



OCTOBER

Lamplighter



CELEBRATION

Queen Elizabeth's death has brought much attention, concern, and grief around the world. Many here in America have been captivated by the mourning period, awed by the traditions, and are anticipating the coronation of King Charles III. It has also brought celebration - of a life lived fully, of the monarchy, of the British way of life. Still, the details surrounding these events feel odd to the average American - movement of titles, royal duties, transfer of royal wealth - and we understand we are outside admirers.

One cannot truly celebrate that which is not believed in - or at least that which does not bring some measure of shared belief. We can grieve with our fellow humanity as fellow image-bearers. We can be glad others are finding reason to celebrate. We cannot join in the celebration unless we find ourselves owning the cause. Our own celebrations run deeper. What we celebrate defines our culture. What we celebrate gives us meaning.

Here at Central we weekly celebrate our Lord's resurrection and the privilege of having community which lives in light of this joy. In the Bible, we are given a revelation of a future joy of celebrating our Lord's work with Him:

Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

"Hallelujah!
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready. ~ Revelation 19:6-7

God has revealed to us his desire for us to all celebrate one with another the accomplished peace and eternal reign of Jesus. It has been foretold, will come, and is breaking out all around us every day. This is the euangelion, or good news, we have the privilege of celebrating together and yearning for in our everyday lives.

We have been given a language of praise for such celebration in the Psalms:



WHAT
DO YOU
CELEBRATE?

CELEBRATION

Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD!

May we celebrate the Lord and his mighty acts well this day and in the coming days.

October is a season of celebration. Harvest Festivals, Homecomings, and Fall Travels abound. Central will be celebrating the Bible and its truths with an amazing teacher in Dave Smith (reserve your spot soon). We continue to celebrate our Lord's resurrection every Sunday morning in our joint celebration of worship. We will be celebrating life together as we retreat for Family Camp October 7-9 at beautiful Camp Moneto. Creation will be enjoyed, memories will be made, and our God will be glorified.

May you and your household find many opportunities to celebrate this October.

Yours in Christ



CELEBRATORY INTRODUCTION



My name is Pastor Ashley Flores and I celebrate the opportunity to serve here at Central with mother, Carla Gillespie, my husband, Stephen, and my son, Gabriel. I graduated from the University Of Dayton School Of Law and am currently attending Bethany Theological Seminary to obtain my Master of Divinity degree. I have been blessed to be a part of God's ministry for over 20 years in various capacities, with many years being devoted to youth ministry. Though our children are our future, I also strongly value the wisdom of our elders, and thus have a passion for inter- and multi-generational ministry. I cannot wait to hear all of your stories!

I believe the family of God is strongest when everyone feels connected to and supported by the body as a whole, not just those who may most closely identify with our own experiences in life. At Central,

I hope to continue to foster open and honest lines of communication among the people in our congregation, as well as to reach out most effectively to those outside of our walls who need to hear the Good News of the gospel.

My family and I are enjoying this season of celebration and harvest and look forward to ministering and moving through life with you all!

About Me: I like to study various languages and cultures, and I love to learn new things. I enjoy all things movies, music, and NFL football, and am looking very much forward to the soccer World Cup this year.

Madeleine

**TURN AWAY FROM EVIL
AND DO WHAT IS GOOD;
SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.
-PSALM 34:14**

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY



Let us celebrate the generosity of our congregation! Several people have recently donated musical instruments: the Lindahl family donated a drum kit and African drum, Debbie Jenkins has donated a trumpet, saxophone, acoustic guitar and autoharp, Alexander Demetriades (Madeleine's husband) donated an electric guitar, and David Connolly (Madeleine's father) donated an electric bass. The youth group is very excited about the possibility of forming a praise band in the near future.

Also due to the generosity and kindness of our congregation, Central is blessed to have new hanging choir microphones and a piano microphone in the sanctuary. We also have a stage box near the center of the chancel area. The stage box will allow for greater flexibility in plugging in microphones and instruments. The sound on Sunday is going to be much improved due to these recent additions and upgrades.

