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Central Trinity Family,

Music is vital in church. Music helps lead us in worship. Whether we like the new hymns or the old ones, each one can speak to us differently and drive home a point that we might not otherwise have received. Music, though, often becomes a point of contention. "I don't sing because I don't know that song." "I won't sing because I am not a good singer." "I don't like this style of music." When we make statements like this, it leads others to ask questions ... questions about faith and music.

One question that always gets asked in church is, "Why do we sing the songs we do?" Our Methodist founder John Wesley always had a lot to say about music in church. This invariably leads to "What do these hymns have to do with my faith?" Singing was a part of worship for Wesley. "Unified worship points us beyond the methodology to the true heart and goal of worship." In fact for Wesley, unified worship (congregational singing) was an important act to give to God. Because of this strong belief it led him to come up with seven guidelines for Congregational singing.

In 1761, John Wesley penned these iconic guidelines for corporate singing for church congregations. These guidelines are included in the opening pages of every Methodist hymnal even today.

- 1. Learn these tunes before you learn any others, afterwards learn as many as you please.**
- 2. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.**
- 3. Sing all. See that you join the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing.**
- 4. Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sang the songs of Satan.**
- 5. Sing modestly. Do not bawl so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one melodious sound.**
- 6. Sing in time. Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.**

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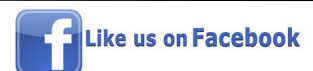


**Central Trinity
United Methodist Church**

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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

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7. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven."

The lesson to be learned here is: we don't do this for us. It's for GOD first and foremost. And as a worship leader that represents God, He wants us to help others to put Him first and foremost in their offerings of worship as well. Before you rehearse and before a service we should always make time to turn our hearts and minds to God. Asking Him to help us move past our problems and shortcomings, we can posture ourselves in such a place that people can clearly see God in us. Ultimately, it's all about turning our eyes (and helping others to do the same) to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Really these last 2 sentences are what it's all about—letting people see God through you. One way is by simply singing. So as you stand and sing together during worship, let us be reminded of why we sing...and sing it. - Pastor Jon Exman

Family Fun Night

Trunk or Treat, pumpkin painting, the movie "It's a Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," food, and fellowship.

We would appreciate your help in the following areas:

Decorate your vehicle for Trunk or Treat.

Help serve food.

Help with painting of the pumpkins.

Come have fun and spread God's love.

We will have flyers available soon.

Any questions, please feel free to contact Lesa Exman

419-605-6858; thelesaexman@gmail.com

Central Trinity Parking Lot

October 24, 2021

6:00–8:00 p.m.



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women meets Monday, October 4, 6 p.m., at the church for *Nehemiah Throws a Party*. Join us for an opportunity to breathe, celebrate one another, and practice being joyful again.

Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry continues meeting Thursdays, 5–7 p.m., in the Strong Family classroom. All are welcome for stitching, praying, and fellowship.

Foothills District United Methodist Women meets Saturday, October 16, 9:30 a.m. to noon at First Hope United Methodist Church, Crooksville. We will have the business meeting, memorial service, recognition of Five-Star Giving units and Reading Program participants, and installation of incoming officers and recognition of outgoing officers. Marcia Florey from Miami Valley District will portray Deaconess Mary Geeding as the program. If you plan to attend, please let Janice Deal know by Wednesday, September 29.



Come check out Revived!

It is an in-depth bible study of the book of Acts, focusing on the early church. Join Pastor Jon Carter at the Downing home (275 Airport Rd.) on Monday nights from 6:30 to 7:30.

If you have any questions, please contact

Pastor Carter— jc.worship@outlook.com or 740-644-8008.

We hope to see you there! Sign up on CT's Facebook page or in the Welcome Center!

Pipe Organ Spectacular

Jim McLaughlin will present his 24th annual organ recital at Central Trinity, Sunday, October 10, 3:00 p.m. The center of attention for the recital is the church's 1924 E.M. Skinner pipe organ. The recital project started in response to the rebuilding and enhancement of the organ by the Peebles-Herzog Organ Company in 1997. The recital program includes a wide variety of music. Bach's *Prelude and Fugue* on the tune "St. Anne" will be the featured organ composition. Marge Overdorff will join Jim for a new piano and organ duet. Lucas Ruetz will be featured with two organ solos. Jim will also play several piano solos. Andy and Ann will lead the congregational singing. After the recital, the audience is invited to take a tour of the pipe chamber led by Schroeder Dodds as well as a fellowship time sponsored by the CT worship committee. The recital will be "live streamed" on our Facebook and later placed on the church website. The recital is free and open to the public. Plan to attend and bring a friend.



Come as Yourself, Grow in Faith, Serve with Love

Music Ministry

Special thanks to all the choir members and families who made our fall choir kick-off a success. We are excited and blessed to be able to make music together again during the worship services. There are still openings in all choirs. Please feel free to reach out to Ann Sims or Andy Ruetz if you have any questions.

