

CENTRAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rogers



Join us as we walk through one of the holiest, mysterious, and powerful seasons of the year.

# Dear Church Family,

As we enter this sacred season of Advent, we are invited once again to pause and prepare our hearts. In these weeks leading to Christmas, we rekindle the gifts God places before us: hope that steadies our spirits, peace that quiets our fears, joy that lifts our hearts, and love that binds us together. All of these gifts find their perfect expression in the birth of Jesus Christ—the Word made flesh, and God's greatest gift to the world.

May this season draw us closer to Him and to one another, as we watch, wait, and welcome the Light of Christ into our lives.

In the following pages you will find all the ways we will walk through Advent together as a church family. You will find important dates and information about events and church services we are offering. I invite you to join us as we prepare our hearts through the journey of Advent to fully experience the greatest gift ever given - Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh!



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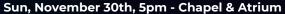
# **SERMON SERIES**

As we enter this sacred season of Advent, we are invited once again to pause and prepare our hearts to encounter God. Our series title this year is, The Word Made Flesh. We will look at different scenes that capture what Jesus dwelling with people on earth was like. We discuss how the scenes show what was dreamed about was attained in His mission on earth. Jesus lived out and gave new meaning to the four words that describe God's gift of sending Jesus into the world; **peace** that is greater than anything the world can offer, **joy** that lifts our spirits no matter what is going on, **hope** that leads us into a deep assurance of God, and an understanding of how to **love** and being loved that will change our lives. So, come along as we walk through one of the holiest, mysterious, and powerful seasons of the year. May God encounter and renew your soul.

# **ADVENT DEVOTIONAL**

Each Advent Season, Central Rogers provides a daily devotional to enrich your walk with Christ through the holiday season. This year our Advent Devotional can be found in the baskets outside both the sanctuary and the chapel. Our hope and prayer is the devotions will bless, inspire, and bring you joy as we go through the season of Advent. Each daily devotion represents a labor of love to read all throughout the 24 days of Advent. Blessings, Pastor Kerry.

#### HANGING OF THE GREENS & ADVENT CELEBRATION





On the first Sunday of Advent, we welcome in a season of anticipation of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Beginning at 5pm in the Chapel, we invite you to join us for an Advent Prayer Service led by our Young Disciples. Our worship will be led by our choir ensemble and praise team, and we will pray through the ACTS method together. Following the service, at 5:30 in the Atrium our Gravity Youth will host a chili supper, with donations for your meal benefiting their summer mission trips. At 6pm we will have our annual Advent Workshop ~ a time for games and crafts for kids of all ages. Our famous Santa's Shop will also be open starting at 6pm for kids to shop for their families with a youth member (that way your gift can be a surprise). These treasures will bring a smile to your face for years to come.

#### **ADVENT STUDIES**

#### Sun, November 30th, Sunday School hour - Sunday School Classrooms

Many of our Sunday School classes will be studying a specific Advent curriculum during the season. Please consider visiting a new Sunday School for the four weeks of Advent! Sunday School is a great way to grow deeper and build community!

#### **ROGERS CHRISTMAS PARADE**

#### Fri, December 5th, 6pm - Downtown Rogers

Central will have a float entry sponsored by the Evangelism Committee. Join us as we share passionately during this Rogers family tradition. The parade begins at 6:30. If you want to be part of the float, please see JR Shaw for details and times.

#### **HOW TO SERIES: Make a Christmas Wreath**

#### Fri, December 6th, 10m - Atrium

Celebrate the season with creativity and holiday cheer in a hands-on workshop where you'll design and decorate your very own Christmas wreath to take home. Whether you prefer classic greenery and ribbons or a sparkly gold/silver, you'll have plenty of materials and inspiration to make your wreath uniquely yours. Your instructor will guide you step-by-step through the wreath-making process—from shaping the base to arranging seasonal accents like pinecones, berries, ornaments, and bows. No experience necessary—just bring your holiday spirit! Cost is \$25.

