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Rev. Rob Holifield

Senior Pastor

What do you love about church? What do you love about Central Rogers United Methodist Church? This is the time of year to take a moment and ask those types of questions because we are heading into our Commitment Sunday. This year we are calling this day Consecration Sunday. This is the day we lay down our commitments for the next year of how we will support the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Do those words sound familiar? That is because those are the actions we ask all members to commit to as members of Central Rogers church community.

Each of those actions do two important things. One is that by doing each we grow in our relationship with God. The second is that through each, we support the work of the church in community, nation and world. During the weeks leading up to the big day, we have been talking about the vision and mission of the church. Even though the denomination has gone through challenging times, God has continued to be with us and make clear ways for us to continue to live out our mission to connect people to Jesus Christ and help them grow to maturity in their relationship with Christ. Seeing God transform lives, situations, families, neighborhoods and relationships is a beautiful thing I get to witness consistently here at Central Rogers. This is why I take every chance I get to brag on this church and express how blessed I am to be the Sr. Pastor.

I want to highlight each of those five ways we promise to serve God and the church. But first I have to tell you about my grandson, Sutton. Have I told you I have a grandson? Well, his vocabulary and ability to talk is getting better each time I see him. I was able to go see him in September for his 2nd birthday and was able to spend a lot of quality time with him. One of the things he is doing these days is using the word "big" to describe doing something in a significant intentional way. For example, he wanted me to swing him. After I put him in the swing he started saying, big high Pappy - big high. I thought he wanted me to swing him harder. But I learned through trial and error he just wanted a good long intentional swing. He might say, "big drink Pappy" meaning he wanted a good significant thirst quenching drink. Do you get what Sutton is talking about? It took me a little bit, but then I figured it out.

Well, here is the thing about leaning into all five of the ways to commit to the church. You will "big" experience God. Meaning, it won't just be a group of numerous experiences but God will show up in your life in a significant, intentional, and life changing way. And the church will be "big" supported to make a difference in the community around us.

So, throughout this Stewardship season you have been challenged to commit in a different way each week. On the first two Sundays of October you will have a time to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to serve and support Central Rogers. I ask you to support the church in all five ways, big. I encourage you to support our church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness in intentional, meaningful, significant ways. And here is the thing. You will see God do amazing things through your commitment in the life of the church, others, and in your own life. That is how I learned long ago how God works. Our God is Big. He cares big, He moves big, and God loves Big.

Never forget, You Matter to God!

Pastor Rob

October 6th, Atrium



CONNECTION FAIR



If you want to learn about all the ministries and missions at Central Rogers and get more involved, this is the perfect event to attend! From 9:00A - Noon, The atrium will be bustling with people excited to talk to you about how you can join and participate in all the fun ways to CONNECT!



LAITY SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2024

"Whoever wants to be great
among you will be your servant."
Mark 10:43

Laity Sunday celebrates the ministry of all Christians as they love God and neighbor. On Laity Sunday, we continue to lift up the vocation of all to follow the way of Jesus and lead others to him.

In the Fall of 1762 John Wesley wrote a short letter to a layperson and dear friend, Dorothy Furly. She had questions about something perplexing to both laity and clergy alike in the early Methodist

movement: "Christian perfection" (aka sanctification or scriptural holiness). Was this some kind of rarefied state of flawless fidelity only attainable at death? Wesley's response was simple: "I want you to be all love. This is the perfection I believe and teach." All love means "love all until all love God." And all means all. Laity Sunday helps us remember that our purpose is a call to be love—with and for the world God so loves. And Wesley believed we could be all love in this life. On Laity Sunday we remember and celebrate the mission behind the 24/7 efforts of the "all-called": "Beyond the diverse forms of ministry is this ultimate concern: that all persons will be brought into a saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ and be renewed after the image of their creator (Colossians 3:10)." —2016 Book of Discipline, ¶ 128, The Ministry of the Community

A huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to all the many individuals who serve in so many ways here at Central. Some people are in front of the congregation and many serve behind the scenes. This amazing faith community exists and is able to reach beyond the walls of the building because of the tireless and selfless dedication and service of our laity.



