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Mission & Ministry Offerings - Winter/Spring 2012

Canton Central United Methodist Church

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At Central we try to offer a variety of ways for you to live out your faith through mission and ministry in our church and community. Our goal is to have "every member in ministry." Please take this booklet home with you and look through the offerings listed. Complete the interest form in the back and return it to the church. I will pass your information along to the leader, and he or she will contact you about that particular group.

No matter if you choose a special-interest group or a deeper study group, all will have a time of prayer together where members may share their joys or concerns and show support for each other.

Please let me know if you have any questions or have ideas for future groups. I look forward to serving with you this year!

Blessings,

Allison Spruill

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SUNDAYS

Sunday School - Sunday Mornings, 10:00-10:45 AM, All ages! New children's age groups & teachers begin Feb. 5.

- **Infants - Preschool (3 yrs.)** - Childcare is provided by nursery workers and volunteers. Parents receive a nursery pager to notify them if needed. **Meets: Nursery Room on the lower level of the Education Building.**
- **Godly Play (4 yrs. - 2nd grade)** - Godly Play is a hands-on approach to Christian Education for children. Students hear and see the Bible story, respond to the story during their "work time", pray together, and share in a "feast" before parents pick them up. **Meets: Elementary Classroom on the lower level of the Education Building. Leader: Pam Christy.**
- **Older Elementary (3rd - 5th grades)** - This new class targets our oldest children to have deeper discussions and learn additional Bible stories not covered in Godly Play. We'll also have a special Lenten study. **Meets: Classroom next to Mrs. Tammy's Preschool Office, lower level of the Education Building near exit. Leader: Allison Spruill.**
- **Confirmation Class** - Through Confirmation youth 6th grade & older learn more about what it means to be a Christian and a United Methodist. At the end of class, youth may make a decision to join the church. **Meets: Pastor's Office, starting Feb. 12 - May. Leader: Rev. David Christy.**
- **Confirmation Mentors** - Adults are needed to serve as mentors to the confirmands. These adults show support to the youth during this process by attending as many of their meetings as possible. **Meets: Pastor's Office, Feb. 12 - May.**
- **Youth (Grades 6-12)** - The Youth will start a 6-week study of Mike Slaughter's *Change the World*, linking Bible study to global mission and local service projects. The youth will be challenged to lead in our efforts to Follow, Welcome, Feed, Heal, Rescue, & Go. **Meets: Youth Room, upper level of Education Building. Leaders: Fred & Donna Trantham.**
- **Young Adult Class** - This class is for ages 18-35ish and uses *The Wired Word* to relate the week's headlines to scripture for discussion. **Meets: Multi-Purpose Room (through Sanctuary lobby). Led by: Michael & Amanda McCoy.**
- **Disciple I Bible Study** - Disciple is completing its fall study and is closed to new participants. **Leader: Monty Williams.**
- **Koinonia** - This adult class consists of ages 40s-60s. They study books of the Bible and various topics. **Meets: Koinonia Room, upper level of Education Building on the long hallway. Leader: Linda Masters.**

SUNDAYS (cont.)

- **Rowe Henry** - This adult class consists of ages 55+. This quarterly study uses the International Lessons for teaching & discussion. **Meets: Rowe Henry Room, upper level of Education Building on the long hallway. Leaders: Weekly rotation of teachers.**
- **Handbells** - This adult group practices handbell music to share during worship services. All are welcome to join any-time! **Meets: September - May, Handbell Room (follow ramp by the Elevator). Leader: Rebecca Caldwell.**

Children's Church - An option for students in Kindergarten & 1st Grade where they experience the theme and structure of worship on their level. Children's bulletins and clipboards with crayons are available in the church lobby for children wishing to stay and worship with their family. **Meets: Immediately following the children's moment in the 11:00 AM service, Elementary Classroom, lower level of the Education Building. Leaders: Allison Spruill & weekly volunteer.**

United Methodist Men - Men of the church are invited to meet for breakfast, fellowship, devotion, and service. **Meets: 3rd Sundays monthly, 7:30-8:30 AM, Fellowship Hall. Co-leaders: Kevin Spruill & Fred Trantham.**

