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Rev. Stephen Love  
**Pastor:**  
Rev. David C. Surrent  
**Pastor of Nurture:**  
Rev. Jim Williams  
**Financial Secretary:**  
Karen Derrick  
**Director of Programs:**  
Vicki Hamm  
**Director of Music:**  
Merritt Moseley  
**Praise Band Director:**  
Chris Wofford  
**Organist:**  
Becky Smith  
**Custodian:**  
Marcellus Chaplin, Sr.  
**Director of Youth:**  
Blake Hamm  
**Nursery Attendant:**  
Kimberly Bonds

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# CENTRAL YOUTH

**Dec. 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS (No meeting)**

**Jan. 1—HAPPY NEW YEAR (No meeting)**

**Blessings,**

**Blake**

NEVER let lack of funds keep you from participating in Youth activities. Scholarships are available. Contact Blake (924-8294) or Vicki in the church office for information.

**DECEMBER 25—11 am service only; No Sunday school**  
**JANUARY 1—9 am service only, 10 am Sunday school**



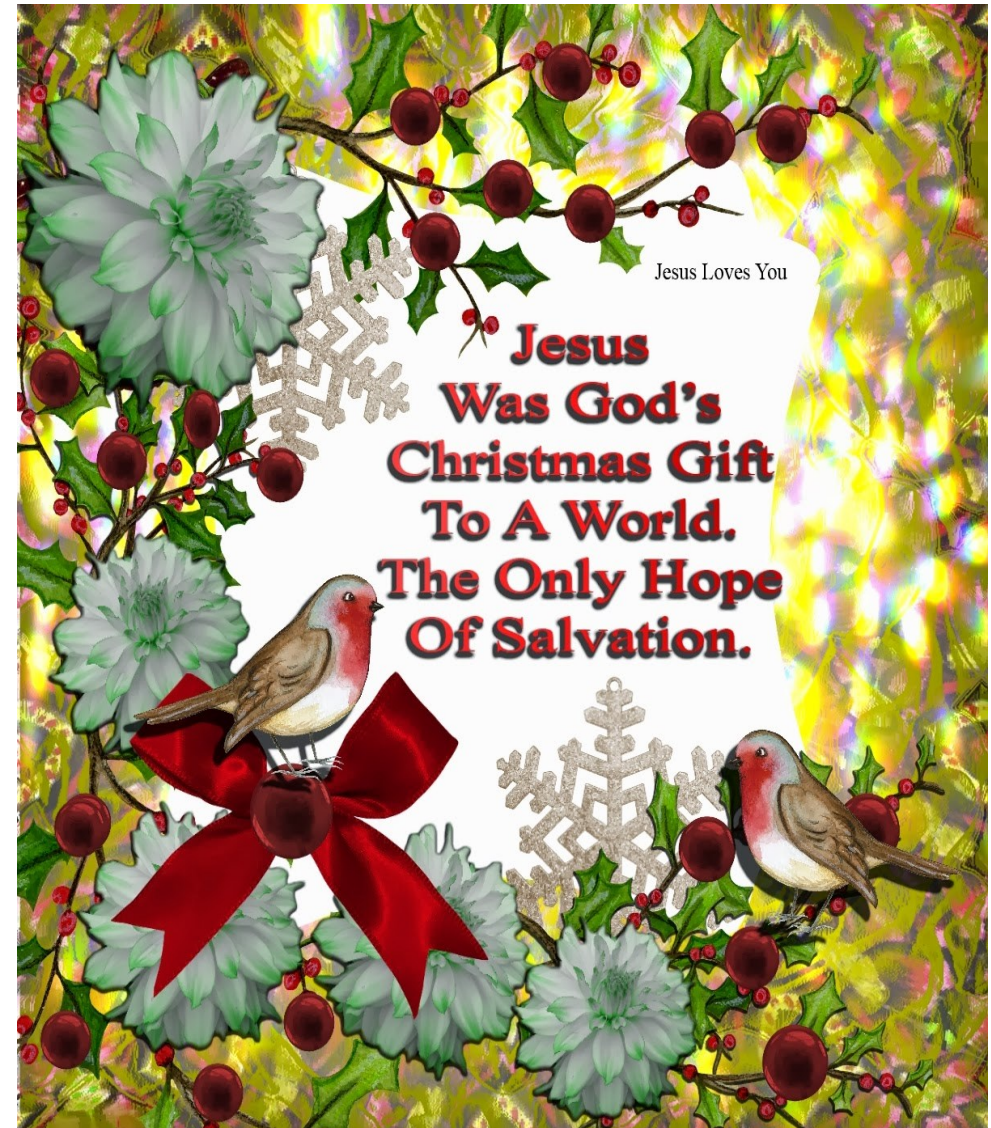
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**A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH**

