after Christ so many crave.

What lies beyond the next bend in the trail, I cannot say. What I do know is that God has already equipped us with all we need to get there from here. Yes, God will send us companions for our journey as we invite others to join us. Yes, we will seek out interesting books and topical experts for future conversations. But for right now, we only need to ask ourselves if we will journey wherever Jesus leads, whatever the cost. If we continue to take that next step, we will see what many have already known. Central has many willing to walk alongside you, me, and whoever else desires to follow Christ. It is good to know we are not alone.

This journey together may come to look like a study, small group, coffee, bowling league, road trip, or dinner party. Whatever form the party takes, may we all find ourselves closer to Christ. I am excited to see what paths God will open for us as we reach the next trailhead.

In Christ,


TRIBE NEWS

"For where two or three gather in my name, I will be with them" - Matthew 18:20

We finished up our series on "You can't take it with you!" The youth really enjoyed hearing stories from different adults on ways they learned this lesson. Thanks to all those adults that came and shared. We continue to desire for the youth to hear from adults other than just Sheri or Amanda. The more connections they make with members of their respective churches, the more likely they are to attend worship regularly, stay in church once they go to college, and make lasting faith transformation. Contact Sheri if you are interested in sharing your story! Our next series is, "What do you leave in your wake?" The waves leave a lasting impression on the shoreline....Do people feel joy and encouragement after you leave a room? What kind of legacy are you leaving behind?

September 22

September 29

NO TRIBE OCTOBER 6

October 13

NO YOUTH OCTOBER 20

Central's Community Fall Festival-October 27

(All of TRIBE is welcome to serve but may also choose to wait and serve at their church's festival)

FALL BREAK EVENTS

Not traveling this Fall Break? Then join us for two days of just "hangin' out"!

(PARENTS-WE NEED YOU)

Richmond/Northeastern

Tuesday, October 15

Hiking Scavenger Hunt and Ice Cream

Thursday, October 17

Paint the Towne and S'mores at the Koyles'

Centerville

Watch the TRIBE emails and FB for more details

(Sheri will be on a local mission trip with some adults-checking out a possible location for our trip-so parents are working on coordinating events for Cville—if you are interested in helping out, let Sheri know)

HIGH SCHOOL EVENT

KINGS ISLAND

Sunday, October 6th

Meet at 9am in the Tim Horton's parking lot

We will leave KI at 7 and return home by 9pm
(Elearning for RHS but school for Cville)

MYSTERY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, December 7th

2 SHOWS! (5p and 7:30p)

This year's show will require no memorization and less prep time, so watch for "audition" times

\$10 ticket includes the show, chili and cornbread, and a brownie all made by TRIBE families

Patrons will be able to vote with coins for the best chili!



Mission Moment

UMCOR has been providing relief after Hurricane Dorian in a variety of ways. They awarded a solidarity grant to Bahamas Methodist Habitat for immediate, emergency short-term funding to address basic human needs. The relief agency also expects to partner with the UMC in the Caribbean and the Americas. At this stage, donations to UMCOR are the best way for us to respond. Placements for volunteer teams will come later. To make a donation, you can designate an offering by putting "Advance #982450" on the memo line of your check, or by designating on your envelope. You can also go to this website: <https://advance.umcor.org/p-641-umcor-international-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx> To give toward continued efforts in regions along the East Coast, write "Advance #901670" or visit: <https://advance.umcor.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx> You can also attend an UMCOR Disaster Response Training Day on October 5th. See a pastor for more info, or Krissi Hughes, our new Missions Chair! We encourage you to be in a spirit of prayer for all those impacted by this Hurricane and other weather disasters around the world. As United Methodists, we are called to pray for those who are lost, wounded, and in need of shelter and food, as well as the first responders who continually put themselves in harm's way to ensure the rescue and welfare of those in need.



Music Ministry Updates at Central United Methodist Church

From Madeleine Demetriades, Minister of Music

- Choir Room: Over the summer, Gregory Scott and I painted the main curved wall, and it looks great! The top part is light blue, and the bottom is white. A chair rail was also installed to keep the wall safe from scratches.
- Database Project: Barb Harper and I have been working hard on entering data into the music library digital database. We are about 85% done entering the choral music and will soon work on the bell music.
- Boys and Girls Club Bell Choir: Dr. Alisa Clapp-Itnyre has started an exciting new children's bell choir ministry with the Boys and Girls Club! They will meet Wednesdays at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall, and are working towards the goal of performing in Central's upcoming Christmas program Sounds of the Season!