United Methodist Youth - All youth grades 6-12 are invited to participate in this time of food, friends, and fun! We start with a meal, have large group meeting time, small group discussion, and then close with prayer. Upcoming Lenten study. *1 Thessalonians 5:11...encourage one another and build each other up...* **Meets: 5:11-7:11 PM most Sundays, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room. (Watch newsletter for schedule changes.) Leaders: Allison Spruill, Val Guyer, & Kurt Cope.**

Gigis (Girls 4 God) - This group is designed especially for 4th & 5th grade girls. Using the *Faithgirlz Handbook*, these tweens gather for fellowship, learning what it means to be a Faithgirl, and an activity. **Meets: 1st & 3rd Sundays monthly (Does NOT meet Feb. 5), 4:00-5:00 PM, Youth Room. Leaders: Alison Lipham & Maggie Christy.**

The Community Kitchen - Groups from Central prepare and serve suppers monthly. **Serves: 1st Sundays, Groups responsible: January - Youth, February - UMW/Virginia, March - UMW/Hiawatha, April - Men, May - Youth, June - UMW/Virginia, July - UMW/Hiawatha, August - Men, September - Youth, October - UMW/Virginia, November - UMW/Hiawatha, December - Men.**

MONDAYS

Tool Time - Volunteers gather to complete odd jobs around the church. **Meets: 3rd Mondays monthly, 10 AM - Noon, at the church. Led by: Charles Howard.**

The Basket Cases - This group meets for fellowship and basket weaving! Supplies needed are: old scissors, old towels, lots of spring clothespins, pencil, tape measure, awl or small flathead screwdriver, and a squirt bottle. No experience needed! **Meets: 6:30-9 PM weekly through early June, Rowe Henry Room. Leader: Jean Glover.**

Weight Watchers - **Meets: 6:30-8 PM weekly throughout the year, Fellowship Hall. Contact: Weight Watchers website for more info.**

Monday's Accountability Group - With regular support of a few faithful friends, the gift of God's love in Jesus Christ becomes a lifestyle of Christian discipleship where members listen, celebrate, and reinforce each other's commitment to live in union with Christ in all facets of daily life. **Meets: 6:00-7:00 PM, weekly beginning Jan. 30 - May, Koinonia Classroom. Leaders: Shelley Bleyl & Dennis Ray.**

TUESDAYS

Tuesday's Accountability Group - (See Monday's Accountability Group description) **Meets: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly, 7:15-8:15 AM, Pastor's Office. Contact: John Dobbins or David Christy. (We hope to offer an additional Accountability group meeting another day led by Ruth Ann Montes & Jim Mease. Watch the newsletter for information. All groups meet for just one hour.)**

Newsletter Helpers - Assist with assembling, folding, and labeling the weekly newsletter. **Meets: 9:00-10:30 AM weekly in Koinonia. Contact: Debbie Bumgardner.**

Sew Happy Quilting Group - Interested in quilting or other crafts? Join this group and work on projects for yourself and for the care of others. **Meets: 6-9 PM weekly through May (excluding holidays), Fellowship Hall. Contact: Carolyn Russell for supply list and information.**

Speeders - This adult group for those 55+ enjoys fellowship, programs, a meal, and outings together. **Meets: 1st Tuesdays monthly, 10 AM - Noon. Feb. 7 - Meet at the church - business, program - Karen Owens of STAR (Save The Animals Rescue) Ranch, and lunch. Meal is \$5.00. Contact: Pat Dobbins.**

TUESDAYS (cont.)

