

EVERYDAY PREVENTIVE STEPS TO AVOID THE FLU



WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN

AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE & MOUTH
(germs spread faster that way)

STAY HOME UNTIL 24 HOURS AFTER SYMPTOMS ARE GONE

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 4, 2018

The Value of One Minute

When was the last time someone asked you, "can I have a minute of your time?" Or maybe they asked, "do you have a minute?" While there are a variety of ways of saying it, it is a request for our attention which is actually a bit of our life.

On Sunday, the world's attention will tune in to Super Bowl LII. A few of the anticipated 100 million viewers will be watching the game while most will tune in for the commercials. In previous years the commercials have been more entertaining than the game.

A thirty second spot during the big game will cost an advertiser \$5 million. That means, my mathematically challenged friends, the value of one minute of airtime during the Super Bowl is \$10 million. Amazing!

Because the amount of time from the kickoff until the last whistle is limited, and because there will be so many people tuning in, the network demands a premium price for airtime. Advertisers willingly pay these huge amounts for the time. Time is valuable.

What is the value of your time? How much is a minute of your life worth? We skip merrily through our days, weeks and years and often give little thought to the value of our time. Life is precious.

We are warned by the Psalmist who says, "Our days are like an evening shadow; we wither away like grass." Another says, "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."

Even our school teachers encouraged us to use our time wisely. That is good advice for all of us. We must decide how we will use the time that we have been granted by God. Growing our relationship with God and seeking His will for our lives is a great place to begin.

I can't imagine a better use of my time than spending a portion of the day at church doing just that. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Danny

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THIS WEEKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR SUBS SUNDAY IN THE FLC!

This Sunday when you pick up your subs we will have a variety of soups & desserts for you to enjoy with your sub sandwich in the FLC.

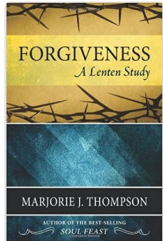
THE KERMIT & JANIE STARNES 2018/19 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS



The Starnes family left a generous gift for the young people of this church who work hard and wish to obtain additional education in undergraduate studies. This year applications will be available March 1st with a deadline of April 15th at 12pm. To receive an application link you must first complete the "Intent to Apply" form that will be available February 22nd. Contact Ken Haigler, Scholarship Chairman, with questions [704-661-3316](tel:704-661-3316).

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: FORGIVENESS

Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness.



The study is 6 weeks. Two classes will be offered.

Wednesday Evenings at 6pm Taught by Danny Leonard
Beginning February 21

Thursday Mornings 10am Taught by Carol Hill
Beginning February 22

You can sign up for the class by calling the church office. Books are available in the office as well.



CENTRAL KIDS

Children's Ministry Team Parent Meeting

Sunday, February 11th - 11:00am Children's Worship Room

As we are all aware we are losing our great Pastor Em. Please come to this Children's Ministry Team Parent Meeting as we make plans and discuss the potential opportunities for our children. Representatives from SPRC will be available so we can express our thoughts on the direction of this program.

This is for parents who have children up to 5th Grade
Childcare will be provided. Questions? Contact Ginger Hightower [704-207-3349](tel:704-207-3349).

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

- Sunday, 2/4** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Pick up Subs - FLC
- Monday, 2/5** 6:00 pm Upward Practice - FLC
6:30 pm UMW Board Meeting - Library
- Tuesday, 2/6** 10:00 am Lessie-Anne Circle - Library
6:00 pm Upward Practice - FLC
6:30 pm Knitting Girls
- Wednesday, 2/7** 10:00 am Soul Food - Hospitality Rm.
6:00 pm Celebration Singers - Choir Rm.
6:00 pm Youth Vocals - Central Hall
7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Rm.
- Thursday, 2/8** 7:30am Thursday's Men's Group - Hilltop Restaurant
12:00 pm Central Friends - Hospitality Room
2:00 pm Children's Weekday Board Meeting - Library
6:00 pm Upward Practice - FLC
6:15 pm Handbells - Sanctuary
7:30 pm Trinity
- Friday, 2/9** 2:30 pm L.I.F.E. Crafters - Library
- Saturday, 2/10** 9:00 am Upward Games - FLC
9:00 am Brass Rehearsal
10:00 am InnerChange Vocals - Choir Room
11:00 am InnerChange Instrument - Central Hall
11:30 am Heart to Heart Luncheon Social & Bake Sale
12:00 pm Heart to Heart Luncheon Begins - Central Hall

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS

Rob Morris, David McClure, Virginia Duncan, The Campbell children, Grace Medlin, Cindy Malone, Belinda Sisk, Joel Kurtz, Amy Helms, Gail Klein, Evan White-Parker A1C, Lloyd Ratliff, Barbara Murray, Pat Johnson, Bob Sullivan, Jo & Julian Bell, and Jason Hill.



TO ALL THE WOMEN OF CENTRAL UMC
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH ALL THE WOMEN ARE ASKED
TO WEAR RED AND MEET FOR A GROUP PICTURE IN
CENTRAL HALL AT 10 AM!



OUR FAITHFULNESS INFORMATION FOR JAN. 28TH & FEB. 4TH

WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKS NEWSLETTER
DEBBIE WALTERS HAS BEEN OUT ALL WEEK WITH THE FLU