

December Birthdays

1	Karen Meyer	25	Rhad Baker
2	Wyatt Metz	26	Pat Kelley
5	Conner Foote		Darrell Love
6	Nolan Sunderman		Tony Dunavant
	David Bell	27	Vicky Salmons
7	Bobbi Baysinger		Jim Avra
	Tammy Borage		Kay Fink
8	Teresa Keith	28	Joneta Dudley
	Melissa Comstock		Colleen VanNorman
9	Carol Cox	29	Erin Fouch
12	Jared Neal	30	Cassie Goosey
	Annie Jarrett		David Metz
13	Sandy Neal	31	Becky Rader
	Jordan Nigus		Megan Metz
15	Neal Steffens		
18	Tarah Lowrance		
19	Keith Hanson		
20	Jeff Davis		
	Richard Davis		
	Tyler Harris		
	Bethany Kingsley		
	Aven Goosey		
	Zach Holt		
21	Megan O'Donley		
24	Austin Herman		



Central Church News

...where, "we **Know** Christ, **Grow** in Christ, and **Make** Christ known."

December 2023

Hello everyone, and Merry Christmas!

It's crazy to think we are already approaching the Christmas season! Central Church has plenty to offer during this Christmas season. If you aren't aware of what is happening, continue to read this newsletter to learn all about our plans. I am so grateful for all the wonderful people and teams that make Christmas at Central Church special.

I am really excited about our sermon series this Christmas season. We are starting a series called "We three kings" and we will study the visit of the Magi and why it's so important for the framework of the gospel. If you listen to the popular Christmas Carol "We three kings" you know that each of the Magi bring a gift which represents Christ's purpose on earth. The Magi themselves are also important because they are gentiles who bow down to Christ as king. This is a symbol of much bigger things to come!

So we hope you will join us as we learn about the Magi this Christmas season. I hope you be part of Christmas at Central Church!

God Bless,
Pastor Nathan

Central Christian Church welcomes you!

Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30 am

Our telephone number is **573-642-3496**

Our email address is:
centralcc@socket.net (church office)

And you can find us on Facebook at
Central Church-Fulton

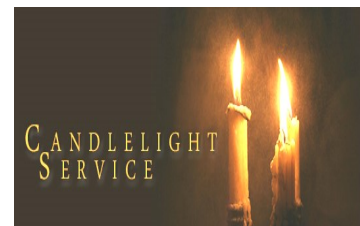


Pastor Nathan Martin's office hours are 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday through Friday

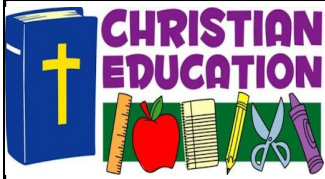
Thanks to Socket for partnering with us to provide the best communication services available.

On Sunday, December 10th our youth will lead worship as they bring the annual Christian Education Christmas program.

Candlelight Service



Our annual candlelight service will be on Sunday December 17th at 7:00 pm. It will be a traditional style service. So make sure you come out and join us to see all that we have in store!



Holiday Parade Float Helpers Needed!

Anyone who is interested in helping with the final touches of the Central Church Christmas float are invited to meet at Suds Up (formerly Brady's

Paint and Glass) at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, November 29th. The float will be part of the annual Christmas parade on Saturday, December 2nd. The overall theme is "A Very Sweet Christmas". If you are interested in helping, please contact Mona Steffens at 573-220-5612. We need **LOTS** of bags of candy to distribute during the parade that day, as well. Please bring your donation ASAP!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DECEMBER 10TH AS THAT IS THE DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS YOUTH PROGRAM TO BE HELD DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE THAT DAY.



(Since we are having the musical, there will **NOT** be a separate children's candlelight service offered this year)

Our **Sunday morning Bible study** will resume on **Sunday, Dec. 3 at 9:00 a.m.** We'll enjoy breakfast and begin our new series to prepare for advent called "**The Christmas Experience**". Please consider joining this group. We only want to know more about how to grow in our faith and support each other.



Youth Central (grades 6-12) will meet on **Wednesday, Dec. 13th from 6:00-7:30pm**. Baked potato bar is on the menu and we will share in a White Elephant gift exchange!

Junior Youth Central (grades 2-5) will meet on **Sunday, Dec. 3rd from 3:00-5:00pm**. We will **NOT** meet on Dec. 17th due to candlelight services.

Worship Events

Worship team has been busy planning for the upcoming Advent season. Special music from the Praise Band team and the choir, along with special readings and decorating have been in the works.

The Worship Team will order poinsettia's for the Advent season and place them in memoriam for loved ones. If you would like to purchase one in memory of a loved one, please contact Denise Kloeppel, Glenda Campbell or Kitty Cunningham. The cost of the flowers will be \$10 each.



