



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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From the Pastor's Pen

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God." (Rom. 12:2)

A new year comes with new hopes, and many take it as an opportunity to make resolutions. For those who desire meaningful changes, however, the renewing of the mind is a must. Our mind is where often the direction and the patterns of our life is formed. Specifically, we need to welcome God's word into our mind. Remember Jesus compared the word of God to a seed: A seed has a life of its own, and when it falls into receptive ground, it "bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." (Mt. 13:23)

The Bible has a great tradition of meditating on the word of God. Psalm 1 says, "... their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night." (v.7) When we encounter God's word through the scripture, teaching, preaching, or other ways, it may be beneficial for us to ruminate on it prayerfully, instead of letting it pass and moving on to the next.

Imagine a person who ruminates on, say, politics daily, and another who meditates on the words of Christ. It would be a shocker if their lives would turn out the same. The scripture says, "Those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace." (Rom. 8:5-6)

I know some who have adopted a way to meditate on scriptures, such as reciting them in

the morning or memorizing them throughout the year. What would be your way of dwelling on the word of the Kingdom (Mt. 13:19) this year? In 2022 see if you can be guided by the very word of God, as you meditate on it, and see where it leads.

Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. (2 Cor. 4:16-18)

Gratefully,
John

Star of Bethlehem

presented by Eric Stewart

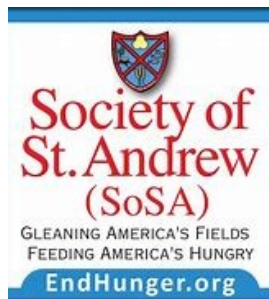
**Wednesday, January 5, 2022,
1:30 pm in the Fellowship hall,**

*What was the star of Bethlehem,
and how did it guide the wise men
to the Christ child?*



Mission Focus of the Month: Society of St. Andrew

*Gleaning America's Fields ~
Feeding America's Hungry*



Central Church will send \$100 from the Mission & Evangelism budget to SoSA in January. You may add to the total by giving any special gift marked for Society of St. Andrew, of SoSA.

The Society of St. Andrew was formed 42 years ago in 1979 as an intentional community of two families called to life and ministry together in Christ. It has grown into an ecumenical, non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to leading others into lives of Christian community and service. Its mission has been to introduce people to God's grace in Jesus Christ through meeting their hungers. For the past 38 years, SoSA has salvaged fresh, nutritious produce from American farms – produce that otherwise would be left to rot – and delivered it to agencies across the nation that serve the poor.

Gleaning Network: Tens of thousands of volunteers from churches, synagogues, scout troops, senior citizen groups, and other organizations participate each year in Society of St. Andrew gleaning activities. Each year, tens of millions of pounds of produce are salvaged and given to the poor at no cost to them or to the food pantry or kitchen that feeds them. In 2021, through November, SoSA's Gleaning Network has collected 28,567,054 pounds of fresh produce in 5,833 events, with 19,413 volunteers.

Potato & Produce Project salvages tractor-trailer loads of potatoes and other produce that are rejected by commercial markets or potato chip factories due to slight imperfections in size, shape, sugar content, or surface blemishes.

Harvest of Hope is a study, worship, and mission

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United Methodist Women

Central United Methodist Women met on December 13th to enjoy a cookie exchange and a singalong with Janet Bowman. Dee, Grace, and Janet entertained us with several beautiful Christmas songs and we joined in with many of our favorite Christmas Carols. We prepared gifts to take to our shut-ins. Later we met at Grace's house for a delicious Christmas covered dish dinner. Husbands were invited and a good time was had by all. Grace, thank you for inviting us to your home!

Our UMW voted to donate \$100 to the First United Methodist Church in Mayfield, Kentucky that was decimated by the recent tornado in the Midwest. This is in addition to our ongoing monthly contribution to the Mission chosen by Mission and Evangelism each month.

As a reminder, we are once again selling Schermer's Pecans to support Wesley Community Service Center. The pecans sell for \$11 per bag and are available in the Fellowship Hall. And "The Good Measure Cookbook" is still available for \$12. Both the pecans and the cookbook make a great gifts.

