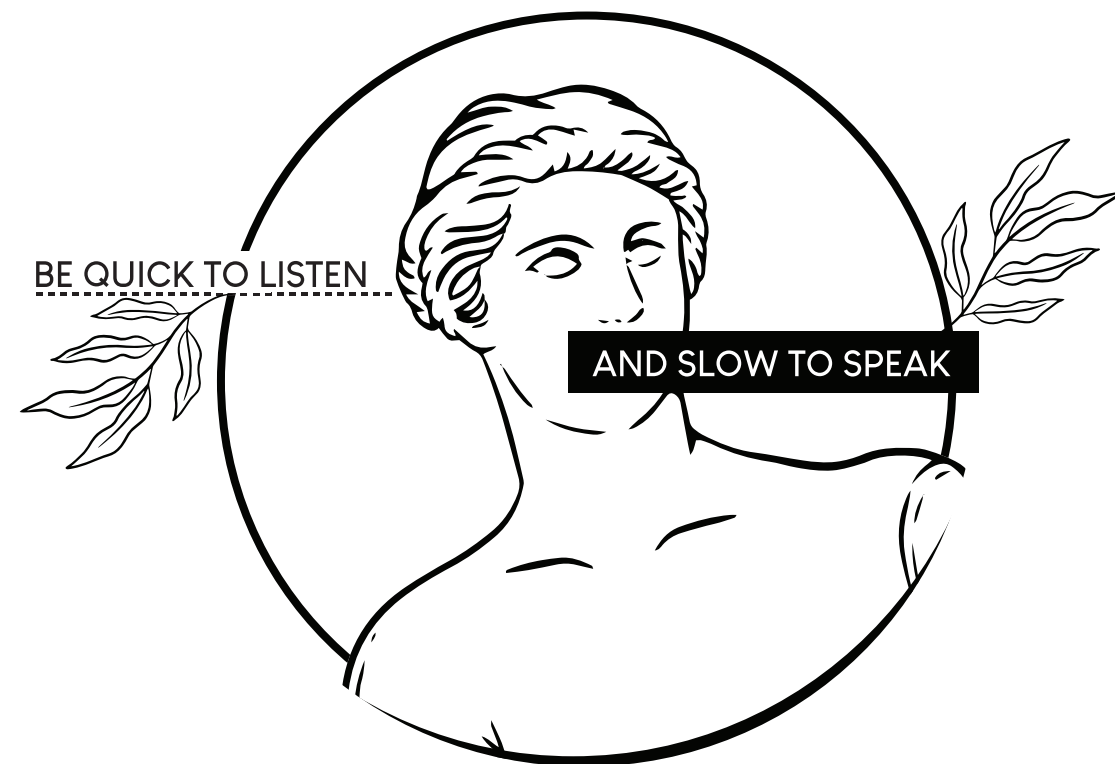


# CENTRAL SERVANT LEADERSHIP

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Phil Carder | Associate Pastor  
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## Welcome to Central!

You are an image bearer of our God and make our worship more complete with your presence here today. Thank you for answering this morning's nudge to come and gather in a place where Jesus is Lord. Children's Grace Spaces are available throughout the sanctuary for our energetic, creative and littlest. Hearing assist devices can be found in the narthex just outside of the sanctuary doors. If you happen to take a photo or video of something special happening in worship or throughout the week, feel free to tag us on Facebook. First time guests are welcome to fill out the welcome card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate as you depart. We look forward to connecting soon. We are more than a Sunday gathering – we are a people journeying after Jesus together and transforming our community. Please grab a gift at the Welcome Center to guide you on the way this week. Thank you for your presence in giving our God glory.



**Welcome to Worship**  
May 15th, 2022 · 10:00am  
Central United Methodist Church  
Richmond, IN

# CUMC WORSHIP SERVICE

## GATHERING

Prelude Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem – arr. James Biery

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

One: Consider it pure joy my brothers and sisters when we  
face trials of many kinds.

**Many: The testing of our faith develops perseverance.**

One And perseverance must finish its work.

**Many: Lord, grant us wisdom and maturity as we follow you.**

Together: We love you God. Amen.

\*Pass the Shalom

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

\*Hymn The Day of Resurrection Red 303

Wisdom Reflection

Scripture James 1:19-27 Sally Sayre

Prayer

\*Hymn Our Parent, by Whose Name Red 447

Sermon Pure and undefiled Pastor Joseph

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory Make My Life an Alleluia – Ruth Schram

\*Doxology Red 95

\*Hymn In Christ Alone Green 3105

Benediction Pastor Joseph

Postlude The Strife is O'er, the Battle Won – arr. Brian Solomons

**\* Please stand as you are able**

**Organist: Madeleine Demetriades**

# INSPIRATION FROM WORSHIP

*Gracious and Holy Father,  
give us the wisdom to discover You,  
the intelligence to understand You,  
the diligence to seek after You,  
the patience to wait for You,  
eyes to behold You,  
a heart to meditate upon You,  
and a life to proclaim You,  
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.  
-Benedict of Nursia*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday, May 15th