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Thursday 6:00–6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir (grades pre-K–6)

Thursday 6:00–7:00 p.m. - Carillon Bells

Thursday 7:00–8:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Sunday 9:45–10:15 a.m. - Wesleyan Choir (grades 7–12)



Verla Moore Service Club

It is almost here! Operation Christmas Child kickoff is October 3! We have some fun things planned, so don't miss out! Can't shop? That's OK! You can still help by making a monetary donation, or we can help you fill shoeboxes online. Be sure to stop by the Welcome Center to pick up your boxes to fill and to get more information how you can help spread the news of Jesus to children all over the world! Help us meet our goal of 250 boxes!

Pennsylvania Amish Lands Featuring Sight & Sound's *Queen Esther*

Coburn Cruisers have invited us to join them. We're excited to have a trip to the Pennsylvania Amish Lands on December 1–3, featuring the Sight & Sound's live performance of *Queen Esther*. Other highlights include tours of the Amish countryside and more. We'll also visit Flight 98 Memorial on our way home.

You may pick up brochures with all the details along with sign-up sheets here at the church or call 740-453-7201 or 740-704-1550. Our trips are open to our church family and friends. I hope you will join us.

If you are interested in going, it's time to make your reservation with your \$50 deposit. Final payment is due October 11.

Flyers and registrations forms are available at the Welcome Center.

Volunteers needed!

The Bereavement Committee serves meals to the loved ones of members who have passed. It takes many hands to prepare and serve this meal, and your help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer your time, please complete a form with the way you would like to help and return it to the office in person or drop it in the bin outside the office door. Forms can be found in the Welcome Center. Thank you for serving in this important ministry.

For more information call Brenda Mackall 740-453-5341, or Clarence & Sandy Holbein 740-453-3782.

Many Thanks

Warmest thanks to Kay Stubbins, Marcie Hunter, Phyllis Bradshaw, Mary Longshore, Lisa Cooper, Nancy Moose, Mary Colopy, Sandra Robe, Ann Sims, Sue Wright, Nancy Beitzel, Janice Deal, Jon Carter, Marjorie Artman, and Cathy Dorman for helping in the office this past month while my husband was ill, while I visited my new grandson, and also for updating my computer. Please call the office if I left anyone off this list. I am not aware of the names of all the wonderful volunteers.

- Bonnie Gerdau, Admin Assistant

*Thankful
and
blessed*

CT Directory 2022

The Directory will be updated in October for the upcoming 2022 year. Please submit to the office in person or email any changes to your mailing address, phone number, or email you would like to have included in the update no later than October 7, 2021.

Thank you! - Office Staff

Mitten Tree

Please bring hats, scarves, mittens, or gloves for the Mitten Tree during October and November. Items can be placed in the bin in the Welcome Center during October and on the tree during November. The items will be distributed between Eastside Community Ministry and The Free Store.

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army needs volunteer bell ringers November 8 to December 24.

For more information or to sign up call Marsha at 740-452-8350.

Information is on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.



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October 3

Message:
Scripture:
Special Music:

Holy Communion

“The God Who Goes Before”
Deuteronomy 31:1–8
Chancel Choir

October 10

Message:
Scripture:
Special Music:

“Do Not Be Afraid”
Joshua 1:1–9
Chancel Choir

October 17

Message:
Scripture:
Special Music:

“The God Who Walks Us Through the Darkest Valleys”
Psalm 23
Chancel Choir

October 24

Message:
Scripture:
Special Music:

“The God Who Holds Your Hand”
Isaiah 41:9–13
Chancel Choir

October 31

Message:
Scripture:
Special Music:

Consecration Sunday

“The God Who Is Our Helper”
Hebrews 13:5-8
Chancel Choir

**“80 Plus Club”
Happy Birthday**

Ruthann Allen, October 2

Donna Barnes, October 4

Gwen Downing, October 6

Bea Roberts, October 7

Barbara Ball, October 12

Evelyn Tysinger, October 13

Paul Baker, October 15

Barbara Parsons, October 18

Norma Moore, October 26

Marty Wilson, October 27

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

**Average YTD attendance:**

Sept worship attendance
(through 9/19): 134

**August 2021
Financial Report**

YTD Budget	\$295,197
YTD Income	\$248,541
YTD Expenses	\$255,395

September Calendar of Events is subject to change**3 Sunday, Holy Communion**

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)

4 Monday

6:00 p.m. United Methodist Women

6 Wednesday

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

7 Thursday

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

10 Sunday

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)
 3:00 p.m. 24th Annual Organ Recital at CT
 6:00 p.m. CT Students (Grades 7–12)

12 Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Thursday Music Club

13 Wednesday

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

14 Thursday

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

15 Friday, Connect Deadline**17 Sunday**

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)

19 Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Verla Moore Service Club

20 Wednesday

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

21 Thursday

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

24 Sunday

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. Fall Family Festival, Trunk or Treat)

26 Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

27 Wednesday

11:00 a.m. Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Trustees
 7:00 p.m. Ad Council

28 Thursday (Bonnie out of office)

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

31 Sunday Consecration Sunday

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)

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Special Dates This Month

- October 3 Holy Communion**
- October 4 United Methodist Women**
- October 10 24th Annual Organ Recital**
- October 12 Thursday Music Club**
- October 15 ConnecT Deadline**
- October 19 Verla Moore Service Club**
- October 27 Trustees
Administrative Council**
- October 31 Consecration Sunday**

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