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Central Receives Energy Excellence Award

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) has recognized Central UMC for its outstanding achievements in energy reduction. Central UMC was one of 11 Arkansas businesses to be awarded with the 2012 Energy Excellence Award. This award was created by SWEPCO to recognize commercial and industrial customers who have achieved the greatest energy savings through SWEPCO-sponsored energy efficiency projects. Customers were awarded based on the total kilowatt hour savings for energy efficiency projects. Central Administrator Brian Swain said " Central has placed a strong focus on utilizing LED lighting and moving to more energy efficient equipment over the past few years. We are very proud to receive



this award and will continue our efforts to be a leader in this area."

Mission Trip to India

Do you have a heart to see Jesus among the unreached, poor and outcast? Are you passionate about evangelism, prayer and orphan care? Central is sending a team to northern India February 20th - March 3rd, 2014, for a trip to share the love and gospel message of Jesus Christ. With a population that is home to 1 of every 6 people on earth and is less than 6% Christian, this is an opportunity to serve among the lost and the least. Come hear more about the upcoming trip on Sunday, September 29th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Wesley 310. For more information, contact Clint Elcan at 479-305-4015 or clintelcan@gmail.com.



Heart of the Artist

Central is pleased to host an event created especially for those who work or volunteer in worship or arts ministries. A *Heart of the Artist* retreat, led by Rory Noland, explores a wide range of topics relevant to anyone involved in the arts: musicians, singers, AV team, dancers, actors, writers, visual artists, etc. Especially geared to the average volunteer, the overall goal of the retreat is to help people go deeper in their understanding of how God wants to use them in ministry, and to help them be better equipped to joyfully pursue their calling as leaders and facilitators of worship. This unique retreat will take place on Saturday, October 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Central's SMB Worship Center. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge for those affiliated with Central. Contact Fenner Russell, Jim Hightower, or Susan Meek at 479-442-4237 to register. For those who are not affiliated with Central, the cost is \$15 per person, or \$59 for a group of 5. Register and pay online at centraltolife.com/artist.

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Community Kids' Closet Fall Drive

The fall drive of Community Kids' Closet is coming up! Needs tags will be posted on Sunday, September 29th. You may provide new clothing for a child in need and directly impact their self-esteem. Please return the items listed on the tags to the bin under the tag board by Sunday, October 20th, or make your tax deductible check out to Community Kids' Closet and place it in the offering plate. This is the 26th CKC drive in which Central has participated under the sponsorship of Good S.A.M.

Save the Date!

A Beyond Our Walls community service day will be held on Saturday, October 26th, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. All are welcome and nursery care is provided for children age five and under. Mark your calendar now!

Renew...Refresh...Revive

On October 3rd and 4th, Elm Springs United Methodist Church is hosting a series of worship services entitled "Renew, Refresh, and Revive." The preacher will be Bishop Gary Mueller of the Arkansas Annual Conference. The worship services are a joint project of several UM churches in Washington and Benton counties. The church is located two miles north of Highway 412 on Highway 112 and the service each night begins at 7:00 p.m. Please make plans to attend!





Parents Night Out

Need a night out? Central Children's Ministries has the perfect solution for you! On Friday, October 4th, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., childcare will be provided for children 3 months - 5th grade in the Student Ministries Building, 1st floor. Pizza will be served and children will enjoy activities, such as crafts, games and a movie. The cost is \$15 for one child, \$20 for two children in the same family, and \$25 for three or more children in the same family. Space is limited and registration is required by October 1st. Make a reservation at www.centraltolife.com/pno.

Dinner at **centralpoint**

Wednesday, September 25

Roast Beef, Potatoes and Carrots, Salad Bar, Rolls,
Salad Bar, Dessert

Kids' Meal: Chicken Tenders

Volunteers Needed

Need a place to serve on Wednesday nights? Three to four people are needed to serve once per month as hallway monitor/greeter in the Education Building (1st-5th grade) from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Please contact Susan Williams at swilliams@centraltolife.com for more information.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY THURSDAY NIGHT ADULT SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. - Snack Supper: Food and Fellowship with others

6:30 p.m. - Worship: Worship with lesson or personal testimony

7:30 p.m. - Open Share Groups: Men's and Women's issue-specific groups

8:30 p.m. - Afterglow: Coffee and dessert, fellowship and fun!

*Celebration Station during childcare for ages 5 - 11;
Childcare is available from 6:15 - 8:30 p.m.*

For more information, contact Rev. Carl Palmer at 442-4237
or cpalmer@centraltolife.com.