Upcoming Music in Worship:

- 10/6: Chancel Choir & organ/piano duets
Frederick Chatfield & Madeleine Demetriades
- 10/13: God's Way Praise Band
- 10/20: Chancel Choir
- 10/27: Chancel Choir and Wesley Ringers Bell Choir
Date TBD- Joysingers Preschool Choir

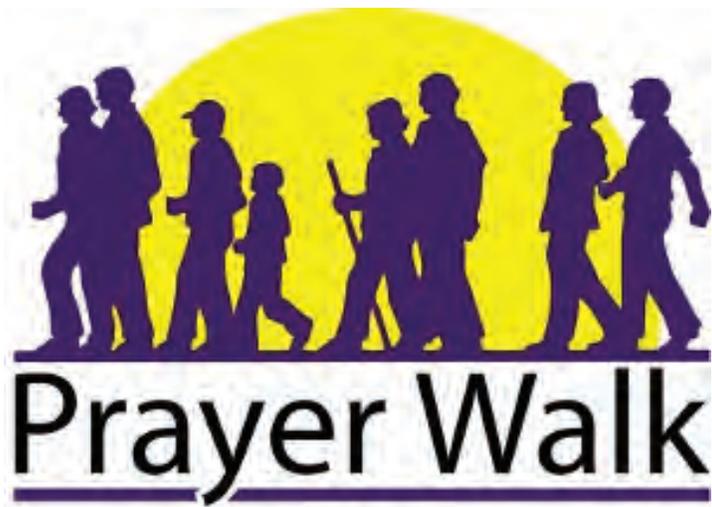
Upcoming Music Events:

Sunday, Dec 8 @ 6pm:
Sounds of the Season Christmas Program
Mark your calendars! Central is having it's first annual Sounds of the Season Christmas Program. We still need acts! It could be an instrumental or vocal solo or duet, skit or dramatic reading. If you would like to sign up, please email Madeleine at: madeleine@richmondcumc.com.



Alisa Clapp-Itnyre is celebrating her 20th year of her "Story Hour" at Central's Boys & Girls Club this fall.

Moving here to teach children's literature at IU East, she was looking for a place for her students to actually share literature with children, and Central had just added the Boys and Girls Club to their new building wing in 1999. So she started "Story Hour" at Central and had her students come to staff this weekly book-reading with the kids: they read and discuss 2-3 picture books to a crowd of 15-20 kids every week (see Electa Berk, one of her graduate students in 2018!). Alisa comes and reads to the kids the semesters she is not teaching the class so that "Story Hour" can run Sept-May. She figures that approximately 240 college students and she have read to approximately 8,000 kids over the years! She even had some of her former "Story Hour" kids as college students at IU East! Her goal is to introduce literature and the arts to kids to widen their world. Special projects have included taking a group to hear Peter and the Wolf for a Richmond Symphony Orchestra concert in 2007 (see pictured), including kids in her production of Treasure Island at Richmond Civic Theatre in 2017, and adding them to her biannual Children's Victorian-Song Camp in 2019 which performed in Indianapolis this June! (see picture). She served on the Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors from 2010-14 and received their Volunteer of the Year Award in 2011. She is excited for the next phase: a Boys & Girls Club Bell Choir to perform at the church and around the community! And she is glad to join inspirational figures like Carla Stidham and Kathy Robinson, among many Central members, who have done such important work with the Boys & Girls Club at Central and in our community for many years!



Prayer Walk

Prayer connects us daily to a loving God moving in our midst. In his 3 rules for Methodists, John Wesley calls us to both private and public prayer. On October 7th at noon, we will have a prayer walk through our neighborhood. We will divide into small groups at the entrance of the church and proceed in different directions. Along the way, we will pause to pick up trash and renew our streets and sidewalks. Please contact Pastor Joseph with any questions.



Discipleship Conversation

From the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 to our current mission statement, to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, we have been wrestling with how we can best follow Jesus. On October 6th, we will be having a conversation on discipleship here at Central from 11:30 - 12:50 in the basement's Fellowship Hall, following the Sunday morning worship service. The pastors will be sharing some thoughts and questions, offering a brief history of discipleship, and seeking stories about Central's disciple making. We would love for anyone who is looking for discipleship opportunities, curious about following Jesus, wanting to lead a group, has a story to share, or just cares about Central to come and join the conversation. Childcare and lunch will be provided.