#### **GRAVITY YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

## Sun, December 7th, 6pm - Gravity Youth Room

Students in 6th-12th grade, join us for Gravity Christmas Party! Bring a WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT, wear your CHRISTMAS CHEER, and join us for a night of FESTIVITIES! Gravity Grownups, don't forget to join in for your own CHRISTMAS CHEER!

#### **CHRISTMAS BRUNCH & TOUR OF HOMES**

### Thu, December 12th, 8:30am – 2:30pm - Atrium & NWA Community

Calling all Central Ladies. Invite your friends and join us for a wonderful day of fun, fellowship, brunch, and our Annual Christmas Tour of Homes! Tickets will be on sale Nov. 23 - Dec. 7th. They can be purchased in the Atrium on Sunday mornings between services. Childcare will be provided for a small fee with advanced notice.

#### **LESSONS & CAROLS PRESENTED BY THE CHANCEL CHOIR**

#### Thu, December 11th, 6:30pm - Chapel

#### Fri, December 12th, 6:30pm - Chapel

The Traditional Music Ministries will be leading us in worship for this year's Christmas Special of Lessons & Carols. In addition to the Chancel Choir, we will have live instrumentation, including a String Quartet, and our guest organist will be Jan Fulford. This will be a night of retracing the Christmas Story through beautiful Christmas music and the Word. What a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends and family to join us, either night at 6:30pm. Childcare will be provided both nights.

#### WELCOME BACK COLLEGE STUDENTS BREAKFAST

### Sun, December 14th, 9:30p - Room 208

The Abide Sunday School class will be hosting a breakfast for the college students returning for Christmas break!

#### **BOOK CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**

### Tues, December 16th, 6:30p - Off Site Event

Love reading? Join this group of enthusiastic book lovers as they celebrate in the season of giving with a book gift exchange and delicious treats.

#### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

#### Sat, December 20th, 2pm - Off Site Event

Join us to bring the Christmas Spirit to our homebound members through song.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

- CONTEMPORARY Tue, December 24th, 2pm Sanctuary Nursery available for ages 6 weeks 3 years.
- TRADITIONAL Tue, December 24th, 5pm Sanctuary
  - Nursery available for ages 6 weeks 3 years.
- CHAPEL Tue, December 24th, 11pm Chapel

#### **50th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNITY MEAL**

#### Wed, December 25th, 11am - 1pm - Central Kitchen/ Atrium/ NWA Community

This will be our 50th year hosting our annual Christmas Day Meal for the community. There will be dine-in and delivery options available for those who would like to receive a meal. There are many ways to volunteer and donate, see the form provided or go online to see how you can serve the community through this meaningful meal.

## ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

#### Sun, December 28th, 10:30am - Sanctuary

Certain Sunday School classes may be meeting, please check with your class leaders for details.



# NOVEMBER

9th	Service of Comfort and Hope
16 <sup>th</sup>	Angel Tree Sponsorship Available
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tour of Homes & Brunch Tickets on Sale
27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	Church Office closed for Thanksgiving
30 <sup>th</sup>	Advent 1
30 <sup>th</sup>	Come Sit With Me Sunday
30 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Sunday School Studies Begin
30 <sup>th</sup>	Poinsettia's on Sale
30 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Celebration with Chili Dinner Fundraiser

# DECEMBER

	5 <sup>th</sup>	City of Rogers Christmas Parade
	6 <sup>th</sup>	How to Series Make a Christmas Wreath
•	7 <sup>th</sup>	Gravity Youth Christmas Party
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Tour of Homes & Brunch
	11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	Come Sit With Me Services
	11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lessons & Carols presented by the Chancel Choir
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Back College Student Breakfast
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Book Club Christmas Party and Book Exchange
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Caroling
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve Services (2P Contemporary, 5P Traditional, 11P Chapel)
	25 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup> Annual Community Christmas Meal
	25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	Church Office Closed for Christmas
	28 <sup>th</sup>	One Combined Worship Service - 10:30a, Sanctuary

# JANUARY

31<sup>st</sup>

1 st	Church Office Closed for New Years Day
6 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany

New Years Eve