Infant Baptism

Blake and Kate Jorgensen presented their infant son, **Charlie B. Jorgensen**, in Christian Baptism last Sunday, September 15th, at the 9:45 worship service in the Activities Center. Miles is the big brother and Dave and Mona Jorgensen are the paternal grandparents.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Corey and Jillian Herron of Havana, FL, on the birth of a daughter, **Marlena Bleu Herron**, on September 10, 2013. Terry Herron is the paternal grandfather.

Congratulations to David and Amber Louks on the birth of a daughter, **Savannah Leighton Louks**, on September 11, 2013.

Hospitalizations

WRMC - Mary Rankin

Note - Due to privacy laws, our pastors are unable to access hospital admission records as they have in the past. For our pastors to know you are in the hospital, please inform the Church Office or let the hospital admission officials know you are United Methodist.

Sympathy to...

David Conrow, Karen Rorex, Sarah, Matthew and Hannah Spears in the death of their mother, and grandmother, Julie Conrow. Mrs. Conrow joined Central in July, 2009, and was a member of the Asbury Sunday School class and United Methodist Women Circle of Faith.

Dewey and Sharon Dykes, Dewey Dykes, Danielle Wolf, and Lee Dykes in the death of their mother and grandmother, Janie Dykes, of Decatur, Alabama.

Worship Attendance

9/15/13

8:30 a.m. Classic	250
9:45 a.m. Contemporary	575
11:00 a.m. Classic	449
11:00 a.m. Contemporary	278
studentlife/Team 4:12 Worship	209
Other Worship Services	37

Total Attendance

1,798

Record of Our Stewardship

General Operations

9/15/13

Needed each week	\$ 68,971
Received this week	\$ 71,626

Property Maintenance

Needed each week	\$ 4,994
Received this week	\$ 8,542

Count Me In

Received this week	\$ 9,328
Life-to-Date	\$ 2,987,043

Nursey Open House

New parents & expectant parents are invited to a special open house in the church nursery immediately following the 11:00 service on Sunday, October 6th. The open house will take place in the Student Ministries Building, 1st floor. Come and meet the Children's Ministries staff and take a tour of the nursery. Central provides a safe and nurturing environment for young children on Sunday mornings and during church events. We hope that you will take this opportunity to become familiar with our facility and staff.



Update Contact Information Quickly and Easily

It is very important that we have accurate contact information for you in our database. So, if you move, change phone numbers, or change email addresses, please take a moment to update the church. Through our website, updating your contact information has never been easier! Simply go to www.centraltolife.com and click on the "Resources" tab. Under that section, click on "Membership Update." If there is more than one person in the household, please complete separate forms for each person.

Here We Grow Again...



Judy and Nicole Albritton

Judy Albritton and her daughter, Nicole, join Central by Profession of Faith. Judy is retired and has another daughter, Kristen.



Anna Moon

Anna transfers her membership from First United Methodist Church in Heber Springs, AR. She is a teacher and has a son, Eli, who is in Kindergarten. Jerry and Jan Moon are her parents, and Emily Stormes is her sister.



Jerry & Jan Moon

Jerry & Jan transfer their membership from First United Methodist Church in Heber Springs, AR. Jerry is a retired Doctor of Optometry. Anna Moon and Emily Stormes are their daughters.



Brian & Emily Stormes

Brian transfers his membership from Immaculate Conception in North Little Rock, and Emily transfers from First United Methodist Church in Heber Springs. Brian is a National Business Manager, and Emily is a Category Development Manager. Emily is the daughter of Jerry & Jan Moon.



Christie Summerford

Christie transfers her membership from First United Methodist Church in West Memphis. Her husband, Josh, is a current member of Central and they have two children; Owen, who is four and Ava Kate, who is one.



A Powerful Way to Help Your Church

The Church teaches that faithful stewardship of your possessions is an important part of discipleship. You work throughout your life to be a good steward of all that has been entrusted to you by God.

One of the most powerful and lasting ways of furthering the Church's mission is by making a gift through your Last Will and Testament. Your will becomes a continuation of the support you gave as a Christian disciple during your lifetime. But making a gift through your will requires planning now to ensure your wishes are carried out.

