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**LETTER FROM
THE EDITOR:
NEWLETTER
UPDATES IN JULY**

STAFF UPDATES:
SAM GIBBY, LUCY
SWANSON, REV. DAWN
SPRAGG, REV. JESSICA
WHEELER

SUMMER CLASSES &
5 WONDERFUL
WEDNESDAYS

HIGHSCHOOL BIBLE
STUDY - SUNDAYS
12:00P - 1:00P

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Staffing Updates and Announcements:



Rev. Rob Holifield

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REV. DAWN SPRAGG
Senior Associate Pastor of Worship

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Sr. Pastor and Clergy

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Director of Youth Ministries

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Director of Tiny Tots Preschool

MISTY SMITH
Nursery Supervisor

MOLLIE ARMOUR
Director of Contemporary Worship &
Accessibility

SAM GIBBY
Director of Tech Ministries

TAMI STEWART
Executive Director of Church
Administration

Sam Gibby

Sam Gibby, currently our part time Director of Technology Ministries, will move into a full time role as Director of Digital Ministries & Worship Technology beginning June 8th! Sam will oversee all aspects of Central's audio/visual and technical productions while also guiding the strategy, branding and digital communications. Please be in prayer for the Gibby family during this transition time and welcome him into this next chapter of service at Central.



Lucy Swanson

Our Director of Youth Ministries, Lucy Swanson, has communicated that after 12 years of service to Central, she feels God calling her into a new chapter. We want to personally thank Lucy for her loving service to the youth and youth families of Central Rogers. Please join us in praying for her and her family as she begins this transition. Her last day in the office will be June 11th. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, June 7th, to be with us as we honor and celebrate her time.



Rev. Dawn Spragg

Beginning in July, Rev. Dawn Spragg will be appointed full time to the Teen Action and Support Center (TASC). Dawn will continue to worship at Central, making this her home church through a covenant relationship with our congregation. Please keep her, Greg, and our church in your prayers during this season of transition. Please mark your calendars as we honor and celebrate her time here at the church on Sunday, June 14th.



Rev. Jessica Wheeler

Bishop Laura Merrill has announced her intention to appoint Reverend Jessica Wheeler as Associate Pastor of Central United Methodist Church (UMC) effective September 1, 2026. Jessica is thrilled to join Central UMC and is most excited about working deeply in pastoral care for healing and connection within the congregational body and for engaging in community outreach. Please join us in welcoming Jessica to the Central family and keep her in your prayers as she transitions into this new chapter of service and begins the search for housing in Rogers!





CONNECTION CLUBS

The weather is getting nice and this would be an awesome time to join one of our outdoor connection clubs! Two awesome groups to jump into are the Running Walking Club and the Biking Club! Connection clubs build community and friendships through mutual interests! If you are interested in being part of a connection club, please let Carole Baker or the church office know!

THANK YOU

How To...Make a Pie Crust

Thank you to Vicki Mansker for the amazing lessons on how to make the perfect pie crust. Just in time for fresh fruit season, TWO SOLD OUT classes learned all they need to know to make a delicious pie for friends or family (or for themselves – we won't judge). Rumor has it there will be a pie making contest in July. Stay tuned for more details!

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH
PART OF 5 WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS
SUMMER CLASSES
Grow Deeply as we CONNECT PEOPLE TO CHRIST

SPIRITUAL HABITS

(facilitated by Jami McFeeters)

We all struggle sometimes to figure out how to continue growing — and how to do it in a way that works for us. If we're not careful, we can end up with a relationship with God that worked at one point in our life but is no longer transforming or challenging us like it could be. This discussion group will be evaluating (or re-evaluating) spiritual habits of spending time with God, spending time with others in healthy community, using our gifts to serve, and sharing our stories of faith.

WRITING FROM THE HEART

(facilitated by Kerry Turnbow, Kelli Turnbow, Diane White)

Discover the beauty and joy of devotional writing through the promises and prophecies of Jesus Christ. This five-week course will guide participants in learning how to write meaningful, Scripture-centered devotionals designed for the Advent and Christmas season. Together, we will explore Old Testament prophecies, reflect on their fulfillment in Christ, and learn how to transform biblical truth into heartfelt devotional reflections for personal growth and congregational encouragement/engagement.

WHO WAS JOHN WESLEY

(facilitated by Rob Holified)

This 1-hour class offers an engaging introduction to the life, teachings, and legacy of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. Through discussion and reflection, the class will highlight Wesley's core ideas—such as grace, faith, and disciplined living—and consider how his message remains relevant today. This class was offered in the spring as a 411 on Wednesday night live and is back by popular demand!

Sat. June 20th 9am - 11am



Space is Limited
\$18

HOW TO SERIES



KAYAK

with Hobbs Visitor Center

Join a Hobbs State Park interpreter and spend the morning birding from inside a kayak. Learn the basics of kayaking and enjoy the scenery on the lake, weather permitting. The Men's Fellowship group will host a breakfast for ALL kayakers (men and women) then Kerry Turnbow will lead the caravan to the Hobbs Visitor Center. All equipment is provided. Space is limited to 10 people. Bring a bottle of water, insect repellent, binoculars, and dress for the weather. Hobbs will have binoculars available for those without them. Minimum age 9. Registration cost is \$18.



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YOUTH MINISTRIES

CONGRATULATIONS to our AMAZING seniors who have graduated from high school! We are so proud of you, and are excited for what God has in store for each of you! Please continue to lift them up in prayer in this time of transition over the next couple of months.