Choirs resumed regular rehearsals in early September. The handbell ringers and adult and children choristers are eager for the season to get underway!

Next year will be Central United Methodist Church's 200 year Bicentennial. We will have a large-scale concert to celebrate our heritage. Further details TBA.

Upcoming dates:

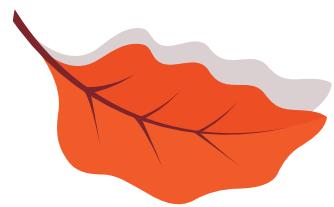
Sunday, 12/11 at 6pm: The Sounds of the Season Christmas Music Program

Madeleine Demetriades



TRIBE

Hello Central! TRIBE has been fervently engaging with God. Getting to know him through his names, his Word, and his revelations to us. They have learned how they can relate to him as the Creator, the Good Shepherd, the Potter, and YHWH. They have engaged deep theology and embraced God's call to get to know him by exercising their gifts; we have practiced pottery to learn about his grace and Legos to create things that reflect God's glory and asked questions to challenge each other's growth. Speaking of growth, our TRIBE members are growing into more responsibility by taking on roles and responsibilities to support the caring environment TRIBE offers.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

It is time to start looking at your calendar and getting registered for our next blood drive for the American Red Cross. As usual, the need for blood is critical and as usual, we have several time slots to fill. Although it is three months away, we need to start filling these slots. Go to redcrossblood.org and enter code CUMCRICH in the box that says find a blood drive. Appointment times available 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Drive will be held in the multipurpose room. Questions? Contact Dana Mollenkopf at papamole@comcast.net or at 765-277-0287.

TRUE^NORTH SEMINAR AT CENTRAL

Dr. Dave Smith was the professor of Bible at Indiana Wesleyan University for over 20 years. For the last several years, his great joy has been travelling around to churches to teach the laity how to read the Scriptures. Very often, we wait until Sunday morning for the Pastor to tell the people what the Lord has said. His desire is for everyone in the church to be able to read, interpret, and apply the Scriptures. On October 28-29 Dr. Smith will bring his True^North seminar to Central to teach all how to read the Word so that all may be discipled in the Word and feel confident that when we read the Bible we will know specifically what God is calling us to do. Reserve your spot by October 24th! For more information, please contact church office.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PERSONS WITH LOW VISION

Get to know others who are dealing with vision issues and find out about available resources. Support people are welcome! We will meet on the 1st Thursday of every month from 10:30am - 12:00pm in the church parlor. For more information, please call Toni Reinke at 765-969-6631



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CENTRAL CHILDCARE CELEBRATES!

Central Childcare is excited to announce that we have 2 teachers who have completed their CDA (Child Development Associate) coursework and are patiently awaiting their on-site observation to become officially certified! We celebrate the hard work and dedication that Ms Joshlyn and Ms Sandra have put in, not only to their courses, but to the children and our center every day. We are so blessed to have them working with us and sharing their talents and their passion for children.



WISDOM STUDY

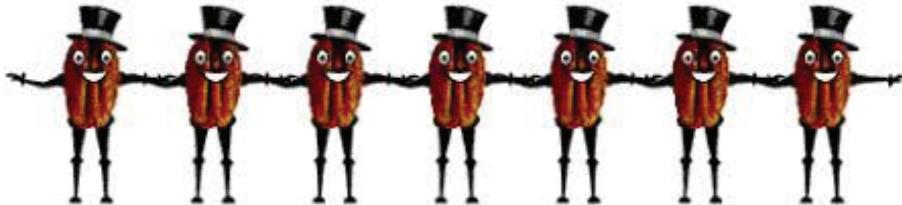
Much Wisdom has been gleaned as we have worked our way through the Hebrew Scriptures in this class. Much more lies ahead as we journey through the New Testament. Any who desire to wrestle with Scripture for insights from another angle are welcome to join us. We meet Wednesdays at 10am in the Parlor. You just need your Bible and an open heart - packets will be provided. Contact Pastor Joseph (joseph@richmondcumc.com) with interest and questions.

