

# CONNECT

Central Trinity Family,

Take a moment and think of your own family. This one word can cause many different feelings. Anger and hurt feelings can occur just as easily as contentment and love. Family is often defined as a group of people usually bound by the same blood (but does not have to be), who genuinely love, trust, care for, and look out for one another. Now take a moment and let all that sink in and think about the phrase *church family*.

It should be similar to what you just read, but it also should be a little different too. So, what would church family look like? Would a body of believers make things better or worse?

The second chapter of Acts gives us some guidance. If you remember this is where “church” began. Peter is speaking here, and he is talking about what these new believers should be about. This is what he says in Acts 2:42, “They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.” The Bible places importance here on the family unit. Why? Even in the best of human relationships we are using others and they in turn use us. Loneliness drives us to be with one another, but that does not mean we are “truly together.” Our selfish nature often wins out. One biblical scholar says it this way about how it should be. “But when the living Christ sets us free, we are able to participate in His external purpose for His people: that they become one—one with Him and one with each other. My definition of the church is: the fellowship of those given by Christ to be to each other what He has been to them, so that together they can be to the world a demonstration of the new humanity He died and lives to make possible. When He performs the miracle of His love in us, it is then that a character transformation begins which makes it possible for us to love unselfishly. The church as it was meant to be is made up of those people.” This makes a church a true family.

Here at Central Trinity, we are so glad you chose us to be your church family. May God bless us as we all grow in faith, hope and love together. And may 2022 be blessed and joyous.

Pastor Jonathan Exman

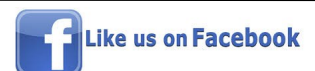


**Central Trinity**  
**United Methodist Church**

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**Director of Music**

Jim McLaughlin

**Chancel & Children's Choir**

Ann Sims

**Wesleyan & Carillon Bells**

Andy Ruetz

**Nursery Attendants**

Callie Carter

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**Administrative Assistant**

Bonnie Gerda

**Treasurer**

Holly Ruetz

**Financial Secretary**

Rick Mohler

**Sunday Schedule**

9:00 a.m. *Ignite Service*

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Wesleyan Choir

10:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. CT Students Grades 5–8

6:00 p.m. CT Students Grades 7–12

Childcare provided each Sunday 8:50 to 11:30 a.m.

Handicapped parking available at North entrance of parking lot

**Office Hours**

Mon. – Thu. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Closed Noon – 1 p.m.

Fri. 9 a.m. – Noon

**Family Life Ministries**

Happy New Year!

I want to start by saying thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Parade. We had such a great turnout and help from so many in our church. A special shoutout to our two drivers, Duane Deal and Steve Buck. Thank you, gentleman! The attendance for the parade was great, despite the bad weather. It was wet and cold, but it didn't dampen our spirits, and we had a wonderful time. Our second event for Christmas was another new venture for CT. We participated in the downtown event "The Storybook Christmas." All downtown was open on December 17 for special events, and we participated with an open house walkthrough at CT that was called "Santa Tells the Story." People were able to walk through our church on a journey to the Manger. It ended in the Sanctuary with Santa kneeling before the Manger and our Bell Choir, led by Andy Ruetz, and Jim McLaughlin on the organ. It was a beautiful evening, and it wouldn't have been possible without the help of so many. Thank you all!

What a December! I am looking forward to the New Year and all the new ways we will show our community God's love. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful Family Life team, or volunteer with our children, please let me know. I promise that being a part of kids' lives as they learn about God is life changing. And I can't wait to see what 2022 will bring to CT!

God Bless You All and Happy New Year,

Lesa Exman

**CT Student Ministry**

I can't believe that 2021 has come and gone so quickly! CT Student Ministry's Christmas Party was a success, and all of the kiddos had an exceptional time! You can check out CT Student Ministry's Facebook page for photos! As I look forward to the upcoming year, I am excited to be able to continue to teach these amazing young people about what it means to have a relationship with Jesus—and how they can share about Him with their peers! In 2022 we are hoping to plan another Mission Trip as well as a trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. Be praying for CT Student Ministry and all the awesome young hearts that attend. I am excited to see how God will grow this ministry numerically and spiritually. Thank you to all of the adults who have helped make this Student Ministry a success!