The traditional Candlelight Service, a favorite at Central Church, will be held December 17th at 7:00 p.m. Please join us on this special evening as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

And down the road, the Worship Team will be promoting another Pack the Pews Sunday in January. Further information and date to be announced.

There will be an important meeting for the Property Team December 4th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.





Outreach Plans

Central Fellowship

Central Fellowship is meeting Tuesday, December 12th at 11:30 am at Ohana Pizzeria in Fulton. Join us for holiday fellowship and a great lunch. Central Fellowship will not meet in January or February, so take time to come and enjoy time together. We hope you will join us and bring a friend.

Outreach will be hosting a toy drive for Serve's Adopt a Family in December. Get to shopping for those toys and don't forget things for older kids too! More info to come soon so keep an eye on the bulletin and announcements at church.

Central Christian Church is once again participating in the Field of Joy at Fulton's Veterans Park. Our theme "Come All Ye Faithful" will represent our church in the display of trees from December 1st at 5:30 until January 1st. Take an enjoyable walk among the lighted trees at night or view the colors and decorations during the day. The Field of Joy is put on by Fulton Parks and Recreation in partnership with Callaway County Salvation Army.



Dear Central Church,
Now that we are in the middle of the Holiday Season I hope you are enjoying time with friends and family. As we approach the New Year, my hope is that we can reassess our spiritual growth and reaffirm our faith and dedication to Central Christian Church. Starting the week off worshipping God together is truly inspiring and uplifting. In the past year we have seen some increase in our numbers post Covid, however they still aren't as strong as they used to be. My hope is that we can continue growing into the strong church we are capable of being. I truly believe that there is strength in numbers and the congregation here is very special.

Sincerely,
Pat Kelley, Board Chair

During **Children's Church** for the remainder of November and the first Sunday in December, youth will be working on a Christmas musical featuring youth of all ages. They will perform the play "*The King's Birthday*" during regular worship services on **Sunday, December 10th**.



During regular worship on **Sunday, December 17th, Children's Church** will include a gingerbread nativity activity! On **Sunday, Dec. 24th, Children's Church** will celebrate a birthday party for Jesus. Mark your calendars to attend!

As many folks will be using the Fellowship Hall and kitchen facilities this holiday season, please remember to empty all kitchen trash and wash any dishes. We don't want any unwanted critters to take up residence.

The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, December 3rd immediately following the morning service. Team Leaders and Officers need to have their reports emailed to the church by November 30th.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

December 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

November 26 Hanging of the Greens	27 Men's Group 7:00 pm GRACE 7:00 pm	28 Men's Group 7:00 pm GRACE 7:00 pm	29 Praise Band 5:30 pm Youth Central 6:00 pm	30	1 Field of Joy begins in Veteran's Park	2 Christmas Parade (Central sponsors a float)
3 Semi-Annual Congregational Junior Youth Central 3:00 pm	4 Property Team Meeting 6:30 pm	5 Men's Group 7:00 pm GRACE 7:00 pm	6 Praise Band-5:30 pm	7	8	9
10 Christian Education Program	11 Central Fellowship 11:30 am Men's Group 7:00 pm GRACE- 7:00 pm	12 Men's Group 7:00 pm GRACE- 7:00 pm	13 Praise Band 5:30 pm Youth Central 6:00 pm Choir-7:00 pm	14	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	16
17 Candlelight Service 7:00 pm	18	19 Elder Mtg. 6:00 pm Men's Group 7:00 pm	20 Praise Band 5:30 pm Youth Central Christmas Party 6:00 pm	21	22	23
24 Birthday Party for Jesus (during Children's Church)	25 Christmas Day	26 Men's Group 7:00 pm GRACE 7:00 pm	27 Praise Band 5:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	28	29	30
				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <i>Outreach Project</i> Toys for SERVE's Adopt-a-family </div>		

December Serving Schedule

	December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
Elders (Lead)	Pat Kelley Sandy Kelley	Denise Kingsley Mona Steffens	Kelly Holtkamp	Kitty Cunningham Dennis Dudley	Danny White Tracy Gray
Deacons <i>Front Door Helper & Serving Deacon</i>	Michelle Phillippe	Danny Kingsley	Connie Foust	Jonathan Phillippe	Neal Steffens
<i>Comm. Prep & Server</i>	Kathy Moore	Lori Baumgartner	Nancy Hanson	Corey Kronk	Donald Fischer
<i>Serving Deacon, Overflow greeter & Communion Helper</i>	Jonathan Phillippe	Neal Steffens	Shana Wilson	Michelle Phillippe	Lori Baumgartner
<i>Junior Deacon</i>	Allysun Phillippe	Roger Fischer	Chloe Wilson	Allysun Phillippe	Marnie Clark
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Michelle Phillippe Allysun Phillippe	Lori Baumgartner Denise Kingsley	Nancy Hanson Kelly Holtkamp	Allysun Phillippe Nate Weimer	Tracy Gray Lori Baumgartner