

### Bible Reading for September 26

Mark 10:13-16, In his teachings, Jesus repeatedly calls his followers "little children" and commends childlike faith as the way to go. Why do you think he does this? What could he be comparing it to? What is your faith like?

### Wednesday Nite Café September 22nd Menu

Country Fried Steak  
Mashed potatoes, Gravy, English Peas, Rolls, Salad, Dessert

If you would like a To-go box for Wednesday Nite dinner, call Wim Marchant before Monday at noon so he can get an accurate count to order food.

### Pricing

Adult/\$7  
Child/\$5  
Household/\$20



### September Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Sept 12	\$7,990
Needed for Sept	\$62,235
Received for Sept	\$23,490

### Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	114
Online:	147

### Calendar

#### Sunday, September 19

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)  
9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Good Fellowship (CH)  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
5:00 PM Church Council Meeting-FH

#### Tuesday, September 21

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH  
9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Ladies B.S.-L  
2:30 PM Prayer Team  
5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

#### Wednesday, September 22

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Café  
6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Programming  
Children, Youth, Adults

#### Thursday, September 23

7:00 AM, Men's Java Jaay Bible  
8:00-10:00 AM Gleeeful Bible Study-FH

#### Friday, September 24

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

CH- Chapel  
FH- Fellowship Hall  
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall  
L - Library  
S- Sanctuary  
G- Gym

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.  
[www.CentralUnitedMethodist.com](http://www.CentralUnitedMethodist.com)

Sunday - September 26th



## CUMC PICNIC & Fishing

### Come One -Come All!!!

Bring your picnic baskets, poles, bait, chairs, hats and coolers and let's find out Who is the fishing champion of Central!

When -- Sunday Sept. 26th

2:00 until 5:00

Where -- The Looney's Farm

Who -- EVERYONE

Why -- Just for Fun!!

Facemasks are Recommended



and Encouraged while indoors.

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



Central's mission:



Love God  
Love others  
Serve the world

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Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM



faith: works

## Draw Near

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

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September 19, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

\*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.

Preservice Music "Shout to the Lord"  
"Shine Jesus Shine"  
"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?  
**We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.**  
Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?  
**We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.**  
Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?  
**We long to live lives of holiness and light.**  
God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.  
Come near, people of God!  
Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

Congregational Singing "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"  
"In Christ Alone"

\*Affirmation of Faith

*Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*universal*

\*Greeting

Congregational Singing "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you

Prayers of the People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Judy Simms

Special Music "Beautiful City"

Nathan Klose

Bible Reading — James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct he should show his works done in the gentleness that wisdom brings. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfishness in your hearts, do not boast and tell lies against the truth. Such wisdom does not come from above but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where there is jealousy and selfishness, there is disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, accommodating, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and not hypocritical. And the fruit that consists of righteousness is planted in peace among those who make peace.

Where do the conflicts and where do the quarrels among you come from? Is it not from this, from your passions that battle inside you? You desire and you do not have; you murder and envy and you cannot obtain; you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask; you ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, so you can spend it on your passions.

So submit to God. But resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — "Draw Near"

Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

\*Sending Forth

Musical Gift "Faith the Cornerstone"

*Broughton*



**The Upside Down Kingdom  
Sermon Series**

- September 26: "Where the Children Are Blessed" - Mark 10:13-16
- October 3: "Where the Last Are First" - Mark 10:17-31
- October 10: "Where the Least are the Greatest" - Mark 10:35-45
- October 17: "Where the Blind Can See" - Mark 10:46-52

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

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