Central United Methodist Church  
Christmas Day—White  
December 25, 2016  
WELCOME!

The Prelude  
The Chiming of the Hour  
The Lighting of the Altar Candles  
The Choral Call to Worship

\*The Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v. 1-4, 6) No. 234  
Reading #1 Isaiah 52:7-10 Brenda Harris  
The Christmas Prayer (seated and in unison)

**God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem  
into the darkness of human night.**

**Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world  
so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice and  
defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.**

\*The Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" No. 224  
Reading #2 Psalm 98 (Response 2) No. 818 John Rucker  
\*The Hymn "Of the Father's Love Begotten" No. 184  
Reading #3 Hebrews 1:1-4 Lydia Surrett

\*The Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 251  
\*The Affirmation of Faith from I Timothy No. 889  
\*The Gloria Patri No. 70  
Reading #4 Titus 2:11-14 Brenda Harris  
The Congregational Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

The Announcements  
The Offering  
\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Doxology No. 95  
\*The Gospel Reading Rev. Surrett John 1:1-14  
Memorable Christmases Rev. David C. Surrett

\*The Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 240  
\*The Extinguishing of the Altar Candles  
\*The Benediction (by the Pastor)  
\*The Choral Response Chancel Choir  
The Postlude

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

FOR UNTO US  
*a child is born,*  
unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
*and his name shall be called*  
★WONDERFUL★  
COUNSELLOR,  
THE MIGHTY GOD,  
*The everlasting Father,*  
THE PRINCE OF PEACE.  
Isaiah 9:6



## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

|               |          |                               |
|---------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Sun., Dec. 25 | 11 AM    | Traditional Worship           |
|               | 6:00 pm  | Youth                         |
| Wed., Dec. 28 | 10:30 am | Wednesday Morning Bible Study |
|               | 7:30 pm  | Chancel Choir                 |

The church office will be closed December 26 & 30 and January 2.  
Volunteers will staff the office on December 27, 28 & 29.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY.** Everyone is invited to join the group which meets each Wednesday at 10:30 am in the library. If you haven't been attending the group, consider joining us for our Advent study, titled *All I Want for Christmas* by James Moore. Our lesson this week is "Christmas Gifts We Can Pass On To Others". Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12.. Leader: Jackie Mount.

No driving at night, no cleaning up before and after a meeting and no refreshments to plan!!! JOIN US! Circle 1 meets every 2nd Monday at 10 am in the church library. September 12 is our next meeting. Hope to see you there!

## OUR PASTORAL MINISTRY OF JOYS, CARE AND CONCERN

**SYMPATHY:** Our deepest Christian sympathy to Lana, Donnie & Janna, Jacob and Caroline Grace on the death of their husband, father and grandfather on December 18, 2016.

**MEMBERS:** Cile Barber, Elizabeth Bonds, Donnie Brown, Harriet Bruner, Richard Carter, Bo Chrisley, Carolyn Clamp, Jim Clamp, Gay & Jimmie Davenport, Mary Dickert, Fran Eason, Nancy Eleazer, Alma Force, Linda Graham, Kathy Keim, Lila Lake, Mary Lipscomb, David Long, Ethel Mayer, Cindy Moore, Bette Moseley, Nellie Richardson, Winnie Senn, Elizabeth Shannon, Harold Smith, Hugh Turner, Chris Wicker

**FRIENDS OF CENTRAL:** Jimmy Alewine, Georgia Brown, Dot Forbis (Joyce Barrow's mother), Jennylee Foster (Lee Foster's mother), Madison Gandy (Michelle Williams' great-niece), Denise Huget, Dan Kingston, Suzanne Mayer, Chip Turner, Mike Whitesides, Laura Williams, Mary Williams

To add or remove a name, please contact the church office @ 276-3903.