Lenten Study - This 6-week study with daily reading passages will use *Gospelled Lives* by John Indermark. The author shares how lives are changed when we encounter Christ and uses the Gospels' characters as comparison. Cost of book: \$8 (church has ordered) **Meets: Noon-1 PM weekly, Feb. 28 - Apr. 3, Library. Leader: Linda Masters.**

WEDNESDAYS

Central in Motion - Meet at the park for a short prayer and then walk or run at your own pace. **Meets: 6:15 AM, Wednesdays & Fridays, May 9 - June 15 weather permitting, Canton Rec Park Basketball Court. Leader: David Christy.**

Prayer Group - The Prayer Group meets to review, update, and pray for requests brought to their attention. It's open to anyone desiring to pray for others both locally & globally. **Meets: 9:00-10:00 AM weekly, Parlor. Contact: David Christy.**

WOW Supper - Register on the Opportunity Form weekly (at both services) or call the office by Tuesday morning to reserve a meal. \$5 for adults, \$2 under 12. **Meets: 5:30-6:00 PM weekly through May 23 (excluding holidays), Fellowship Hall.**

Kids' Club & Children's Choir - Children ages 3 years-5th grade are invited to participate in Godly Play by telling stories and other creative work. Children's Choir is currently learning to play tone chimes to share in worship in the future.

Meets: 6-7 PM weekly through May 23 (excluding holidays), Elementary Room downstairs. Leaders: Allison Spruill & Rebecca Caldwell.

Worship - Youth & adults are invited to this mid-week worship service. A special Lenten series will incorporate *24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton. **Meets: 6:15-6:55 PM weekly through May 23 (excluding holidays), Multi-purpose Room. Leader: Rev. David Christy.**

Chancel Choir - The adult choir meets to prepare their gift of music for the 11:00 AM Traditional Worship on Sundays. **Meets: 7-8 pm weekly Sept. 7 - May 23 (excluding holidays), Sanctuary. Leader: Rebecca Caldwell.**

THURSDAYS

Praise Team - This group meets to rehearse music in order to lead worship during the 9:00 AM Praise Service. **Meets: 7:00 PM weekly, as well as 8:00 AM on Sundays, Sanctuary. Leader: James Markey.**

THURSDAYS (cont.)

United Methodist Women - All women are invited to join this group for spiritual growth, fellowship, and service.

Meets: 2nd Thursdays monthly, 10 AM - Noon, Locations vary. **Contact:** Virginia Miller or Bert Reeves.

Bridges Out of Poverty Study - This study uses the book by the same name and serves as the training course for those interested in working with Circles of Haywood County. **Meets: Weekly, Feb. 16 - Mar. 22, 7 PM. Leader: David Christy.**

Monthly Visitation Team - This group will spend one Thursday a month visiting several of our homebound members.

Meets: Specific dates & times to be determined by the individuals being visited. Leaders: Monty & Jane Williams.

FRIDAYS

Office Volunteer - Office volunteers are asked to help one hour in the morning making phone calls for upcoming meetings and preparing the pews for worship. **Fridays: One hour between 10 AM - 1 PM. Contact: Debbie Bumgardner.**

Central in Motion - Meet at the park for a short prayer and then walk or run at your own pace. **May 9 - June 15 weather permitting, Canton Rec Park Basketball Court. Leader: David Christy.**

Scrapbooking - Bring pictures, supplies, and snacks to share! If you don't have scrapbook supplies or need a few items, let Cindy Metzgar know. She has some available for purchase. **Meets: once a month (date varies, watch newsletter for monthly date; provide email and Cindy will contact you), 6 PM - Until, Fellowship Hall. Leader: Cindy Metzgar.**

SATURDAYS

The Fishers - Enjoy fishing? This group is for you! **Meets: Monthly as weather allows (March - October), dates and locations vary. Coordinator: John Dobbins. Watch newsletter for planning meeting.**

G.O.L.F. (Guys Offering Life Fellowship) - This men's group meets at the Junaluska Golf Course to walk 9 holes. Sign up to be included on their email list. **Meets: Weekly at 4 PM (starting mid/late March). Contact: Kevin Spruill.**

Supper Club - This fellowship group gets together to share a meal! **Meets: Monthly, 5:30 PM, through May, locations vary. February outing: Sid's on Main. Watch the newsletter for specific February date. Coordinator: Debbi Angel.**

Coming soon! Watch for information about the following ways to get involved:

Financial Peace University (FPU) - This life-changing program teaches participants to achieve their financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. FPU consists of a 13-week video curriculum—taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey—that incorporates small-group discussions to encourage accountability and discipleship.

This group will meet one evening weekly for 2 hours, late February - mid/May. Watch the newsletter for details.