Grace and Peace,

Jon Carter, Associate Pastor

### United Methodist Women

Thank you to all who brought items for the Mitten Tree. We received 146 hats, 144 pairs of gloves/mittens, 4 scarves, 25 hat and glove sets, 4 hat/glove/scarf sets, 8 earmuffs, and 2 pair of socks. These items were given to the Free Store and Eastside Community Ministries. Thank you, again, for your generosity.

**Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry** resumes meeting Thursdays, 5 p.m., at the church, beginning January 6. All are welcome for stitching, praying, and fellowship.

**United Methodist Women** meets Monday, January 10, 6 p.m., at the church. Note that we are meeting the second week because of the holiday.

Do you enjoy reading? Join others Thursday, January 27, 5 p.m., for a book discussion of *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate, available at the Muskingum Public Library as a printed book, large-print book, audio book, and e-book. This riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting novel is based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals in which an adoption organization kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families. All our welcome.

### Super Bowl Sub Sunday

Super Bowl Sub Sunday is February 13, 2022, and the *Verla Moore Service Club* will be again selling subs. Order forms will be available at the Welcome Center in January.

### Operation Christmas Child

CT family you all are amazing!! There are 248 children who will hear the gospel of Jesus and receive a shoebox filled with gifts because of your generous support!!

VMSC is so appreciative of your love and kindness for this mission project. Thank you all so very much!

Verla Moore Service Club

### Music Ministry

CT Music Schedule for January:

- 02 Special Music
- 09 Chancel Choir, Communion
- 16 Chancel Choir
- 23 Carillon Bells
- 30 Children and Wesleyan choirs

Openings are available in all choirs as we begin 2022. Please reach out to Ann Sims or Andy Ruetz for more information.

**Come as Yourself, Grow in Faith, Serve with Love**

### Mission Team

Missions are active in so many ways at CT despite COVID. As a church you should celebrate the impact on the community, pray for those involved, and, if you have not yet participated in a mission activity, give it a try. As we start a new year, I want to highlight three opportunities for mission.

The Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Coalition finished its first house in 2021. Katie Garrett was the coordinator for CT's involvement in the project. She can provide information on the coalition's plans for 2022 (katiegarrett6@gmail.com or 740-297-4615). To sign up as a volunteer you must create an account on Habitat's website, [www.habitatseo.org](http://www.habitatseo.org). It asks if you are part of a group and that is when you enter Central Trinity.

Eastside Community Ministry is still in need of tutors for after-school programs. Contact Dessie Craig at ECM for more information. When COVID subsides, I believe there are many more opportunities for mission with ECM.

The SOWER project completed its 21st house at Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY, in 2021. Several members of Central Trinity are planning to take part in building another house in 2022. The schedule for the 2022 build is:

|         |            |  |
|---------|------------|--|
| Week #1 | May 1–7    | Framing/roof truss/roof deck             |
| Week #2 | May 8–15   | Roofing/siding/interior walls            |
| Week #3 | July 10–15 | Siding/insulation/wall board/spackle     |
| Week #4 | July 17–23 | Spackling/paint/exterior trim            |
| Week #5 | Aug 14–20  | Flooring/paint/complete exterior         |
| Week #6 | Aug 21–27  | Interior doors/trim/kitchen & dedication |

The cost is \$250–\$325 per week, depending on type of housing. Scholarships are available to cover this cost. See Duane Deal or Bill Williamson for the registration form and general information. All it requires is a willingness to work. No special tools or skills required. It is a wonderful experience to build a house for a family to make a home.