Gravity

YOUTH MINISTRIES



September kicked off our fall ministries for Gravity. We started the month with an awesome weekend at New Life Ranch on our annual Fall Retreat! We did our own rendition of Olympics throughout the weekend, and were challenged to be **WORLD CHANGERS** "by keeping our eyes on Jesus" (Heb 12:2). The next weekend we had our Family Fall Kickoff, complete with the infamous Sally's Hydration Station, a soda truck, which was loved by students and families alike!

As we gear up for October and all the exciting things that are coming up, I want to share briefly that I will be on an Educational Leave from September 30-November 3. For the past three years I have been pursuing my doctorate, and in June, I wrapped up my last residency. All that lays before me is the process of researching, writing and editing my dissertation over the next 18 months. Over the next 5 weeks, I hope to jump start my reading, research (including a research project) and (fingers crossed) outline the chapters for my dissertation. I am able to take this leave and focus solely on it because Gravity has the most **AMAZING** leaders and a **FANTASTIC** team who are beyond gracious and kind to help support this awesome ministry while I am gone. Logan Anderson will step in and handle all administrative tasks, including communication (youth@centralrogers.com) and be on the lookout for November's article from HER!). Hannah Carter will ensure a smooth flow for Sunday nights, including our **DELICIOUS** meals. And of course, our **AMAZING** Gravity leaders will be their usual **ROCKSTAR** selves; continuing to love on and minister with our students. Over those 5 weeks, Gravity Youth Ministries will continue as usual; thanks to this **WONDERFUL** team and lots of planning.



@GravityYouthMinistries



KIDS

Ministries

What do birds give out to trick-or-treaters?

Tweets



ACCESSIBILITY WEEK

This year we are hosting our first Accessibility Week.

October 20th - We will have Accessibility Sunday, where we will learn about all the ways our church is striving to make Jesus accessible to all.

October 23rd - We will have an Accessibility Night for WNL and will meet some guests who will teach us more about what accessible experiences mean.

October 25th - Friday night we will have a Sensory Friendly Worship in our Sanctuary from 6p-7p. This will be a really fun, family friendly, sensory conscious experience. Guests can dance, wiggle, sing as loud or as quiet as they want, and all elements will be crafted with our diverse guests in mind.

October 26th - We will host a Worship Arts Camp from 10a-3p for teens and young adults of neurodiversity. Classes will include: worship dance, music, puppet ministry, spoken word and testimony, and more! Register here at centralrogers.com/resources/events/list/

October 27th - We finish the week with Trunk or Treat from 5p- 6p and introduce a fully accessible worship experience for our entire community: Worship Under the Stars from 6p-7p. There are lots of ways to get involved and volunteer, so make sure to check out our website for opportunities.

WNL – YOUNG DISCIPLES

Our Young Disciples are having a blast exploring "Disciple's Habits" as we partner with the parents in the The Habits of the Household class. The kiddos are also working hard on learning all things worship. Our Advent Celebration will take place on November 24th and will include a worship service that is created and led by our Young Disciple's class. We could not be more excited! There is still time to join the Young Disciples this semester, swing by the table at the Connection Fair (October 6th) to learn more and get connected!

ALONG THE WAY

People often say, "It's about the journey, not the destination," when their travel plans don't work out how they expected. This phrase couldn't have been more true for Job, who went through a shocking journey. In this 4-week series, kids will hear from Job's story as he learned to navigate loss and trust God's itinerary every step of the way. Through the story of Job's perseverance and faithfulness, kids will learn that God is with them no matter what they go through, they can show God's love in small ways, God is bigger than they could ever understand, and they can trust God will make everything right.

DOWNLOAD THIS MONTH'S PARENT DEVOTIONAL

http://sycu.org/AlongTheWay_PDevo_V8



Congregational Care: The Ministry of the Towel

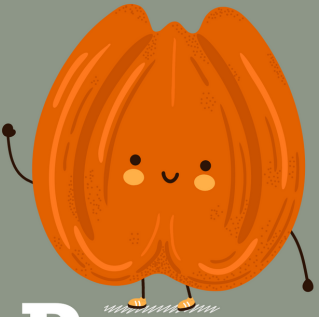
I love to mountain bike. Here's a question that came up the other day while some friends and I were biking, "Would Jesus have been a mountain biker?" Or, "would Jesus have learned to knit?" or, "would Jesus have taken a Pack A Shoe Box to send to a needy child?". I don't know about Jesus riding a mountain bike, but I can imagine him coming along with a group of bikers to hang out with them to have a deep discussion about life, faith, or any number of spiritual topics we read about him discussing in the gospels. Oh, and the cool thing about Jesus hanging with a group of mountain bikers is if one of us takes a serious crash, which I have, he could just heal that person to get up and keep on riding!