As we look to June, we've got some BIG EVENTS to register for:

JUNE 8-11 // VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

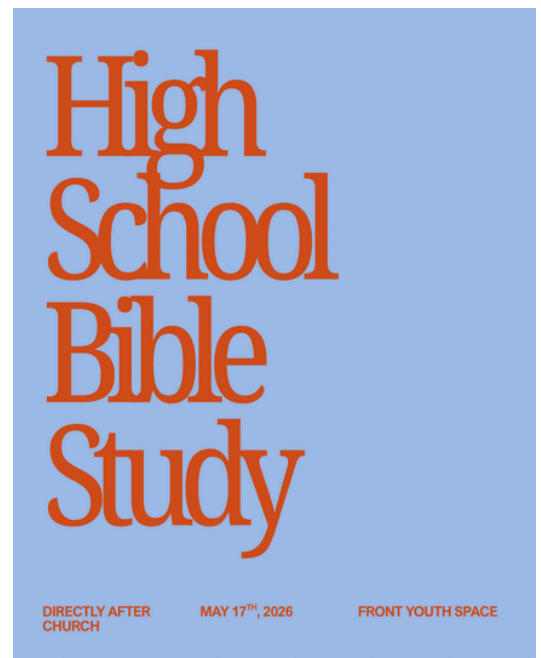
This is a great OPPORTUNITY for students to earn 20 hours of volunteer service by being a CREW LEADER. The VBS Crew has a lot of opportunities to help serve leading up to that week, even if a student can't be there ALL week. To register, visit <https://vbspro.events/p/22a65f> to VOLUNTEER registration for VBS Crew Leaders, Station Helpers, etc., or if your student wants to volunteer prior to that week, please email kemery@centralrogers.com.

JUNE 21-26 is LOCAL MISSION PROJECT at First Springdale

Join other teens from NWA and beyond for a week serving in our community by painting houses, building wheelchair ramps and decks, doing landscaping and more! It's not all sweat; each night there is a FUN event and POWERFUL worship! Please note, you REGISTER on First Springdale's site for LMP. SPACE IS ALWAYS LIMITED, so register ASAP! Let me know if you have any questions; head to registration by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/bdhuz7vw>

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

We have kicked off a High School Bible Study on the book of James. We meet DIRECTLY after church and will be done by 1:15p led by Amy Guinto, Darren Hillis & Molly Pickering! Please reach out with questions or if you need more details.



@GravityYouthMinistries



VBS



Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator and a safe place in life's storms.

Please join us in prayer that seeds will be planted in young hearts and that all will feel safe, loved and seen. Listed below are our Bible points for each day, the ONE thing we hope the kids take away from the morning. Add these to your prayers each day!

Monday June 8: God is our Creator.

Tuesday June 9: God knows everything.

Wednesday June 10: God is love.

Thursday June 11: God is forever.

WNL IS BACK!

Join us in July as we have a summer edition of WNL! We will have sandwiches for dinner in the Atrium from 5:30-6pm, then the kids (kindergarten – 5th grade) will get to spend a fantastic hour focused on fellowship and FUN. Preschoolers & toddlers are invited to join the nursery staff in room 127, and there will probably be some serious playground time. We hope you can join us for Five Wonderful Wednesdays in July!

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30am

IN THE BEGINNING: A 4-Week Series from Genesis on Creation



SERIES OVERVIEW: Take a moment to pause and get a closer look at the amazing world around us—trees, oceans, animals, and even you! What's even more amazing is that it was all created by God, for God. From the beginning of time, God created everything with care and purpose, showing incredible love for all of creation—especially us. The best thing we can do is give that love back by taking care of the world God has given us. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that God made the world and everything in it, we are made in God's image, God made a plan to save us, and God helps us make good choices!

[DOWNLOAD THIS MONTH'S PARENT DEVOTIONAL](#)



Prayers OF THE people

New Sermon Series!

Join us this summer as we look at
Prayers of the People.



Church Wide PRAYER

Last Sunday of the Month
5:00p - Chapel
Child Care Provided



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Every 3rd Saturday, 8:00a



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A letter from the Editor



Dear Church Family,

We have some exciting news to share about how we keep in touch! Beginning this July, our newsletter is getting a fresh new look and a better rhythm. We are moving from a monthly schedule to a quarterly, seasonal format. Plus, we'll continue putting out our two special editions during Advent and Lent to help us focus during those holy seasons.

Everything we do centers on our mission of **Connecting People to Christ**, and this new rhythm is designed to help you **Discover, Learn, and Live** out that mission every day. By focusing on a seasonal layout, we can give you a beautifully organized roadmap of what's ahead, making it a breeze to find exactly how you can get plugged in.

We are so excited about this change and think you're going to love how streamlined and engaging it is. Keep an eye out for our first new July/August edition coming soon—we can't wait for you to see it!

Warmly,
Amy Giunto
Director of Communications, Central Rogers UMC

WHAT TO EXPECT

Classes & Small Groups:

Easy ways to connect and grow with others.

Next Steps:

Simple ways to jump in and participate in church life.

Upcoming Events:

A clear look at the big dates ahead so you can plan.



JUNE

Lean In.
Connecting People to Christ



3	Sacred Thread Quilt Mission
3	Prayer Shawl Ministry
7	Reception for Lucy Swanson
8 -11	VBS: Rainforest Falls
9	Biking Connection Club
10	Prayer Shawl Ministry
14	Reception for Rev. Dawn Spragg
15 - 17	Arkansas Annual Conference
16	Bike Connection Club
17	Prayer Shawl Ministry
20	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
20	How to....Kayak
21	Grace Community Meal
21 - 26	LMP (Local Mission Project)
22	Church Council Meeting
23	Book Club
24	Prayer Shawl Ministry
25	Priscilla Circle
28	Prayer Service