DIAL-A-STORY 803-276-9999



# January

## Journeys

Newberry UM Churches

| DATE       | PREACHER             | HOST CHURCH     |
|------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| January 8  | Dr. Stephen Love     | New Hope        |
| January 15 | Rev. Brian Rainwater | New Chapel      |
| January 22 | Youth Night          | Zion            |
| January 29 | Rev. David Surrent   | Epting Memorial |

5:45 p.m. Hymn Sing

6:00 p.m. Worship Service Begins

Offering Received Nightly for

Newberry Free Medical Clinic

Interfaith Crisis Ministries

Canned Goods Requested Nightly for Manna House

2017 Journey Theme....



"Offer Them Christ"



The bulletin will NOT be mailed for the weeks of December 25, 2016 and January 1, 2017, due to holiday schedules.

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT!** This is this last week in 2016. Your gift at this time to the Operating Budget is tremendously important. *Please remember that to qualify for a 2016 contribution for tax purposes, by IRS regulations it must be received OR postmarked on or before December 31, 2016.* Your support of the church provides satisfaction in making Central the strong witness we want it to be.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP. IF YOU HAVE NOT TURNED IN YOUR 2017 COMMITMENT CARD,PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. 103 cards have been returned and 80.8% of the budget is committed.**

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY & NEEDING A PASTOR –**  
 Reverend Surret’s cell phone number is 864-710-3152  
 (All days except Friday & Sunday)  
 Reverend Williams’ cell phone number is 803-321-7340.  
 (Friday & Sunday)

Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 6:45 pm, Henry Hall  
 “O & O” Meeting—Organizational & Orientation  
 A gathering of planning and preparing for 2017 Ministry.  
 All chairpersons (old & new) are expected to be present.



| SERVING THIS WEEK        |                      |                                                                 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| TRUSTEE: (UNLOCK CHURCH) | SUSAN GLENN          |                                                                 |
| TRUSTEE: (LOCK CHURCH)   | SONNY RINGER         |                                                                 |
|                          | 9:00 Service         | 11:00 Service                                                   |
| USHERS:                  | N /A                 | David Senn-captain<br>David Force<br>Chris Wells<br>Teddy Bonds |
| GREETERS:                | N/A                  |                                                                 |
| ACOLYTE:                 | N/A                  | Arie Longshore                                                  |
| CRUCIFER:                | N/A                  | Drew Longshore                                                  |
| NURSERY:                 | N/A                  | Kimberly Bonds                                                  |
| OFFERING STEWARDS:       | N/A                  | Bubba Griffith<br>Dan Chandler                                  |
| SOUND SYSTEM:            | N/A                  | Phil Epps                                                       |
| CHILDREN’S CHURCH        | N/A                  | N/A                                                             |
| SPRINGFIELD FRIENDS      | December 27-NO CLASS |                                                                 |

**... we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church ...**  
 Volunteers are always needed for worship services and other projects in our church. If you are interested in sharing your gifts and time, please let us know. We would love to have you participate in the many ministries of the church.

# Stewardship Report

| FINANCIAL REPORT                |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Weekly Budget Needs             | \$8,282.65      |
| Received 12/18/16               | 8,659.00        |
| Budget Needs through 12/18/16   | 417,132.50      |
| Received through 12/18/16       | 420,735.50      |
| Amount <b>OVER</b> Budget Needs | <b>3,603.00</b> |
| OTHER FUNDS RECEIVED 12/18/16   |                 |
| Playground,,                    | 925.00          |
| Salkehatchie                    | 500.00          |
| Capital Fund                    | 25.00           |
| Imagine No Malaria              | 145.00          |
| Upper Room                      | 1.75            |
| ATTENDANCE 12/18/16             |                 |
| 9 am                            | 75              |
| 11 am                           | 89              |
| Sunday school                   | 57              |