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**MORE SPRING CLASSES
ANNOUNCED!**

**ASH WED &
PANCAKE
FUNDRAISER -
FEB. 18TH**

**GALENTINES TEA
REGISTRATION OPEN
NOW!**

**PRAY GRAVITY BEGINS
FEB. 1ST! JOIN US AS WE
PRAY FOR OUR TEENS.**

**EVENSONG & RECITAL
FEBRUARY 22ND**

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"If you put your foot on that rock and your hand there you will be able to pull yourself up. Yea, just like that. Now grab ahold of that branch and adjust your foot. Give a little jump and pull. That will get you to the top!". Those were the words I heard one hot day on Greer's Ferry Lake just outside of Heber Springs, AR. Those were words I spoke over and over again to friends helping them to climb the cliffs to our favorite cliff ledge on the lake. Not only was it a great view of the lake but it was an amazing jump into the crystal clear waters below.

The only problem with our favorite cliff just down from Rivera Cove (if you know you know you) was it was quite a climb. If you came to the cliff from the neighborhood close to it then your first jump was easy. But if you climbed up from your boat then the first jump was the exciting culmination of a great adventure. There was something about the climb. If it was your first time it could be a bit scary. It was also sometimes challenging to find your way even for those who did it regularly. The water level would change and it seemed like a different climb. And it almost always tired you out a little. So, when you got to the top you felt like you had done something. Then you squared up, walked out to the ledge and wow..... what a feeling. That was for me and still is a mountain top experience.

We began the year talking about Mountain Top Experiences in our Sunday worship. My hope is that as you listen to Biblical mountain top moments you will remember your mountain top moments with God. My prayer for you is that you will ask God to encounter and give you more of them. As we enter February we are offering two journeys to the top of a mountain where I believe God will meet those who make the climb.

One we began a couple weeks ago with some students. This is our yearly confirmation class that we offer to students in our church who have at least reached the 8th grade. This is an opportunity for the youth in our church to go through the process of learning about the basics of faith, how to follow Jesus, church life and the uniqueness of being a United Methodist Christian. We cover other topics as well to give these students the tools to deepen their walks with Jesus Christ. The goal is to give an opportunity to choose to be baptized and join the church if they have not been baptized. It is also to give an opportunity for those who have been baptized as a baby to confirm their baptism.

Confirmation Sunday follows Easter in the life of Central Rogers. On the Sunday after Easter we surround our young confirmands in one worship service and celebrate what God has done in their lives. The weeks leading up to this day are some of my favorites as I get to have conversations with each about their faith. So many times I can tell that as they are anointed with oil and the words of confirmation are spoken over them God is encountering them in Mountain Top ways.

About a year ago we started offering adult confirmation that we call "Re-Confirm". We have named it that way because many who take the class were confirmed when they were young. But after 30 or 40 years they need a refresher. Others take the class because they were baptized in another denomination and would like to understand the United Methodist Church better. Still there are others that for whatever reason have never confirmed their faith. This class gives them the opportunity to go through the basics, reexamine their walk with God, and then take the vows of baptism on their own.

I believe it is very important to confirm our baptism. We talk about the importance in our confirmation classes but I want to share a couple key points. Those who have never confirmed are missing out on two things that I want to mention here. One, they are missing out on an opportunity to take the vows of baptism on their own. This is an important stand whether you have been a Christian for a long time or just make the choice. It is a stand for Jesus, the Church and the Kingdom of Heaven.

The second is why I am weaving this into the fabric of our Mountain Top sermon series. I believe these persons are missing out on a Mountain Top Experience with God. Good grief there is something about taking the vows of baptism and then kneeling, while surrounded by the congregation. As confirmands kneel, they are anointed and prayed over. It's powerful. As I remember my confirmation moment, it is like you are holding God and God is holding you. WOW.

So I invite you to join us in our Re-Confirmation mountain top journey. The class will be on Tuesday evenings at 6pm beginning on February 24. We will meet for 5 weeks and will record the classes in case you miss one. Our goal is to have everyone ready to be confirmed or baptized during our Holy Saturday services, on April 4th. This is the Saturday before Easter. You can sign up on the website or just let me know. It is a journey....a climb... an adventure that may just change your life.

Pastor Rob



A huge thank you to Olivia and Abby Dinan for facilitating the How To Crochet in January! Not only did they take time out of their college Christmas break, but it was also their birthday on the day of the class! The class sold out quickly, so be on the lookout for a sequel class later this year!



RE-CONFIRMED

From the creeds to the sacraments, come and learn what and why we believe what we believe!

Tuesdays, 6:00p
Beginning February 24th

Re-Confirmed
Tuesdays at 6pm – Feb 24 – March 25, 2026 (5 weeks only!)
Facilitated by Rob Holifield, Dawn Spragg,
and Carole Baker
Many have asked for an adult confirmation class. Here it is! Whether you were never confirmed in the Methodist church or can't remember what you learned during your confirmation, this class will be a great opportunity to learn what marks us as believers in Jesus Christ. From the creeds to the sacraments, come and learn what and why we believe what we believe!



TRAUMA SUPPORT GROUP

Healing together, one step at a time.

Wednesdays
6:00p, Begins February 25th

THE 4-1-1

FOUR WEEKS - ONE HOUR - ONE TOPIC

WEDNESDAYS 6:00p



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



Gravity

YOUTH MINISTRIES



ENJOY A STACK BEFORE THE ASH WEDS. SERVICE!

Gravity
Pancake Fundraiser
Weds Feb 18
 serving starts at 5p

Donations support Gravity's Summer Mission with Local Mission Project (LMP)!

A PROGRESSIVE DINNER

GRAVENTINES

FEB 15 ♥ 6P



Bring a box of Valentines and join us for a night full of FUN stops, DELICIOUS food & a SWEET way to end the night!