9:00am: Sunday School  
10:00am: Worship  
5:00pm: TRIBE  
5:15pm: Bible & Sex Seminar

## Monday, May 16th

7:30am: Childcare  
9:00am: Monday Morning Connection  
12:00pm: Women's Prayer Group  
1:30pm: Fireside Conversations  
6:45pm: Brianna's Hope

## Tuesday, May 17th

7:30am: Childcare  
1:00pm: Benevolence Team

## Wednesday, May 18th

7:30am: Childcare  
10:00am: Wisdom Study  
11:30am: Lunch Bunch  
12:00pm: Men's Prayer  
5:30pm: Wesley Ringers  
6:30pm: Chancel Choir

## Thursday, May 19th

7:30am: Childcare  
10:00am: Friendship Circle  
4:00pm: Joy Singers

## Friday, May 20th

## Saturday, May 21st

## Sunday, May 22nd

9:00am: Sunday School  
10:00am: Worship  
5:00pm: TRIBE  
5:15pm: Bible & Sex Seminar

# REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Arbor Trace:** Marion Bentlage, John Ingermann, Phyllis Bennett, Ann White  
**Friends Fellowship:** Miriam McComb, Mary Jim Hunt, Web Hall  
**Brookdale:** Ruby Clevenger, Candice Boa Morguson  
**Legacy at Prairie Lakes:** Wanda Puckett  
**Village Green - Greenville:** Kay Hess

& Everyone who is at home and unable to attend

Prayers from today:

# CENTRAL INFORMATION

## OUR VISION

Connect, Grow, and Serve at Central, because Jesus is Central.

## OUR MISSION

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

## OUR HOPE

Jesus. Always. Eternal Life. God's Kingdom. Connection. Wisdom. And us serving Him daily. If you are interested in continuing your journey, sharing your gifts and time, or engaging the community through Central, please contact us and we will get you connected.

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# EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

## VBS Planning Meeting

We are exploring options for hosting a small-scale VBS later this summer. If you have interest in joining this planning team, they will meet briefly Sunday, May 15th, after worship in the Fellowship Hall. You may also reach out to Pastor Phil with any questions.

## Wisdom

In the Month of May, Central will be reading together through some of the Bible's Wisdom literature. The Bible does more than tell us about Israel and Jesus – it forms our character. It forms our souls. A bookmark guiding our readings has been made available. You can pick one up in the narthex or church office. We will be reflecting on the readings during worship and at the Wednesday 10am Wisdom Study @ Central. Let us follow Paul's teaching in this season, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

## Bible, Sex, Culture, and the UMC

The General Conference postponement until 2024 has brought forward many questions about what's next for our church and denomination. Join us Sunday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 5:15–6:45 on May 15 and May 22 for teaching sessions and conversation on some of these questions: How do we view the Bible? What does the Bible say about sex? What are our cultural influences? How do we serve the LGBTQIA+ community? and What does all this have to do with the UMC? Please keep our denomination in your prayers as we continue to live out our faith in Jesus together here in Richmond and beyond.

## Office Support Team

Do you know how to use a phone? then you are perfect for the Office Support Team! Occasionally our Office Manager, Christin, needs to be away from the office. During these times we would like to have a team we can call on the help cover the phones and greet people as they come in. don't worry, we will train you on everything! This will be an "on-call" type team and you may be asked to help with small projects as well. If you are interested you may call the office at 765-962-8543 or email Christin at christin@richmondcumc.com.

# EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

## Take Me Out to the Ballgame...

Central is sponsoring a baseball team at our local recreation league, Richmond Evening Optimist or REO. Almost every week night from May – June hundreds of people from all over the county gather at our local baseball/softball/volleyball complex at NW 13th and Peacock. Please keep the young families of our community in prayer as they find opportunities for such public activities to raise up our next generation. Central has kids playing many of the nights on various fields. Central's sponsored team will be playing at 6pm on May 20th, & June 3rd. Come on out and support the team or just get to know some neighbors over a hot dog and bag of popcorn. Play ball!

## Henderson Settlement Mission Trip

Our all-church mission trip to Henderson Settlement is set for the week of July 10th and plans are coming together! If you are interested in coming, we need commitments soon. If you have questions, please see Krissi Hughes.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

There were thirty-nine people who kept their appointments at the blood drive held at Central United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 5th. When all was said and done, thirty-six units of blood were collected. A BIG thanks to those who donated. The need for blood is always great.

## Honoring Ted Halsted

Missionary, minister, musician, camp counselor, punster and friend. That's just a part of Ted Halstead. Join the Koinonia Class on Sunday, May 29th from 9am – 9:45am in the Parlor to honor Ted's 70-plus years of dedication and service to Methodism and humanity and help us recognize his 95th birthday.

## Graduation Sunday

The end of the school year is quickly approaching, and we would like to celebrate our church's graduates. If someone in your immediate family is graduating from high school, college, or grad school, please contact Pastor Phil so we can honor their achievement on June 5th!