



Church Staff

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Chris Wofford
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Becky Smith
Director of Youth:
Blake Hamm
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Kimberly Bonds

Please feel free to bring a friend!



December 17 6pm - Christmas Party meet in Henry Hall

December 24 No Meeting—Merry Christmas

December 31 No Meeting—Happy New Year

**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.



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A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY & NEEDING A PASTOR

Reverend Surratt's cell phone number is 864-710-3152 (All days except Friday & Sunday)
Reverend Williams' cell phone number is 803-321-7340. (Friday & Sunday)



Contemporary Service

Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2017 9:00 am

Gathering/Passing of the Peace

“O Come, All Ye Faithful/Sing to the King”

Invocation

*Praise and Worship in Music

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Children’s Moments

Bonnie Lyon

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Affirmation/Statement of Faith of United Church

No. 883

Welcome, Announcements, Concerns, and Prayer

Offertory

“The First Noel”

Song of Preparation

“Hallelujah”

Sermon

“TWO FOR ONE HOLIDAY DEALS”

Rev. David Surret

*Song of Sending Forth

“Star of Wonder”

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response of the People

“Rejoice, Rejoice”

Rejoice, Rejoice

*Rejoice, Rejoice,
Emmanuel, Shall come to Thee, O Israel*

**Please stand as you are able.*



*The flowers in the chancel this Sunday have been given
to the glory of God and in honor of Nancy Eleazer’s 89th birthday and
in loving memory of Robert B. Eleazer by Lyn and Earle Bethea.*

Share cookies for our Christmas Eve Cookie Ministry. You are invited to participate in this ministry by bringing homemade cookies to the church kitchen on Christmas Eve before the 5:30 worship service. The cookies will be arranged on trays and delivered to the local law enforcement agencies, the hospital, nursing homes and fire stations. We do this as a way of showing our appreciation to those who keep our community safe over the holiday season by working long hours while we celebrate the season with our loved ones. Jerry and Jackie Mount are coordinating this ministry. **Please call 276-6085 if you would be willing to help deliver cookies.**

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY SCHEDULE

December 17—Third Sunday of Advent - Regular schedule

December 24— Christmas Eve - No 9 am or Sunday School,
11 am Worship Service with string instruments
5:30 pm Candlelight and Communion Service

December 31- 9 am Service and Sunday School Only
No 11 am Service

January 7 - Epiphany Sunday - Regular Schedule with the
traditional visit by the Magi

JANUARY JOURNEY 2018

“Jesus Sends Us”

**Services will begin this year at 5:30 pm with a 15 minute hymn sing-
please make note of the earlier start time.** Non-perishable food
items will be collected each Sunday for Manna House. Offering each
Sunday will be split between the Newberry Free Clinic & Emergency
Relief Fund.

All services will end with fellowship and light refreshments.

January 7—Central-District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Stephen Love

January 14—Capers Chapel-George Reeder-Worship in Song

January 21—Mt. Pleasant-Youth Night

January 28—Wightman-Rev. R. T. Bowling, preaching;

Special music by Central

GET INVOLVED!!!

Sun., Dec. 17	9:00 am	Contemporary Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship
Mon., Dec. 18	6:00 pm	Epworth Children's Party
Tue., Dec. 19	1:30 pm	Springfield Friends
Wed., Dec. 20	10:30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Staff Christmas Dinner
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
DECEMBER 21, 22, 25 & 26 FOR CHRISTMAS.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY. Everyone is invited to join the group which meets each Wednesday at 10:30 am in the library. We are continuing our Advent Study entitled "*Faith, through the eyes of Joseph*" by Adam Hamilton. This week's session is "The Journey to Bethlehem". Leader: Jackie Mount.

Christmas Gift Idea. Don't forget as Christmas approaches and you are looking for gift ideas, Circle 7 has plenty of Rada Cutlery on hand. Contact any member of Circle 7 or Jennie DuBose at 276-2901.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! Two weeks remain, after this one, in 2017. Your gift at this time to the Operating Budget is tremendously important. *Please remember that to qualify for a 2017 contribution for tax purposes, by IRS regulations it must be **received OR postmarked** on or before December 31, 2017.* Your support of the church provides satisfaction in making Central the strong witness we want it to be.

If you are interested in providing flowers for worship, please contact Ann Folk at 276-4455 for available dates.

UNITED METHODIST MEN
SAVE THE DATE—FEBRUARY 11, 2018
VALENTINE GALA
Questions-Call Willie Davis 271-6774

Welcome to Central United Methodist Church Newberry, SC

Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2017

Traditional Service-11 am

Purple

The Prelude "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" arr. Balcombe
The Chiming of the Hour
The Lighting of the Altar Candles
The Choral Call to Worship Chancel Choir
*The Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 240
The Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Almighty God, you created us in your own image. Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil, and to make no peace with oppression. And, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Anthem The Chancel Choir
The Psalter Psalm 126 (Response 2) No. 847
The Scripture Lesson Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11
*The Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed No. 881
*The Gloria Patri No. 70

The Announcements and Welcome

Leader: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

Leader: Praise ye the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

The Congregation Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

The Offering "Pastorale" Archer arr. Smith
*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Doxology No. 95
*The Hymn "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath" No. 60
The Sermon "TWO FOR ONE HOLIDAY DEALS"

Rev. David Surret

The Baptismal Covenant III

*The Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 46
*The Extinguishing of the Altar Candles No. 234
*The Benediction
*The Choral Response

The Postlude "The First Noel" arr. Thygeron

We welcome Mary (Kelly) Glass who officially becomes a disciple of Central by affirmation of faith.