FIRESIDE CONVERSATION

Monday afternoons at 1:30pm in the church parlor we create space to share about our past week, ask questions about church and life, and open our Bibles to read what Jesus has commanded us to do. Come as you are able for each week brings new studies and conversations to light for us to Practice the Way of Jesus.

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 the first Monday of every month 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.



UWF (UMW) FALL POP-UP NOVEMBER 19TH

Yes, we will be having a Pop-up - November 19 th, 10am - 2pm, just in time for you to find your Secret Santa gift - your favorite hostess gift for family or friends for Thanksgiving or Christmas - something for you this holiday. We will have 1 pound bags of pecan halves or pecan pieces again this year for \$12 per bag. (They make great gifts!) Be sure to keep that date - November 19th!

CREATIVE HANDS

Creative Hands will meet October 13, October 27, and November 10! Join us from 9am thru lunch for fellowship, fun, and food!

CENTRAL IN THE SCHOOLS

Richmond Schools have experienced a shortage of teachers and paraprofessionals this year. This does not mean our children must feel the consequences. The church can stand in the gap with a ministry of presence. Whether this is making copies, watching a hallway, answer phones or whatever - we can begin to make a difference, now. Please prayerfully consider giving an hour a week to serve in one of our three neighborhood schools (Test, Vaille, Starr). Background check forms and sign-up can be found in the church office.

LAMPLIGHTER DEVOTIONALS AND TESTIMONIES

We are asking for devotionals and testimonies from the congregation to be shared in a future Lamplighter. If you feel led to share, please submit yours to Christin at christin@richmondcumc.com

2023 ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to place an order for Sunday altar flowers in 2023, please call the office at 765-962-8543 or email Christin at christin@richmondcumc.com. Each order costs \$25 and is billed through Jack Daggi Flowers. There are plenty of open dates in 2023!

2023 SCRIPTURE READERS

Looking for a way to serve on Sundays? Be a scripture reader! We are planning the 2023 schedule and would love to have you on board. To sign up or to ask questions, please email Christin at christin@richmondcumc.com or call the church office at 765-962-8543. Have you read in the past and want to read again? Let Christin know so we can get you on the schedule for 2023!

TRICK OR TREAT IN THE PARK 2022

The 2021 Trick or Treat in the Park was such a success that Central has been asked to return in 2022. Our theme for this year's booth is "So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." We are in need of volunteers to help engage with, and pass out candy to our community on Saturday, October 29th from 5pm - 7pm. While we encourage you to dress up as your favorite candy, this is not a requirement to help! If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact the church office at 765-962-8543 or email Christin at christin@richmondcumc.com.

If you would like to help but are unable to attend on the 29th, we are also accepting candy donations. We are expecting close to 1,000 kids and community members to attend Trick or Treat in the Park and would love to have enough candy to pass out to everyone. Candy donations can be placed in the office during our normal operating hours of 9-12 and 1-5 Monday through Thursday and 9-1 on Fridays. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



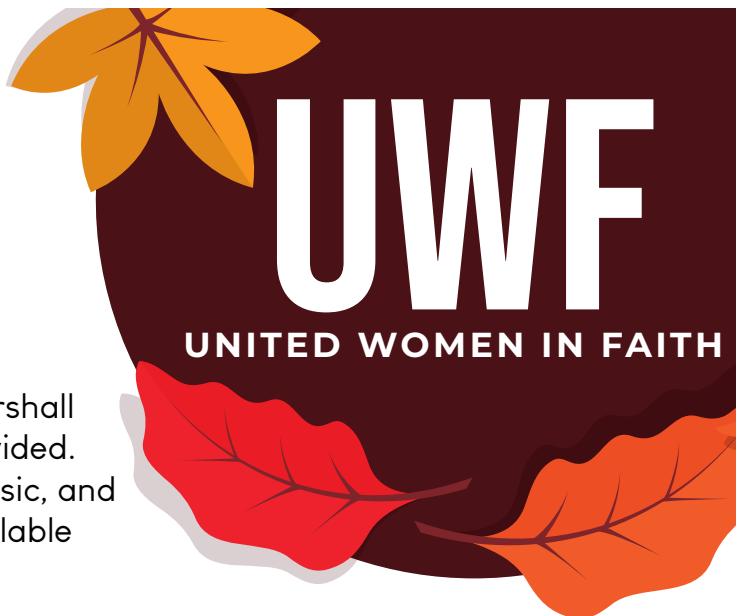
OCTOBER EVENTS FOR UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Fri-Sat, Oct 7-8, Conference Fall Celebration at St. Luke's in Indy