Spice Up Their Lives!

I will again be collecting spices for the Christmas bags for the women of Indiana Women's Prison. I usually collect 750 bottles of spices. However, a generous donor has offered to give the money to pay for 500 bottles. We had a few bottles left over from last year, so we just need to collect 200 more bottles. There will be a box in the church office to collect your donation or see Ann Cashner. SPICES THE WOMEN LIKE THE BEST are: cinnamon, garlic powder, onion powder or minced onion, Italian seasoning, cajun seasoning, chili powder, and Mexican spices. (Please NO parsley or paprika or sage.) All bottles must be PLASTIC---NO GLASS CONTAINERS. Thank you so much!

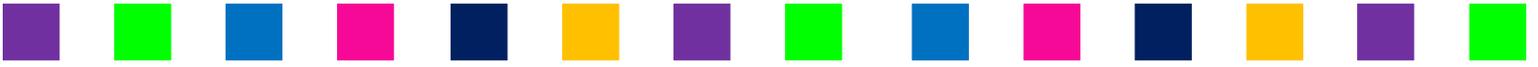
Genesis

Support Genesis by having an evening of fun, music, and a silent auction. The Evening of Hope- Face the Music will be held Friday, October 11, from 6:30-10:00pm at New Boswell in the Depot District. Your \$50 donation to Genesis will get you a plate full of delicious hors d'oeuvres and an evening of great musical entertainment featuring "Gracie and Scott" and other musical groups. Don't forget to bring your check book for the silent auction. See Ann Cashner or Gayla Parker for tickets.

A Short Term Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement

is planned for Oct. 20-25. Henderson is only about 4 1/2 hours away but provides a good hands-on mission experience for both adults and teens (and families!) We will team up with the Plainfield UMC for a week of construction, working in the thrift shop, working in the green house, quilting, or office work. Accommodations are very nice and evenings are filled with fellowship, worship, and music. The cost is around \$260 per person which includes room and meals. Henderson serves Appalachia in Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee Contact Ann or Randy Cashner if you or your family are interested.

Central Preschool News



THANK YOU!

"Thank you" just doesn't seem enough, even in size 40 font. I have greatly appreciated all the prayers and support in becoming the lead preschool teacher. There was a lot of work put into the classroom before the kids stepped foot inside, a big thanks to my helpers with that.



Thank you to those who have helped with projects big and little to make the room awesome. Thank you to those who have donated items and funds to purchase things (like for the Calming Ocean Sensory Area). And thank you to those who have already volunteered in the classroom. Simply put, THANK YOU!!!



~ Nicole Andreas ~

Pictures from TOP: Sand table now doubles as play table thanks to lid built by Larry Parker. Carol Bucher & Donna Jurgens keep an eye on scissors and glue sticks during Initial Collage project. The Calming Ocean is always an option and very popular.



Practice makes Progress

Preschool is going well! We're about a month in and most kids know the first things to be done in the morning (backpack and lunch box in cubby, then sign-in and choice time). They also know what it means when I ring the bell (time to clean-up for next activity). We can even stay in a line while walking down the hall and up/downstairs!! This may not seem like a big deal, but that's following directions, patience, coordination, self-regulation, and sequence.



We
LOVE
playing
outside!

If you're interested in volunteering with the Preschoolers, please contact Nicole (nicosix@gmail.com ; 937-564-0103). You'll need to fill out a background check for the church if you haven't already.

We could use help on Mondays and Wednesdays (9.30am-12.30pm) and also special events/projects.





Creative Hands

Creative Hands will meet on October 10th and 24th from 9am thru lunch. Come join us for crafts, laughs, and fellowship. We are also getting ready for more pop-ups! If you have any questions or creative ideas, contact Shanron Rider.

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle will meet at 10:00am in the Parlor on Thursday, October 17th. Please join us.

Pecans

UMW is selling fresh pecans from Georgia! We are selling one pound bags of pecan halves and one pound bags of pecan pieces. They will be \$12 per pound. Give your order to Martha Hayes or Shanron Rider or use the tear sheet (for the offering plate or the church office). The pecans arrive mid November and we will have them at church the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 24th).

