



CENTRAL CHURCH CENTRAL NEWS

DECEMBER 11, 2023

SCHEDULE

- Worship
8:30 AM, 11:00 AM
December 17th
- Sunday School
10:00 AM December 17th
- Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
10:00 AM December 16th
- Christmas Cantata
7:00 PM December 17th
- Men's Prayer Breakfast
6:30 AM
December 18th
- Central Fine Arts Academy's
Christmas Recital
6:30 PM December 18th, 19th
- WEO's Luncheon
12:30 PM December 21st
- Christmas Eve Worship
Services, December 24th
Sunday School 9:00 AM
Combined Worship 10:00 AM
Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service 8:00 PM
- Christmas, December 25th
Office Closed

Christmas Cantata

"Behold That Star!"

December 17th at 7 pm

On Sunday, December 17th, Central's Chancel Choir presents their annual Christmas cantata at 7 PM. "Behold That Star!" is an inspiring Christmas cantata that radiates the creative artistry and partnership of Jay Althouse and Sally K. Albrecht. As the Prince of Peace comes to bring light to a people in darkness, we travel by starlight on our Christmas journey. Please join us for an evening of singing and instruments presenting the sounds of the season.

Prayer Chain Update. We are updating the prayer chain list. This important ministry includes praying for others - within our church and beyond - when they are in need of intercessory prayer. Members of Central Church who are currently or want to begin participating in the prayer chain can do so by contacting Margarette Dobbins (540)392-0239, mdobbins@radford.edu or Janet Effler (540)577-4392, janet.effler@gmail.com, or call the church office. Please provide your name and phone number. Requests will be sent by text if you are able to receive texts. Please respond as soon as possible, as we hope to begin using the updated list by the second week of January.

December Birthdays

Jamie Armentrout
Mike Tilley
Tom Eastridge
Will King
Kerrie Henegar
Janie Fisher
Felicity Taylor
Bill Cook
Michael Hill

December 14th
December 14th
December 15th
December 15th
December 18th
December 22nd
December 22nd
December 25th
December 29th

Rodger Wills
Janet Effler
Jerry Krebs
Peggy Phillips
Carolyn King
Blaine Sutphin
Pat Krebs
Joann Lineburg
Connie Armentrout

December 1st
December 2nd
December 3rd
December 4th
December 6th
December 9th
December 10th
December 13th
December 14th



Chancel Choir's HAM LUNCHEON 12/3/23



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ARMENTROUTS AND OUR CHANCEL CHOIR FOR HOSTING THIS EVENT AND PROVIDING A FULL MEAL AND A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP.

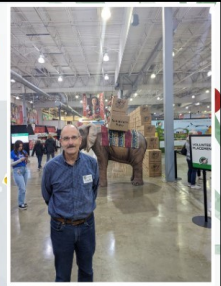
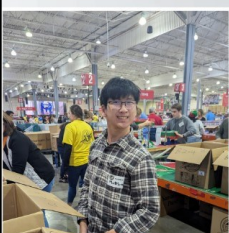
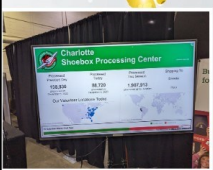


WITHIN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, SEVERAL CHURCH MEMBERS HAVE JOINED TOGETHER IN DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT AND THE HOLIDAYS. IT'S A BIG JOB AND TAKES SEVERAL HANDS AND FEET TO MAKE THE CHURCH LOOK WELCOMING AND BEAUTIFUL FOR THE HOLIDAYS. THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR DECORATING OUR CHURCH FOR ADVENT: JANET EFFLER, GAYLE MILLER, MARY SIMMS, BRAD AND LAURA ANGELL, DANNY AND CATHY STRIBLING, THEIR GRANDDAUGHTER MAKAYLA, MR. FRANK, SCOTT AND MARTHA KINCAID, JEFF AND KAREN SMITH, BILL AND RAMONA FLEISHER, DON AND MARGARETTE DOBBINS, PETER LANGILL, CHERYL TILLEY AND TRUDY EASTRIDGE.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A big Christmas thank you to everyone who packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We had a team of four who went to the Charlotte Processing Center. We took the 44 boxes that Central had collected and spent an afternoon helping process 88,720 boxes along with a lot of other people. After they were processed, they were sent to Peru and Ecuador that day! Thanks Central for helping share the love of Jesus "to the ends of the earth"!



CENTRAL CHURCH IS INVITING THE PRESCHOOL FAMILIES TO

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Friday,
December 15th
6 PM to 8 PM
Family Life Center



Crafts, Games, Story Telling, Hot Cocoa, Christmas Carols, Santa and More.

Please sign up to volunteer for this outreach.



LOVE OFFERING

It is the custom of Central to show our appreciation to the staff for their many ways of taking care of our church family! If you would like to participate in this, you may put a contribution in the offering plate with your envelope marked "Love Offering" or mail it to the church no later than December 18th.

WEO'S Potluck Luncheon

Thursday, December 21st
12:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

Ham will be provided. Come fellowship with us as we celebrate the Holidays. Please bring a dish to share with others.

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Sunday, December 24th 8:00 PM

Honor or remember a loved one, family member,
or friend this holiday season with a luminaria.

A \$5 donation for each luminaria will go towards future Youth funds

NEW YEARS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

10 AM Combined Worship Service featuring a Bluegrass Gospel band
8 PM New Year's Eve Prayer and Worship Service

Blood Drive

Saturday,
January 6th
10am-2pm
Central Church
Family Life Center

Call 1-800-RedCross to sign up

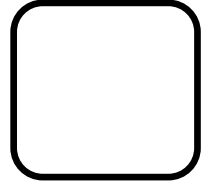
Central Church loves Missions of many kinds. The Mission team thought we would highlight how Central has responded to the "Mission of the Month" over the past year. Thank you for supporting the following ministries with your service, prayers, and finances! Each of the ministries are vital to the community and the world.

Jan - Benevolence Fund	\$ 3,323
Feb - Women's Resource Center	\$1,080
March- UMCOR Turkey & Syria	\$1,800
April- 20 health	20 health kits
May- Camp Dickenson	\$450
June- August Kids	\$2,070
July- Project Crossroads	\$1,865
Aug- Rise Against Hunger	\$1,475
Sept- Sleep in Heavenly Peace	\$4,095
Oct- Elf Shelf	\$1,346
Nov- Radford Clothing Bank	222 pairs of underwear plus \$550 to purchase more underwear
Dec- Gideons offerings are still coming in	

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Mission of the Month

December's Mission of the Month is The Gideons International. They provide Bibles and New Testaments across the globe. The Gideons International places and distributes scriptures in strategic locations, so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not yet have discovered the Good News of the Gospel message and hope in Jesus Christ. Your monetary donation will help spread the word.

If you know of someone in need of prayer, food, or help, please let the pastor or office know.

Pray for our Military
Aaron Smith - Army

Dial-A-Ride
Need a ride to a medical appointment, or help picking up groceries or other items?
Call: (540) 639-3529