

2018 Women's Gala & Silent Auction



What a great evening of fun and fellowship the ladies of the church had at the Annual Women's Gala and Silent Auction held on Friday evening, May 4th.

The Central Women Planning Committee would like to thank everyone who helped put this fund raising event together. Thank you to all of the Hostesses who put so much thought in their themes and decorations. Each of the 25 tables were beautiful and unique. To the men of the church who served the meal, how do we praise you enough! All 33 of you did a really wonderful job and you looked very handsome in your cummerbunds and bow ties. All of the ladies appreciated you so much and the fact that some of you have served at this event for many years. We would also like to thank Tahmra Reeves and her helpers for the great hors d'oeuvres.

Thanks to all of you in the church who donated items for the Silent Auction and the Twice as Nice Shop, we couldn't make this fund raiser happen without you. A very special thank you to Laye Bennet who cultivated plants all year long and then donated them to help with our mission goal. All of the proceeds from this event are for mission opportunities and designated for Children, Youth, and Women, locally and globally. This year we gratefully raised a total of \$5,238.00.

Gratefully,
Central Women Board Members

Jim's Journal:

Got stress in your life? I read something this month that is a simple solution to reducing stress and anxiety. The idea is that stress and anxiety cannot coexist at the same time with gratitude and affirmation in our minds. Research has shown that our brains can't simultaneously hold stressful thoughts and thoughts of gratitude. The brain can either focus on one or the other, but not both at the same time. So here's a simple habit that will help the brain release stressful and anxious thoughts and literally rewire itself to focus more on gratitude and affirmation.

Early each morning spend 10 minutes thinking about something you are thankful for. Set a timer and dwell on 1-3 things you are grateful for. Write them down and reflect on why those are blessings to you. Thank God for those gifts and the positive effect they have on your life. Then at the end of each day spend 10 minutes looking back on your day and identify one success you had or one way you made a real difference. Reflect on what you did and why it made a difference. In this way you will recognize the good God is doing in and through our life. If you put both into practice on a daily basis your brain will begin to focus more on the good in your life instead of dwelling on your troubles. Try it. I am and it's already making a difference.

"YOU ASKED FOR IT" – Here is the schedule for the summer sermon series which answers important questions you asked the pastors to address:

June 3 – How Can I Know God's Will?

June 10 – How Can God be Father, Son & Holy Spirit?

June 17 – How Can We Have a Gospel-Shaped Approach to Hot-Button Issues?

June 24 – How Can We Influence the Next Generation for God?

July 1 – Why is Worshiping God Such a Big Deal?

July 8 – How Can I Learn to Trust God More?

July 15 – How Can I be Faithful to Jesus on the Issue of Homosexuality?

July 22 - What is the Answer to the Shame I Feel?

July 29 – Who is Satan and Why Should I Care?

Aug. 5 – What Can I do to Have a Faith that Makes a Difference?

Aug. 12 – What is Radical Hospitality and Why Does it Matter?



ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our elementary Sunday school students just finished a 6 week rotation learning about Jesus' baptism. As part of their Mission station, the students each made a cross to be gifted to children/adults when they are baptized. Each student also wrote Luke 3:22 on the card "You are my son whom I dearly love." These students and the amazing adults who led them through these stations had a meaningful experience learning about the roots of this sacrament.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS COORDINATOR SOUGHT – We are in the process of realigning some of our staff responsibilities and are currently seeking applications for a qualified candidate to oversee people's first contact with Central. This person will coordinate our overall printed, on-line and social media communications. In addition this person will answer the telephone and assist people who visit the church office. For a complete job description contact Tami Stewart at tami@cumcrogers.com or call the church office.

BRIAN'S NEW APPOINTMENT – It is with mixed emotions that we shared the news that Rev. Brian Youngs is being appointed to be the pastor at Bland Chapel United Methodist Church, located on the east side of Beaver Lake. He will be greatly missed here at Central, especially in the area of congregational care. However, getting the opportunity to lead a church on his own and preach every Sunday will be good for Brian as well as Bland Chapel. They will be blessed by Brian's ministry there as much as Central has been blessed by his ministry here. Be sure to mark your calendars so you will be here Sunday, June 24, for a special reception in Brian's honor. His new appointment will begin July 1.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES CONTINUES – If you've missed any sermons in the series you can catch up by going to the sermon archives on the church website (cumcrogers.com).

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th.

GOSPEL OF JOHN SHORT TERM SUNDAY SCHOOL

STUDY - The month of June is JOHN month! To assist you with your study of this Gospel, join Randy Godsey as he dives deeper into John June 10-July 1 during the Sunday School hour (9:15 to 10:10) in room 223. You do not have to attend every session to participate.

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING - FUMC in Rogers will hold this training on June 9 from 9am-5pm. It will allow members of mission teams to enter areas as soon as FEMA allows, before most mission teams can go in. The cost is \$25 per person which includes course materials, snacks, lunch. Contact Dan Brown to register: dvbrown517@gmail.com or 479-721-1203.

THANKS FROM MEALS ON WHEELS - A big thank you to our committed Meals on Wheels drivers. We have been able to serve this ministry again this past year because of the dedicated drivers we have:

Charles & Marilyn Baker, Matt Harrison & Family, Carla & Brooke Laing, Vicki Mansker, Les & Jane Oliver, Brandy & Walker Pool, Michelle Sell, Janet & Tom Tate, and Jim & Mary Beth Weidman.

If you would like to become part of the delivery team, contact Carla Laing at claing@sbcglobal.net or 479-659-2154.