TEAR OFF -----
_____ would like
to order _____ pound bags of pecan
halves and /or _____ pound bags
of pecan pieces.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to place an order for Sunday altar flowers, please call the office at 765-962-8543 or email Christin at christin@richmondcumc.com. Each order costs \$25 and is billed through Jack Daggy Flowers. We are looking to fill some spots through the rest of the year.



**FAMILY FALL
FESTIVAL**

October 27th, 5pm - 7pm

Food, Games, Trunk or Treat!
(Trunk or Treat from 5pm - 6pm indoors)

Central UMC
1425 E. Main St.

We are looking for many volunteers to help pass out candy to our visiting neighborhood kids and their families! You are not required to dress up but we encourage you to have fun! We are also looking for a few volunteers to help cook hotdogs, serve food, and greet our guests as they come and accepting donations of candy to pass out to our visitors. These donations can be dropped off in the office workroom during our normal business hours. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions please call the office at 765-962-8543 or email Christin at christin@richmondcumc.com



October Calendar

10/1	Jesus Creed Study	6:30pm
10/2	Wisdom Study	10:00am
10/2	Men's Prayer Group	12:00pm
10/2	Wesley Ringers	5:30pm
10/2	Chancel Choir	6:30pm
10/3	Joy Singers	4:00pm
10/6	Discipleship Luncheon	11:30am
10/7	Women's Prayer	12:00pm
10/7	Parlor Conversations	1:30pm
10/8	Jesus Creed Study	6:00pm
10/9	Wisdom Study	10:00am
10/9	Lunch Bunch	11:30am
10/9	Wesley Ringers	5:30pm
10/9	Chancel Choir	6:30pm
10/10	Creative Hands	9:00am
10/10	Soup Kitchen	9:00am
10/10	Joy Singers	4:00pm
10/13	God's Way	4:00pm
10/14	Monday Morning Connection	9:00am
10/14	Women's Prayer Group	12:00pm
10/14	Medical Monday	1:00pm
10/15	Bread Basket	4:30pm
10/15	Trustees Meeting	6:30pm
10/16	Meet Ad Council	11:30am
10/16	Men's Prayer Group	12:00pm
10/16	Wesley Ringers	5:30pm
10/16	Chancel Choir	6:30pm
10/17	Friendship Circle	10:00am
10/20	God's Way	4:00pm
10/21	Women's Prayer	12:00pm
10/21	Parlor Conversations	1:30pm
10/22	Jesus Creed Study	6:00pm
10/23	Wisdom Study	10:00am
10/23	Men's Prayer Group	12:00pm
10/23	Garden ReConnect	3:30pm
10/23	Wesley Ringers	5:30pm
10/23	Chancel Choir	6:30pm
10/24	Creative Hands	9:00am
10/24	Joy Singers	4:00pm
10/24	Ad Council	6:30pm
10/27	Family Fall Festival	5:00pm
10/28	Women's Prayer Group	12:00pm
10/28	Parlor Conversations	1:30pm
10/29	Jesus Creed Study	6:00pm
10/30	Lamplighter Assembly	10:00am
10/30	Wisdom Study	10:00am
10/30	Wesley Ringers	5:30pm
10/30	Chancel Choir	6:30pm
10/31	Joy Singers	4:00pm



Acolytes

- 10/6 Courtnet Seger and Sheri Koyles
- 10/13 Clint and Stacey Bolser
- 10/20 Irene Ellis and Mary Alice Bolser
- 10/27 Sean, Nicole, and Zeke Andreas

Sunday Ushers

- 10/6 Rick Eyer, Phil Scott, Jackie Scott, Roger Clark, Beryl Wesler
- 10/13 Lowell Robinson, Sam Willman, Jim Puckett, Jamie Puckett, Dylan Puckett
- 10/20 Lowell Robinson, Sam Willman, Jim Puckett, Jamie Puckett, Dylan Puckett
- 10/27 Electa Berk, Larry Parker, Linda Witter, Jim Robinson, Lester Robinson

Sunday Scripture Readers

- 10/6 Eileen Cravens
- 10/13 Sally Sayre
- 10/20 Kathy Eyer
- 10/27 Dana Reihman

August Altar Guild

Carol Bucher

Sunday Greeters

TBD