We continue to collect Non-Food items in the Fellowship Hall for HAM. There is also a need at HAM for canned vegetables and canned fruits as well as soup, cereal, pasta, and pasta sauce. These food items can be left in the vestibule between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

We would like to thank our Church Family for your support. We hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and we wish all of you many Blessings in the New Year. Good Health and Happiness!

Martha Arnold,

UM Women President



Upper Room

Jan/Feb Upper Room is available
in the Narthex.

retreat program of the Society of St. Andrew, especially geared towards youths and their families.

The Seed Project provides seed potatoes and seeds for other produce to families in some of the poorest regions in the country. Families that receive seed potatoes use them to grow potatoes in their home or community gardens. The recipients prepare the fields, plant the seed potatoes, cultivate the crop, and harvest the produce.

To learn more about Society of St. Andrew, visit its website at <https://endhunger.org>.

Mission & Evangelism Team

Many Thanks

Now that 2021 is in the rear view mirror, I want to take a moment to thank everyone for the privilege of serving as your Admin Council Chairperson again this year. It has been a challenge, for sure, and I hope that I haven't let you down too much. I would like to thank the members of the Council for continuing to Zoom for our meetings this year.

A big thank you goes out to our Administrative Assistant, Michele Evans, and our Treasurer, Walt Matthews. They take care of the "business" side of the church and keep everything in order which is vital in this day and age. Of course, a huge thank you goes out to Pastor John. I can't imagine where we would be without the combination of his many talents and his leadership. Thanks also to our pianists, Janet Bowman and Charlene Small for adding so much to our services, and to Brenda and Mark Lewis for keeping our building clean and decorated. And thanks to everyone else who has contributed one way or another to keep Central going. There are just too many to name and nearly everybody has done something at some time to help.

I hope 2022 is a great one for us all. If we keep working together as we have in the past and with the Lord's help and guidance, I feel sure it will be. Happy New Year!

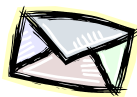
Chris Moughon
Admin Council Chair

From Financial Secretary

1) Please note that offering envelope numbers have changed for 2022. Numbered envelopes help the work of the counters.

2) 2021 Giving Statements have been sent out via email and first class mail. If you do not receive it in the next few days please check with me.

Thank you,
Marcia Fry



2022 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick-up. They are on the back pew in the Sanctuary.

Central Gives to UMCOR

\$500 was sent to UMCOR's U.S. Disaster Response and Recovery Fund in the aftermath of the Dec. 10 tornado.

FUN Sundays at Central

January 9th

4:00 to 6:00 pm

"The Wise Men Came."

A children's Sunday school for ages 5 to 12, including a

lesson, crafts, music, games and snacks.

Masks are required.

Contact: Nancy Jagger (804-694-7017)



Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers go to the Families of...

Barbara Frohock

Alan Minter

Louise Owens Diggs

John Sankey




Christmas at Central



Photos by Louise Witherspoon and John Choi



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<h1>January 2022</h1>			1 Happy New Year!
2	3 SPRC 7:00 pm	4	5 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Star of Bethlehem Presentation by Eric Stewart 1:30 pm	6 Tai Chi 9:30 am	7	8
9 FUN SUNDAYS 4:00 to 6:00 pm	10 UM Women 10:00 am Trustees 7:00 pm	11	12 Finance 10:00 am Colossians Bible Study, 1:30 pm	13 Tai Chi 9:30 am Paul Townsend Mem. class Lunch 12:00 Noon	14	15 UM Men 8:00 am
16	17 PCRG 3:30 pm	18	19 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am Colossians Bible Study, 1:30 pm	20 Tai Chi 9:30 am	21	22
23	24	25	26 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	27 Tai Chi 9:30 am	28	29
30	31					

All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.

January Birthdays

Martha Arnold	3	Dickie Burroughs III	24
Emily Leap	6	Audrey Knight	25
Billy Snow	13	Jennings Haynes Jr.	27
Hal Hertzler	17		