Welcome to Central Church!! We are pleased that you are present for worship. May your faith be strengthened and your love renewed.

All are asked to sign the Friendship Pad so our church ministry will be up-to-date on your presence. Child care is available in the Education Building. Assistive listening devices are available in the vestibules.

New members are received by affirmation of their faith or by transfer from other Christian churches. If you are interested in becoming a member of Central UMC, please contact the pastor (803-276-3903; davidcsurrett@gmail.com) or indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad. **Guest bags with Central information and small gifts have been placed in the narthexes (entrances) for all first time local guests.**



JOYS, PRAYERS, CARE AND CONCERNS

SYMPATHY: The pastor and congregation express deep Christian sympathy to Freddie Mills on the death of her brother, James Fred Street, Jr., on December 8, 2017, in Augusta, GA.

MEMBERS: Cile Barber, Donnie Brown, Harriet Bruner, Bo Chrisley, Carolyn & Jim Clamp, Gay Davenport, Mary Dickert, Fran Eason, Alma Force, Mike Keim, Lila Lake, Mary Lipscomb, Ethel Mayer, Liz MacDonald, Marjorie Morison, Bette Moseley, Nellie Richardson, Jackson Senn, Elizabeth Shannon, Harold Smith, Dean Turner, Hugh Turner, Chris Wicker, Charles & Dean Young

FRIENDS OF CENTRAL: Kim Berley (daughter-in-law of Billy & Peggy Berley), Cody Carlton (son of Mary Ann Davis), Laurie Copps (niece of Trish MacDonald), Karen Derrick, J. C. Eleazer (brother of Carolyn Clamp), Dot Forbis (Joyce Barrow's mother), Jennylee Foster (Lee Foster's mother), Madison Gandy (Michelle Williams' great-niece), Dan Kingston, Suzanne Mayer, Catherine McIntyre (Julia Cotney's cousin), June Morris (Karen Lever's Mother), Inez Stephens (Marcia Ringer's Aunt), Fred Buck Terry (Lillian Hoeschen's cousin), Justin Turner, Mike Whitesides (son of Paulette Whitesides), John & Hattie Wilson (John Wilson's parents)

To add or remove a name, please contact the church office.

NEW PRAYER AND GATHERING ROOM. The Board of Trustees has approved the conversion of the former Ezell Classroom into a prayer/meditation and less formal meeting space. This room will be available for UMW Circles, Sunday School class events, Bible Studies and other similar groups to meet. It is designed also to be used for smaller family visitations following deaths. The Prayer & Gathering Room is intended to offer an alternative type meeting space than any we currently have in the church facilities. Due to some gifts already received, the estimated cost to furnish the room has been reduced to \$2,000.00. A listing of needed items is available from Rev. Surrett. If you would like to make a special year end gift to this newly reused space, then please mark your envelope "Gathering Room." Your gifts are most graciously appreciated.

SERVING THIS WEEK

TRUSTEE (UNLOCK CHURCH)		DAVID SENN
TRUSTEE (LOCK CHURCH)		TOM BRADBERRY
	9:00 Service	11:00 Service
USHERS	Eugene Griffith-captain Earle Bethea Jim Hockett	Scott Bellows Lillian Bouknight Jake & Ken Longshore
GREETERS	Peggy & Billy Berley	The Ken Longshore Family
ACOLYTE	N/A	Matthew Moyd
CRUCIFER	N/A	N/A
ADVENT CANDLE	Carol Dukes	Dan & Nita Chandler
LAY READERS	Jack Lawrence	Connor Gray
NURSERY	Lyn Bethea	Kimberly Bonds
OFFERING STEWARDS	John Glover James Williams	Harriett Rucker Harold Folk
SOUND SYSTEM	Earle Bethea	Phil Epps
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Jayne Gayman/Janie Kitchens	N/A
SPRINGFIELD FRIENDS	December 19-Jim Harris	

Stewardship Report

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budget Needs	8,870.44
Received 12/10/17	6,449.00
Budget needs through 12/10/17	443,522.10
Received through 12/10/17	428,340.43
Amount UNDER Budget Needs	-15,181.67
OTHER FUNDS RECEIVED 12/10/17	
Bus Fund	275.00
Manna House	300.00
Upper Room	2.00
ATTENDANCE 12/10//17	
9 am	N/A
11 am	192
Sunday School	N/A

2018 COMMITMENT REPORT

To date—99 Individuals/Families turned in their commitment cards totaling &383,856.

Our total 2018 Budget is \$489,086. This represents 78% of the budget pledged.

If you have not turned in your commitment, please do so as soon as possible.

THANKS GREATLY FOR YOUR RESPONSE!

Extra cards are available in the sanctuary and from the church office.