Duane Deal  
Chair

## Thank you

Thank you CT friends for your prayers and cards during my recent surgery.  
Bill Miller

I would like to thank you for the many beautiful cards I received on my 90th birthday!  
Bill Miller

Thank you to my church friends and family for the wonderful Thanksgiving cards and birthday cards. You are all very special to me.  
Mary Longshore

*Thankful  
and  
blessed*

Thank you all to my great and wonderful friends at CT for all the beautiful cards and messages.  
God Bless,  
Joanne McIntire

## Blessed

Friends:

Many thanks for your gift of gloves and more! The Free Store was just beginning to need gloves and there they were!

Your support of our neighbors is so "important." The Shelter and Free Store serve many in our city. They are blessed by your continued generosity.

Hundreds of coats have been given away and more as we get "colder."

Gloves, scarves, and hats are important to all. You answered our prayers!

Thanks,  
First Church Family  
Marilyn Moody

## Many Thanks

Warmest thanks to Phyllis Bradshaw, Leslie Miller, Mary Longshore, Marcie Hunter, Mary Colopy, Sandra Robe, and Sue Wright, for helping me in the office the month of November. Please call the office if I left anyone off this list.

- Bonnie Gerdau, Admin Assistant

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**January 2**

**Jon Carter preaching 9 a.m. Ignite**  
**Jon Carter preaching 10:30 a.m. Traditional**

Message:  
 Scripture:  
 Special Music: Special Music

**January 9**

**Holy Communion**  
**"The Power of God's Voice"**

Message: "The Voice of Gladness"  
 Scripture: Psalm 37:3-9  
 Special Music: Chancel Choir

**January 16**

**"The Power of God's Voice"**

Message: "The Door!"  
 Scripture: Revelation 3:7-13, John 10:1-10, John 10:9  
 Special Music: Chancel Choir

**January 23**

**"The Power of God's Voice"**

Message: "The Dream"  
 Scripture: Acts 2:17-21  
 Special Music: Carillon Bells

**January 30**

**"The Power of God's Voice"**

Message: "Timing Is Everything"  
 Scripture: Ephesians 5:13-16, Romans 8:18-28  
 Special Music: Children's & Wesleyan Choirs

### "80 Plus Club" Happy Birthday

Mary Helen Williams, January 5

Virginia Harding, January 17

Bob England, January 30

If we missed anyone or do not have the date right, please call the church office.

*Happy  
 Birthday*

### Bible Study

Bible Study resumes in  
 January 2022

### Average YTD attendance:

**Nov. worship attendance**  
 (through 12/12/21): 137

### November 2021 Financial Report

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| YTD Budget   | \$405,895 |
| YTD Income   | \$344,232 |
| YTD Expenses | \$369,965 |