Thursday, Oct. 13, Unit Meeting featuring a speaker from A Better Way, formerly the Genesis Shelter.
Bring socks for women/children.

Saturday, Oct. 22, Spiritual Growth

Retreat—"Renewal—Luke 13" Featuring Rev. Judi Marshall as our retreat leader. Tickets-\$10. Lunch will be provided. Renew your spirit through discussions, activities, music, and prayer. All women are welcome. Tickets will be available Sunday, October 9 at church. Invite a friend or two!



CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

There remains many prayers, questions to be asked, Scripture passages to study, history to ponder, and conversations to be had as we come to a better understanding of the current issues surrounding the UMC. We may not know all the paths ahead, but we can have greater clarity on where we are now. Pastor Joseph is available to gather with you or your group to continue this conversation for greater understanding. To set up a time, please call the office at 765-962-8543 or email joseph@richmondcumc.com. We will journey through this all together.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

The Friendship Circle will meet on Thursday, October 20th at 10am. We will meet on the third Thursday of the month in the church parlor. We hope to see you there!

CENTRAL UMC



2023 marks 200 years of continued Methodist mission in Richmond, IN. Central will continue the work of its forbearers to be a community who worships God, loves people and spreads scriptural holiness throughout the land. Through such devotion and love, our work continues to build upon Christ, our cornerstone. Worship will be offered, missions will be supported, the congregation will celebrate together, the sick will be visited, new believers will be baptized, and God will be praised. There will be ample ways to Connect, Grow, and Serve at Central, but there is so much more...God continues in new creation.

Take time between now and Sunday October 23rd to prayerfully discern what the Holy Spirit is calling you and your family to give financially. Please pick up a pledge card in the office and bring it to the 10am service on the 23rd to offer it before our God. Together, we will ensure Jesus is central at Central. Together, we will make 2023 a year of love and blessing to those who gather, the community of Richmond, and beyond. Together, we will proclaim the hope in Jesus for another 200 years.

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					Sundays Sunday School 9am · Worship 10am TRIBE 5pm	
2	3 Prayer Walk 12pm	4	5	6 Low Vision 10:30Am Family Dinner 6pm	7	8 FAMILY CAMP
9 FAMILY CAMP Charge Conference 2pm	10 Mon. Morning Connect 9am	11	12	13 Creative Hands 9am UWF Meeting 1pm	14	15
16 Pizza with the Pastors After Worship	17	18	19 Lunch Bunch 11:30Am	20 Friendship Cir 10am Family Dinner Church 6pm	21	22 UWF Spiritual Retreat
23	24	25	26 Lamplighter Assembly 10am	27 Creative Hands 9am Ad Council 6:30pm	28 True North Study	29 True North Study Trick or Treat in the Park 5pm

Weekday Gatherings

Mondays

Women's Prayer 12:00pm
Fireside Conversation 1:30pm
Brianna's Hope 6:45pm

Wednesdays

Wisdom Study 10:00am
Men's Prayer 12:00pm
Wesley Ringers 5:30pm
Chancel Choir 6:30pm

Tuesdays

Benevolence Team 1:00pm

Thursdays

Joysingers 4:00pm

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