PRAY.GRAVITY

"WHEN YOU CALL ON ME, WHEN YOU COME & PRAY TO ME, I'LL LISTEN."
JEREMIAH 29:12

Join us in February for a 28-day prayer movement, where we, the community of Central, are committed to intentionally pray for each Gravity student for the entire month!



@GravityYouthMinistries



Ministries

Eggos and Legos

It's fair to say that the Men's Group knocked it out of the park for our very first Eggos & Legos event! We had a yummy breakfast, a special devotional about building each other up and had several Lego challenges. What a fantastic way to start 2026 with fellowship and fun, we are already looking forward to next year!



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ROGERS

CENTRAL WOMEN'S BOARD
INVITES YOU TO OUR
3RD ANNUAL KIDSMIN

Galentine's Tea

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
10:30-NOON IN THE ATRIUM

GIRLS
AGES 4-11
REGISTER HERE



Galentine's Tea

We are eagerly looking forward to our THIRD annual Galentines Tea Party, hosted by our Central Women's Board. Girls ages four and up (along with their grown ups) are invited to join us on Saturday, February 14 from 10:30-Noon for a tea party in the Atrium. Registration can be found on our church website at: <https://centralrogers.com/event/24222409-2026-02-14-galentines-tea/>

We hope you'll be able to join us!

"So they are no longer two,
but one"

Jesus Christ



A LASTING Promise

A Marriage Enrichment Seminar

February 6 & 7

\$25 per couple, childcare provided

Space is limited - Register TODAY



Help us support the Grace Food Pantry

Donate Dry Milk

—a vital pantry staple!



PURCHASE HERE



DONATE HERE



DRY Milk MONTH

- ✓ Long-lasting and easy to store
- ✓ Packed with essential nutrients
- ✓ Versatile for families in need
- ✓ Great alternative to fresh milk

Drop off your donations in the bin provided in the Month of February or scan the QR codes to make a monetary donation or have milk delivered directly to the church

Let's work together to help ensure families have what they need!



Ash Wednesday Service

February 18, 6:00p - Sanctuary



EVENSONG & ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday, February 22 at 4:30p, Chapel

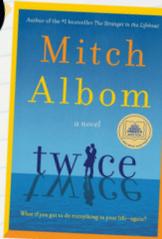


Connection Book Club

February 24 - 6:30p

Contact: Molly Pickering

February Pick



Facebook Group



1. Log in to Facebook
2. Search "Central Rogers"
3. Click "Groups" tab
4. Click Join

Share your photos, prayer request or ask questions!

This Facebook Group was created to connect, support and celebrate the members and friends of Central. It is led by staff to ensure that this community lives up to the vision and values of our church.

We actively moderate the community and love seeing others join in!

We encourage you to :

- **SHARE** uplifting stories with your fellow community members
- **SEEK** advice, support and prayer for the challenges you encounter in life
- **CELEBRATE** the good things happening in your life and lives of your family
- **ASK** questions about your faith or church happenings



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

LESSONS FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Psalm 125: 1,2

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion which cannot be moved but abides forever as the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people from this time forth and forever.

I grew up in Oklahoma where the wind comes sweeping down the plains. There are not too many mountains in the state of Oklahoma. I guess you could say that the Ouachita mountains could be considered mountains, but they are definitely not as tall as mountains like the Rockies or the mountains of Alaska.

Having grown up in Oklahoma I would not call myself a Mountaineer. So, getting the great idea to try to climb Mount Rainier at 14,410 feet was not the best idea that I have ever come up with. I'm not sure what I was thinking! What I do know is that climbing a mountain requires training, resolve, and conditioning.

I think climbing a mountain is like the Christian walk of faith. There are spiritual challenges along the way that test our faith, our resolve and it can feel overwhelming at times. And at times we may even feel like quitting.

There's a spiritual growth pattern that comes with our mountain climbing experience of the Christian faith. A good example of this is it's important in mountain climbing to be roped to a partner. You do this because there are times on the mountain when there are dangerous places like crevasses a person can fall into. When you are roped together with a partner, that partner learns to do a self-arrest, fall to the ground and plant his/her ice pick into the snow. If something dangerous happens like falling into a crevasse or you begin to slide on ice back down the mountain your partner can move into the self-arrest position to save your life.

Congregational care is a lot like having a partner while climbing a mountain. I believe the Christian community is like us being roped together. As we climb up a mountain of life, as we find ourselves in difficult times, those who have the experience, the strength, the knowledge, and/or awareness of need can be the support that is necessary. That's the idea of congregational care! All of us from time to time are going to need a partner, a friend, a confidant, or a skilled person that can come along beside us and support us through the rough times.

Mountain climbing is tough. Our walk of faith on this earth is also tough. Having the support of the faith community is vital in our journey. We are not designed to do this alone. We are designed for community and therefore it's important for us to always be a part of the community of faith to not only be a support to others but so we can be supported during the rough climbs of life.

February

Lean In.
Connecting People to Christ



- 2 Church Council Meeting
- 4 Sacred Thread Quilt Mission
- 4 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4 WNL Dinner: Biscuits and Gravy
- 6 - 7 Marriage Enrichment Seminar
- 11 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11 WNL Dinner: Chicken Soup
- 14 Galentine's Tea
- 15 Graventines
- 18 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 18 Love My Pancakes, LMP Fundraiser Dinner
- 18 Ash Wednesday Service, 6:00p, Sanctuary
- 21 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 23 Church Council Meeting
- 24 Book Club
- 25 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 25 WNL Dinner: Pulled Pork
- 25 Trauma Support Group & Re-Confirmed Classes begin
- 26 Priscilla Circle