**January Calendar of Events is subject to change**

|                     |   |  |  |
|---------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>1</b>            | <b>New Year's Day</b>                           |  |  |
| <b>2 Sunday</b>     |   |  |  |
| 9:00 a.m.           | <i>Ignite Service</i>                           |  |  |
| 9:00 a.m.           | Sunday School                                   |  |  |
| 9:45 a.m.           | Wesleyan Choir                                  |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | <i>Worship</i>                                  |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | Sunday School                                   |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | CT Students (Grades 5–8)                        |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.           | CT Students (Grades 7–12)                       |  |  |
| <b>3 Monday</b>     |   |  |  |
| 6:30 p.m.           | Bible Study                                     |  |  |
| <b>4 Tuesday</b>    |   |  |  |
| 1:00 p.m.           | Staff Meeting                                   |  |  |
| <b>5 Wednesday</b>  |   |  |  |
| 11:00 a.m.          | Bible Study                                     |  |  |
| <b>6 Thursday</b>   |   |  |  |
| 5:00 p.m.           | Angel Wings Prayer Shawl                        |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.           | Children's Choir practice                       |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.           | Carillon Bells practice                         |  |  |
| 7:00 p.m.           | Chancel Choir practice                          |  |  |
| <b>9 Sunday</b>     | <b>Holy Communion</b>                           |  |  |
| 9:00 a.m.           | <i>Ignite Service</i>                           |  |  |
| 9:00 a.m.           | Sunday School                                   |  |  |
| 9:45 a.m.           | Wesleyan Choir                                  |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | <i>Worship</i>                                  |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | Sunday School                                   |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | CT Students (Grades 5–8)                        |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.           | CT Students (Grades 7–12)                       |  |  |
| <b>10 Monday</b>    |   |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.           | United Methodist Women                          |  |  |
| 6:30 p.m.           | Bible Study                                     |  |  |
| <b>11 Tuesday</b>   |   |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.           | Verla Moore Service Club                        |  |  |
| <b>12 Wednesday</b> |   |  |  |
| 11:00 a.m.          | Bible Study                                     |  |  |
| <b>13 Thursday</b>  |   |  |  |
| 5:00 p.m.           | Angel Wings Prayer Shawl                        |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.           | Children's Choir practice                       |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.           | Carillon Bells practice                         |  |  |
| 7:00 p.m.           | Chancel Choir practice                          |  |  |
| <b>16 Sunday</b>    |   |  |  |
| 9:00 a.m.           | <i>Ignite Service</i>                           |  |  |
| 9:00 a.m.           | Sunday School                                   |  |  |
| 9:45 a.m.           | Wesleyan Choir                                  |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | <i>Worship</i>                                  |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | Sunday School                                   |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | CT Students (Grades 5–8)                        |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.           | CT Students (Grades 7–12)                       |  |  |
| <b>17 Monday</b>    |   |  |  |
|                     | <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed</b> |  |  |
| <b>18 Tuesday</b>   |   |  |  |
| 1:00 p.m.           | Staff Meeting                                   |  |  |
| <b>19 Wednesday</b> |   |  |  |
| 11:00 a.m.          | Bible Study                                     |  |  |
| <b>20 Thursday</b>  |   |  |  |
| 5:00 p.m.           | Angel Wings Prayer Shawl                        |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.           | Children's Choir practice                       |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.           | Carillon Bells practice                         |  |  |
| 7:00 p.m.           | Chancel Choir practice                          |  |  |
| <b>21 Friday</b>    |   |  |  |
|                     | <b>Connect Articles Deadline</b>                |  |  |
| <b>23 Sunday</b>    |   |  |  |
| 9:00 a.m.           | <i>Ignite Service</i>                           |  |  |
| 9:00 a.m.           | Sunday School                                   |  |  |
| 9:45 a.m.           | Wesleyan Choir                                  |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | <i>Worship</i>                                  |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | Sunday School                                   |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | CT Students (Grades 5–8)                        |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.           | CT Students (Grades 7–12)                       |  |  |
| <b>24 Monday</b>    |   |  |  |
| 6:30 p.m.           | Bible Study                                     |  |  |
| <b>26 Wednesday</b> |   |  |  |
| 11:00 a.m.          | Bible Study                                     |  |  |
| <b>27 Thursday</b>  |   |  |  |
| 5:00 p.m.           | Angel Wings Prayer Shawl                        |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.           | Children's Choir practice                       |  |  |
| 6:00 p.m.           | Carillon Bells practice                         |  |  |
| 7:00 p.m.           | Chancel Choir practice                          |  |  |
| <b>30 Thursday</b>  |   |  |  |
| 9:00 a.m.           | <i>Ignite Service</i>                           |  |  |
| 9:00 a.m.           | Sunday School                                   |  |  |
| 9:45 a.m.           | Wesleyan Choir                                  |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | <i>Worship</i>                                  |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | Sunday School                                   |  |  |
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| 6:00 p.m.           | CT Students (Grades 7–12)                       |  |  |

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### Special Dates This Month

- January 1**    **New Year's Day**
- January 4**    **Staff Meeting**
- January 9**    **Holy Communion**
- January 10**   **United Methodist Women**
- January 11**   **Verla Moore Service Club**
- January 17**   **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
                    **Office Closed**
- January 18**   **Staff Meeting**
- January 27**   **Book Discussion**

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