Children's Events - Check out the lime green Kids' Page in the weekly newsletter for dates and times of monthly activities! Don't forget about Kids' Club & Children's Choir for ages 3 years - 5th grade on Wednesdays through May, 6-7 PM!

- **February - Valentine's Celebration, 6:00-6:30 PM during Kids' Club! Feb. 1 - make Valentine holders, Feb. 8 & 15 - bring Valentines for your church friends, Feb. 15 - Valentine's Party! Meets: Elementary Room.**
- **March/April: Easter EGGstravaganza! Tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Apr. 1, 2-4 PM. Location: TBD.**
- **Thursday, Apr. 18 (Spring Break) - WNC Nature Center Field Trip. Meets: 10 AM at the church, bring a bag lunch and an adult chaperone.**
- **Sunday, May 6, 4 PM - Team up with youth to create items for the Mission: Possible Event.**
- **Saturday, June 9 - Summer Celebration! (More information in the Spring/Summer booklet out May 27)**
- **Friday-Sunday, July 13-15 - New Weekend Vacation Bible School! Mark your calendars for Rocky Point Lighthouse VBS, a new weekend format VBS developed by Group (More information in the Spring/Summer booklet)**
- **Look for details about these events soon! Contact: Allison Spruill.**

Red Cross Blood Drive - The Tye Blanton Foundation sponsors quarterly blood drives at Central on Sundays, Noon - 5.
Future blood drives: Apr. 22, Aug. 12.

Relay for Life - This yearly event raises money locally for the American Cancer Society. Central will be forming a team soon!
This year's event is Friday, May 11. Co-leaders: Krystal Baker, Carol Litchfield, & Jency Smathers.

The Art of Marriage Weekend Workshop - Friday, Apr. 20, 6:30-9 PM - Saturday, Apr. 21, 9 AM - 4 PM

All couples are invited to attend this weekend event! This marriage enrichment workshop goes through six DVD sessions by respected pastors & experts to help you and your spouse fully experience God's design for marriage. Cost is \$35 per couple which covers the cost of workbooks. Visit www.familylifetoday.com for details. Facilitator: Allison Spruill.

Mission: Possible! - Saturday, May 12, starting at 4:00 PM.

The community is invited to this BIG fundraising event for missions! Our goals are to give glory to God, show extravagant hospitality to our community, and to raise \$25,000 for local and international mission efforts. 4 PM - Silent Auction begins; 5 PM - Hamburger/Hotdog Supper (donations accepted); 5:45 PM - Live Auction begins with John Dobbins as our auctioneer.

We will also hold other events leading up to this big day, where the money collected goes towards our Mission: Possible fundraising goal. Watch the newsletter for information!

Summer Events - A Look Ahead

- **Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska - June 20-24:** A gathering of representatives from our church and the WNCC of UMC.
- **Carolina Cross Connection - July 1-7:** This team is already formed and registered. They will be serving at CCC's HOME (Homeless Outreach Mission Experience) through the Haywood Street Congregation in Asheville.
- **Vacation Bible School - July 13-15:** Volunteers are needed to serve in many different roles during this new weekend format of VBS using Group's Rocky Point Lighthouse VBS. The schedule will be Friday evening for 2 1/2 hours, Saturday morning for 2 1/2 hours, and will finish Sunday morning during Sunday School. **Contact: Allison Spruill.**
- **Camp Tekoa** - Camp Tekoa is a United Methodist Camp in Hendersonville with camp weeks throughout the summer for elementary - high school students. Day Camp is offered for K - 5 students, as well as Mini-Camps (half-weeks) of overnight camp, and full overnight weeks. Middle School and High School students may choose from a variety of overnight, week-long camps offering many different adventures. **Visit: www.camptekoa.org for dates, camps, and costs.**
Contact Allison Spruill for more information.



**There's a spot
for YOU in
mission and
ministry!
Find a place and
get connected!**

Interested in getting connected?

Complete the form below and a leader will contact you.

List the name(s) of the group(s) in which you are interested. Please tear off and place in the offering plate, send to the office, or give to Allison Spruill.

Name of Group

Day & Time

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Questions or Suggestions: _____
