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Let's Connect!

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 12pm / 1pm - 5pm

Friday: 9am - 1pm

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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.



Welcome to Worship

May 5th, 2024 • 10:00am

Central United Methodist Church

Richmond, IN

Guests are invited to fill out the welcome card found in the pews



GATHERING

Prelude Bach/Busoni Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
(Awake, the Voice Commands)

Welcome Pastor Ashley Flores

Special Announcement General Conference Update

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord, who has shown us the wonders of his unfailing love;
and who, for the sake of his name, leads us and guides us.

**Many: In you, O Lord, we put our trust. You are our God, and our
lives are in your hands.**

**All: Lord, let the light of your face shine on us as we celebrate together
in your presence. Amen.**

Pass the Peace

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness Red 140

*Scripture Matthew 13:31-33 & Philippians 4:1-9 Kathy Eyer

Prayer
Sermon What Will Grow? Pastor Shannon Stringer

Communion This month's communion will go towards supporting
our Central Early Learning Center

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn My Hope is Built Red 368

Benediction
Postlude Schubert Impromptu in G Flat Major, Op. 90, No. 3, D 899

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Shiyu Wang

*Please stand as you are able



Sunday, May 5th

9:00am: Adult Sunday School
10:00am: Worship Service
5:00pm: Oasis Teen Group

Monday, May 6th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center
12:00pm: Women's Prayer Group
6:45pm: Brianna's Hope

Tuesday, May 7th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center

Wednesday, May 8th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center
12:00pm: Men's Prayer
4:15pm: Community Choristers
5:30pm: Wesley Ringers
6:30pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 9th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center
9:00am: Creative Hands
1:00pm: UWF Meeting
6:30pm: Rescheduled Ad Council

Friday, May 10th

7:30am: Central Early Learning Center
12:00pm: Wisdom Study

Saturday, May 11th**Sunday, May 12th**

9:00am: Adult Sunday School
10:00am: Worship & Children's Church
5:00pm: Oasis Teen Group

**Stay Connected!**

Sign-up for our weekly emails! Scan the QR code with your phone and stay up-to-date on everything happening at Central UMC.

**Living Water Children's Church Teachers**

May 5th & 12th: Ellen Hall & Leanne Backmeyer
May 19th & 26th: BJ Toms & Carol Robinson
June 2nd & 9th: BJ Toms & Carol Robinson

Arbor Trace: Marion Bentlage, Phyllis Bennett
Friends Fellowship: Miriam McComb
Legacy at Prairie Lakes: Wanda Puckett
Forest Park: Mary Lou Hess
& Everyone who is at home and unable to attend

Do you have a prayer request?

Let us know! There are prayer request cards in the pew in front of you. Fill it out and place it in the offering plate as you leave today or hand it to one of our Ushers. You may also share your prayer request with the congregation during the prayer time. If you would like your prayer request to be kept private, please email one of our pastors;

Doug Anderson - doug.anderson@inumc.org

Ashley Flores - ashley@richmondcumc.com

**Splash Kids Nursery**

Splash Kids is for ages 0 – preschool. This is available to everyone on Sundays from 9:00am – 11:00am. Our wonderful teachers are: Linda Bane, Abby Truitt, & Mary Smith. If you are visiting for the first time, an Usher would be happy to show you where to go.

Living Water Children's Church

Children's Church is for grades Preschool – 4th Grade. Children will be invited to the front for a children's message and then will be dismissed to their classroom. There, they will be learning the same message as the adults but at an age-appropriate level.

Oasis Teen Group

Oasis is our teen group meant for grades 5th – 12th. They meet every Sunday at 5:00pm here at Central. With Oasis, our teens are able to fellowship with other teens weekly, go on mission trips, and can participate in various community outreach events.



One small step for your kids... one giant leap for God's Kingdom!

Together with Centerville and First UMC, we are headed to Mars with Cokesbury's "To Mars and Beyond!" VBS from July 8th - 11th at First UMC. Our Kick-off party will be July 7th at 5pm. Cokesbury's To Mars and Beyond will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Beginning in your Assembly area-an outpost on Mars-they'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine! For more information, contact Stephen Flores

Creative Hands

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 9am in Fellowship Hall for food, fun, and fellowship!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Who loves a good story? I know I do, especially stories that involve memories of family, friends, fellowship, and FOOD. That is just what our next meeting will be about: stories about food! Sound like fun? Of course!! So here's what we need you to bring: A recipe that has a special place in your heart and the story that goes with it. That's it!! We will take a few minutes (there will be a time limit—sorry) for each person who comes to share their recipe and why it's special to them. So please go through your recipe book, box, or memory and join us at our next Unit Meeting on May 9, 1 p.m., in Fellowship Hall.

Amy McKee

P.S. If you want to bring copies of your recipe to share with others, you are certainly welcome to do that, but it is NOT REQUIRED!!

Central Early Learning Center - Preschool Summer Care!

Central ELC is now enrolling 4 and 5 year olds for our Summer Care program. The program runs from May 28th - August 2nd and costs \$100/week. This program is for those families in our community that have preschoolers currently enrolled in RCS or Centerville schools that need care throughout the summer while schools are not in session. For more information, contact Kathy George, Director, at 765-962-8543.



Warm Glow Candle Fundraiser Update

There has been a delay in the production of our order. Candles will now be available Sunday, May 12th after worship and throughout the week. We apologize for any inconvenience.

CENTRAL UMC PRESENTS THE 2024

Spring CONCERT

Sunday, May 19th • 2:00pm
Central United Methodist Church
1425 East Main Street • Richmond, IN

Central Chancel Choir • Wesley Ringers Handbell Choir
Community Choristers Children's Choir
and many other performances

See you there