Would Jesus have learned to knit or sew? The reason I ask that question is because every week a group of ladies gather here at the church to knit and sew blankets, hats, and scarves to give to people in need. So, my wondering about Jesus' knitting or sewing, is I could see Jesus hanging out with these wonderful ladies each week discussing the great issues of life. And is the routine each week, I cover the many prayer requests I have been given for the ladies to pray over and add to the list any requests they may know about. Jesus, I believe would love to hang out with these wonderful, faithful ladies to hear their concerns and experience their zeal for servant ministry.

Now for the last question: Would Jesus have packed a shoe box for a needy child? I would love to see what many of you think about this question. I don't know if he would or not. He might send his disciples into town to get some things to put in the box. Maybe he might even send his disciples down to the river to catch a fish that has many toys in its mouth to fill the shoe box.

My point with all these stories, is all of them represent an aspect of The Ministry of the Towel. When Jesus girded himself with a towel and began to wash the disciples' feet, he demonstrated the idea that ministry is servanthood. And, whether we are mountain biking, sewing, or filling a shoe box for a needy child, when we are doing it as a ministry, we are in fact demonstrating the ministry of the towel. Ministry doesn't have to be done in the confines of the church. In fact, most of the time it is done in the many activities of life. Never underestimate the ministry of the towel and know that it comes in many forms. That is the reason all of us can participate in the ministry of the towel utilizing our gifts and passions for the advancement of the kingdom of God. God has called each of us to wrap the servant towel around our waist and wash the feet of those in need.

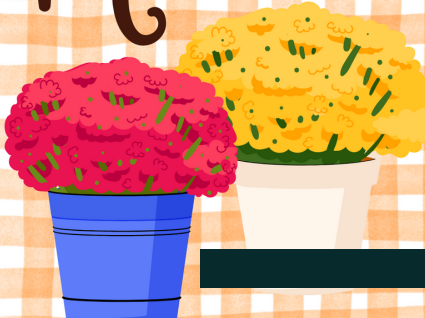
Kerry, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care



THE MICAH 6:8 INITIATIVE

Pecans for Sale!

Central Rogers is a proud supporter of of The Micah 6:8 Initiative & The Tapestry Home.



Mums for Sale!



October 2nd
From 8a - 7p

THE MICAH 6:8 INITIATIVE

Come purchase a 3 gallon bucket Mum for only \$20 EACH! All proceeds go towards Micah 6:8.

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Upcoming Classes

Ready to deepen your faith and make a greater impact in your church and community? Our upcoming Lay Servant Ministry classes are designed just for you!

- October 12**
FUMC, Russellville
Highland Valley, LR
FUMC, Monticello
- November 9**
CUMC, Fayetteville
Grande Avenue, Hot Springs
First UMC, El Dorado
- Nov. 2 and 16**
TWO PART SERIES
(Mornings)
FUMC, Bentonville

- *Enhance Your Leadership Skills: Learn essential tools and techniques to serve with confidence and compassion.
- *Broaden Your Ministry: Discover ways to serve more effectively and engage with your congregation and community.
- *Build Lasting Connection: Meet other United Methodists dedicated to making a difference.

Enroll today and take the next step in your discipleship journey!

View class options and register at arumc.org or scan the QR code



For more information, contact Karen Anderson, 479-372-3191 or karen.anderson@arumc.org.