The United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas exists to assist you in giving to your local church or other United Methodist institution. For a brochure on wills, contact Foundation Vice President of Development Janet Marshall at 501-664-8632, toll-free at 877-712-1107, or jmarshall@umfa.org.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 22

- 8:00 Jubellation! Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:15 Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal (Great Hall)
- 8:30 Classic Worship Celebration (Sanctuary)
- 9:40 Sunday School
- 9:45 Contemporary Worship Celebration (Great Hall)
- 11:00 Classic Worship Celebration (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 Contemporary Worship Celebration (Great Hall)
- 12:15 ATM Team Meeting (CAC 5)
- 2:00 CCM Team Meeting (CAC 4)
- 2:00 CCA Board Meeting (SMB 201)
- 2:00 UMW Naomi Circle Shower (Wesley 102)
- 4:30 Team 4:12 Leaders Meeting (CAC 3)
- 5:00 studentlife Game Time (SMB Café and Great Hall)
- 5:15 studentlife Leader's Meeting & Prayer (CAC 1)
- 5:30 studentlife Snack Supper (Great Hall)
- 5:30 Ozark Bronze (Ed. Bldg 109)
- 6:00 studentlife Worship (SMB Worship Center)
- 6:30 studentlife Small Groups (various locations)

Monday, September 23

- 9:45 Timothy Team Teachers Meeting (Bride's Room)
- 10:30 Gospel of Luke Bible Study (Wesley Chapel)
- 4:30 studentlife Praise Team Rehearsal (SMB)
- 5:00 TOPS (Wesley 304)
- 5:30 Jubellation! (Ed Bldg 109)
- 6:00 Stephen Ministry Training (Wesley 102)
- 6:00 Administrative Board Meeting (Wesley Chapel)
- 6:30 Men's Step Study (Wesley 304)
- 6:30 Boy Scouts Troop 102

Tuesday, September 24

- 6:30 Men's Bible Study - Broyles (3263 N. College)
- 6:30 Men's Small Group (Wesley 310)
- 9:00 Worship Team Meeting (Wesley 303)
- 9:30 Disciple III - Gullett (Wesley 310)
- 10:00 Staff Meeting (Wesley 304)
- 11:30 Community Meals (Great Hall)
- 6:30 Namesake Women's Study (Wesley 102)
- 6:30 Disciple III - Pendleton (Wesley 304)

Wednesday, September 25

- 9:30 The Gathering (SMB 2nd Floor)
- 10:30 Senior Saints Choir (Wesley 102)
- 5:00 CentralPoint Meal Begins (Great Hall)
- 5:45 Tiny Tims Begins (Central Park)
- 5:45 Timothy Team Begins (Education Bldg)
- 6:00 CentralPoint Classes Begin (Various Locations)
- 6:00 A Disciple's Path (Wesley 102)
- 6:00 Team 4:12 (SMB Worship Center)
- 6:00 Men's Step Study (Wesley 205)
- 6:00 Women's Step Study (Wesley 206)
- 6:30 Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal (Great Hall)
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 26

- 9:30 Wesleyan Discipleship Essentials - Pulliam (Wesley 310)
- 10:00 Community Meals Bible Study (CAC Siderooms 1/2)
- 11:30 Community Meals (Great Hall)
- 12:30 Women's Step Study (CAC Sideroom 5)
- 2:30 Children's Ministry Prayer Gathering (Wesley 107)
- 5:30 String Coalition (
- 6:30 Celebrate Recovery Gathering (SMB 2nd Floor)
- 7:30 Central's College Ministry (Activities Center Siderooms)

Friday, September 27

- 5:00 Access Ministries Kids Night Out (SMB Central Park)

Saturday, September 28

- 2:30 College Ministry Game Watching Party (3235 W. Westbury St., Fayetteville, AR)



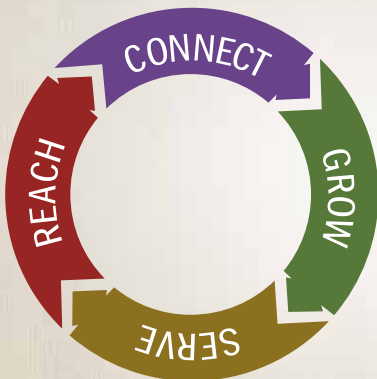
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Lord's Day Celebration

Sunday, September 15th, 2013

17th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Classic Worship - Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Great Hall

Galatians 5: 22-26

(Fourth in the Series)

Dr. John Robbins

The Fruit of the Spirit

"Forbearance" (Patience)

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Great Hall

Psalms 5 (selected verses)

The Drama of Words:

Dr. Steve Pulliam

Our Words to God

**For after-hours emergencies, please call 479-442-4237
and then select option 5.**