

Weekly Messenger

January 4, 2024

Worship



This week in worship we will celebrate Epiphany, Baptism of our Lord Sunday, and Communion.

The sermon title is ***“And There Was Morning”*** as we reflect on Psalm 29 and Acts 19:1-7

Those helping in worship this week include: Our Worship Assistant, Children’s Message, and Communion Assistant will be Rev. Judy Owsley.

Our Sound Booth Team will continue to keep us all

connected online and in person.

Come in, tune in, it’s going to be a great Sunday!

May God be with all of you as we say Hello to 2024! - Rev. Deb Wacker

Prayers for all, by all - Central UMC

- Traveling mercies for Krystal DeGraffe and Ace Heyns as they travel to visit family in Georgia this Christmas.
- Prayers for Sara and Mike Simon and her family. Aunt Ruth and her caretakers as recovery from her stroke becomes difficult.
- Angie McClelland’s sister Dawn had surgery on Dec. 21st to remove cancer from her ankle.
- Charlie Carson, is still in the hospital waiting to move into an Acute Rehab center.
- Bob Adams and his health issues
- Jack Whitney, as he prepares for surgery on a broken hip.
- Sandy, Josephine Yacoub’s sister-in-law, is recovering from Bell’s Palsy at 27 years.
- Our "WAVES", our country and its leaders.

Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo: Missionary in Angola, Africa

Our World: The people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza

Dates to Remember

It’s January, and the church calendar is very busy.

Epiphany begins January 7th – February 11th

Lent begins on February 14th.

Easter will be on March 31st.

Thank you to those who give their time.

Thank you to Judy Day for decorating our church with Poinsettias this Christmas, they were beautiful!
Thank you to all who made another person smile during our holiday celebrations!

Sundays at Central UMC

Come join us before worship in Fellowship Hall
For a time together with coffee and donuts

Choir practice every Sunday at 9 a.m.

Bible Story Time

During Worship right after the Children's Message
For kids Kindergarten – 3rd Grade

Watch for Melissa, she'll lead you to more fun!

If you are interested in helping or have questions, contact Melissa (719-433-2461).

Children's Sunday School

Meets in the Assembly Room at 11:15 each Sunday.
Bring your kids, stay for coffee and adult class.

Bible Study with Karen Hobson

Meets in the Sunday School Classroom 1 (off of Fellowship Hall)
11:15 a.m. – Noon every Sunday.

Tuesdays

New Study on Tuesday Mornings with Judy Owsley

The Lord's Prayer

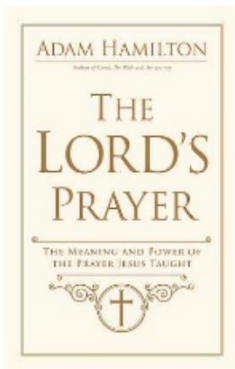
Using a book by Adam Hamilton, Rev. Judy will lead a study of Christianity's
best known

prayer. We will grow to understand and more fully appreciate
the meaning and the power of the words by exploring each rich line and
the Biblical context.

YOU ARE INVITED to join the friendly discussions on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-10:30,
beginning January 9th. Books (\$14) are available in the office or at the first class.

YOU are invited to join.

At the church or on Zoom
Classroom 1 off of Fellowship Hall



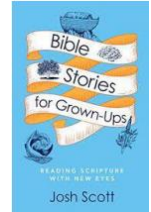
Wednesdays

Bible Study with Rev. Deb, Wednesdays @ 10 a.m. in the conference room.

We'll take a new look at the bible stories we learned as kids.

Never too late to join.

Books (\$14) are in the office.



Heavenly Bells meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

With Priscilla Tracy

Call Priscilla to join the fun: (719)660-1433



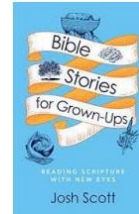
Thursdays

Bible Study with Rev. Deb

Thursday Evening @ 5:30 – 7 p.m.

On Zoom

Books are in the office.



Naomi Circle meets the 1st Thursday of the month @ 10 a.m.

Come visit with the ladies. Have questions, call Wynona Batman at 719-596-1851.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, words, hugs of comfort with my father's passing away. You truly reached out and "touched" us in many kind ways.

We thank you for your thoughtfulness, support, and love!

Sincerely,

Kim and Gordon Crom

MISSIONS

JANUARY MISSION FOCUS

Building a Grandmother's House

In memory of Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe

During December, we gave almost \$2400 toward the \$3000 needed for our church to finance the building of a "Grandmother's House" in Kenya. Grandmothers who are extremely poor "inherit" their grandchildren when the parents die of AIDS. They and the children struggle in many ways, living in rundown shacks.

The Maua Methodist Hospital organizes and oversees the building of small homes (\$3000 each), and when completed, each new home is dedicated in the name of the church that provided the funding or to a person that the church selects.

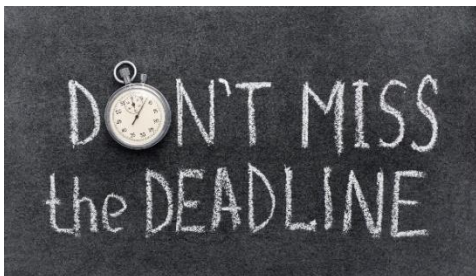
Our December and January gifts will finance the building of a Grandmother's House, and our Missions Committee is hoping to dedicate the house in the name of Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe, our young member who died on November 8, 2023, the grandson of Bob and Angie Edwards.

If you can help, please make checks payable to CUMC, designated "Grandmother's House," or drop coins into the loose change jug on Sundays.

Food Gifts in January

Hot Soup on a Cold Day

Hungry families in Colorado Springs will appreciate some soup or other meal items as the winds blow in January. Hundreds of families come to Mercy's Gate each month for food and other assistance, and we can offer them the warmth of God's love. Please bring soup or any non-perishable food items to the grocery cart in the church entry area any time during January. Mmm, good!



Bulletin and Weekly Messenger Deadlines

If you are wanting to have an article put into either the insert in the bulletin or the Weekly Messenger you need to email the information to the office at office@cumccs.org OR call the office with the information by noon on Wednesday. This gives the office time to include and proof the information you have sent. If it comes after that time it will be included the following week. Also please note items such as our Thank you's and items that are not church activities will be included in the Weekly Messenger rather than the insert to the bulletin.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays

5 – Josephine Yacoub
6 – June Salladay
8 – Elyse Brunnemer
9 – Laura Ethridge
18 – James Aud
19 – Shelby Pechacek
22 – Cynthia Pechacek
25 – Ryan Laryea
25 – Becky Suter
27 – Danny Aragon
29 – Jim Downs
30 – Sandra Noggle
31 – Sharon Irwin

January Anniversaries

28 – Wayne & Cindy Medina

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed	2 6:00 Trustees 6:30-8:30 Boy Scouts	3 6:00a Gleaning Worship 9:00 Gleaning BibleStudy 10 Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 Bells	4 6:00a Gleaning Worship 10:00 NAOMI Circle	5 6:00a Gleaning Worship	6 7:00a Gleaning Worship 10-1 Parkinson 9-3 Comfort Quilts
7 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Sunday School 1:30-4 Gleaning	8 12-3 Quilts of Love	9 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Finance 6:30-8:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council	10 6:00a Gleaning Worship 9:00 Gleaning BibleStudy 10 Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 Bells	11 6:00a Gleaning Worship 6-9 CSQG 5:30 Pastor's BibleStudy on Zoom	12 6:00a Gleaning Worship 9:30 Worship Team	13 7:00a Gleaning Worship 8-12 EGA
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