FOOD BANK UPDATE - On May 8th, members of the 4 Methodist churches in Rogers worked together to fill 6 pallets/180 boxes of food for food insecure seniors in our community.

JULY FAMILY FUN (and churchwide!!!) NIGHT: Who doesn't love baseball? Join us for a CHURCH family fun night—not limited only to those who have littles—at a Nationals game! July 1 at 4:05. Tickets are \$8/each and available in the church office, or by emailing Hannah Carter at hcarter@cumcrogers.com. Sales of these tickets will go to fund future family fun nights, so invite your neighbors and friends! Our VBS kiddos will have the opportunity to perform pregame at 3:30—you won't want to miss this! Plus, Kids Eat Free on Sunday!!!

YOUTH matters

WRITING ON THE WALLS?! The trustees and Church Council approved a reno/face lift for the Youth Area over the summer to make it more conducive to our needs and ministry opportunities this fall. More specific details will come in the following weeks as well as ways to help chip in, but for now, let's flood the space with Scripture and prayers! We've started WRITING ON OUR WALLS! Let's cover our walls with prayers, and Scriptures throughout the youth space. Pencils and instructions will be provided right inside the youth space!

OZARK MISSION TRIP. All students going on an OMP trip this summer should have received an email with a bunch of details! Please don't forget to sign your son or daughter up for Tool Training! Total balances are emailed this week and final payment is due on or before THIS Sunday, May 27.

VBS REGISTRATION IS LIVE!!! JUNE 18-22. Sign your student(s) up to be a Crew Leader! This is a fun way to get 25 hours of community service!

2019 COSTA RICA YOUTH MISSION TRIP - Last week we had our informational meeting - thanks to all who attended! If your student is currently in 8th-11th grade and is interested in going to Costa Rica over Spring Break 2019, please contact Lucy for more info at lswanson@cumcrogers.com or 479.636.1630 x631.

the KIDS' corner

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL: Beginning May 20, we will be looking at 6 different stories of the Bible with science experiments! All grade groups will meet for large group time in 209, then break out by grade groups for small group discussion. Are you interested in leading a small group? Email Hannah at hcarter@cumcrogers.com.

VBS CREW LEADERS NEEDED: Still need approximately 70 students who will have completed 5th-12th grade this summer to make a memorable VBS experience for the 450 kids registered! Do you have a heart for Jesus and want to help younger kids understand that Jesus is our rescuer? Register to be a crew leader here. <https://bit.ly/2pH0WvW>

JUNE FAMILY FUN NIGHT: We had so much fun at our first Family Fun Night in April...let's do it again! On June 1, we will celebrate the end of school and beginning of summer with lawn games and a potluck! Meat will be provided, please bring a side/dessert to share. Check out the event on CUMC Rogers Kids Facebook page for more info. Here's the link to register! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/bf7c1b>

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Church Family Updates

- Our deepest Sympathies to Lucy Kinslow and family in the loss of her father Truman Fowler, and sister Kathy Bolan.
- Congratulations to Natalie Breach and Brandon Blackwood who were married last evening, May 12 .
- Bonnie Grimes – celebrating 90 years of life and love.
- Sympathies to Lloyd and Kathy Jones and family in the death of Lloyds father Lloyd Jones, Sr.
- Sympathies to Krissi Washburn and Alyson Jacobs in the death of their father Colon Washburn.
- Sympathies to Jana Line in the death of her father, Jack Line.
- Sympathies to the Harrison family in the loss of Laura’s father, Ray Blakely.

2018 GOSPEL CHALLENGE

Weekly challeges each month
 1st week - Matthew | 2nd week - Mark
 3rd week - Luke | 4th week - John
 Monthly Challenge for May: Luke

MAY MISSION EMPHASIS:

Ozark Mission Project
 A non-profit mission of the Arkansas area United Methodist Church, organized for ministry to persons in need in response to Jesus Christ’s call to servanthood.



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May 27

Sermon: “Jonah”

Sermon Scripture: Jonah 1:1-6
Theme: Jonah’s greatest sin was his tendency to run from God in hope of escaping what the Lord was calling him to do. Yet God continued to pursue him. God’s nature shines forth in contrast to Jonah’s.

**From Our Organist,
 Marilyn Lee:**

Our offertory, “Magnificat. V.,” by Marcel Dupre (1886-1971), has as a subtitle the following: He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. The composition is ethereal and mysterious in nature.

June 3

Sermon: “How Can I Know God’s Will?”

Sermon Scripture: Col. 1:9-10
Theme: Knowing God’s will for our life is a core need. So what is God’s will and can we even know it?

**From Our Organist,
 Marilyn Lee:**

Our offertory today is “Consolation III,” one of six beautiful compositions called “Consolation,” by the musical genius, Ferenez (Franz) Liszt (1811-1886). Originally written for piano, Harvey Gaul has tastefully transcribed it from piano to organ. Per usual, your organist was forced to abbreviate the piece in order to fit a time slot.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

- 8:15 AM - Traditional Worship in the Chapel
- 9:15 AM - Sunday School
- 10:15 AM - Traditional Worship in the Chapel
- 10:30 AM - Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

LISTEN & WATCH!

Can’t avoid being out one Sunday?
 You can stilll be a part of
 Central sermons!

Listen to the Traditional worship service at 11:00 AM on KURM 790 AM Radio or online at www.kurm.net.

Watch the 8:15 traditional & 10:30 contemporary worship service LIVE at www.cumcrogers.com/livestream.



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