Rummage SALE

October 3rd - 5th
7:00am-1:00pm, Bus Barn



GRACE UMC COMMUNITY MEAL

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
3PM – 5:30PM



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"YOU MATTER TO GOD" T-SHIRT \$20.00
(ADULT - SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, XLARGE, 2XLARGE)

"YOU MATTER TO GOD" LONG SLEEVE SHIRT \$25.00
(ADULT - SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, XLARGE, 2XLARGE)

"YOU MATTER TO GOD" KIDS T-SHIRT \$20.00
(KIDS - SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE)

RETRO CENTRAL T-SHIRT \$10.00
(ADULT - VARIOUS SIZES - PREVIOUS CHURCH EVENTS)

Men's ministry groups provide an opportunity to serve and build community along side other men of various ages and backgrounds. These groups will focus on building fellowship while joining together on special service projects and enjoying similar hobbies/interests.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, October 12, 7:00a - Atrium



IT'S COMING

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Governing Board Chairperson,
Bert Kell

Read with Us

October

Lean In.
Connecting People to Christ



- 1 READ WITH US as we begin in the New Testament!
- 2 Wed. Nite Live: Pajama Night (Dinner: Pancakes & Sausage)
- 3 - 5 Annual Rummage Sale, 7 AM - 1 PM at the Bus Barn
- 6 Laity Sunday
- 6 Connection Fair, 7AM - Noon in the Atrium
- 9 Wed. Nite Live: Sound of Music Night (Dinner: Chicken Alfredo)
- 12 - 19 Local Mission Trip in NWA with Mission Team from California
- 12 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 7:00AM in the Atrium
- 13 Consecration Sunday, All 3 services. (Bring your Ministry Opportunities Forms)
- 13 Celebration Luncheon, AFTER all 3 services. (Catered Event)
- 13 Gravity Youth Brinner, 6PM in the Youth Room
- 16 Wed. Nite Live: World Food Day (Dinner: Soup)
- 20 New Member Sunday
- 20 Grace Community Meal at Grace United Methodist Church
- 20 Society Meeting, 5 PM
- 23 Wed. Nite Live: Accessibility Night (Dinner: Nacho Bar)
- 25 - 26 Accessible Worship Weekend
- 27 Trunk or Treat, 5PM on the Parking Lot
- 27 Worship Under the Stars, 6PM on the Front Lawn
- 27 Gravity Pizza and Pumpkin-Palooza, 6PM in the Gravity Youth Room
- 28 Church Council Meeting, Conference Room, 6:00PM
- 30 Wed. Nite Live: Halloween (Dinner: Spaghetti and Meatballs)



It's a great time to jump into The Bible Recap! Starting October 1st, Central will begin reading the New Testament. Whether you got lost in Leviticus, exited in Ezekiel, or never got started at all, now is the perfect time to join the entire church as we close out the year with our "Read with Us" focus on the Scriptures. If you need technical help, please swing by the information station in the Atrium this Sunday.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1-Oct Luke 1 John 1 Day 275	2-Oct Matthew 1 Luke 2 Day 276	3-Oct Matthew 2 Day 277	4-Oct Matthew 3 Mark 1, Luke 3 Day 278	5-Oct Matthew 4 Luke 4-5 Day 279
6-Oct John 2-4 Day 280	7-Oct Matthew 8 Mark 2 Day 281	8-Oct John 5 Day 282	9-Oct Matthew 12 Mark 3, Luke 6 Day 283	10-Oct Matthew 5-7 Day 284	11-Oct Matthew 9 Luke 7 Day 285	12-Oct Matthew 11 Day 286
13-Oct Luke 11 Day 287	14-Oct Matthew 13 Luke 8 Day 288	15-Oct Mark 4-5 Day 289	16-Oct Matthew 10 Day 290	17-Oct Matthew 14 Mark 6, Luke 9 Day 291	18-Oct John 6 Day 292	19-Oct Matthew 15 Mark 7 Day 293
20-Oct Matthew 16 Mark 8 Day 294	21-Oct Matthew 17 Mark 9 Day 295	22-Oct Matthew 18 Day 296	23-Oct John 7-8 Day 297	24-Oct John 9-10 Day 298	25-Oct Luke 10 Day 299	26-Oct Luke 12-13 Day 300
27-Oct Luke 14-15 Day 301	28-Oct Luke 16-17 Day 302	29-Oct John 11 Day 303	30-Oct Luke 18 Day 304	31-Oct Matthew 19 Mark 10 Day 305		