

# CLASS & COMMUNITY LIST

Central

& OTHER HAPPENINGS

Dec. 9-Jan. 6

## STRONGER

Some 2½ years ago the Lord called us to the second largest project in the church's history. This project of renovation, building, and mission will have a major impact on the life and ministry of this church for generations to come, including the **STUDENT CENTER, PLAYLAND, and LEGACY ROOM**. If you would like to join the 964 families who have already given to this historic project please mark your gift as **STRONGER**. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 in the month of December.

Hear stories from people that have been impacted by the spaces created because of the Stronger project and learn more about each space online at [centralwesleyan.org/stonger](http://centralwesleyan.org/stonger).

## PAINTING HOPE

A CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

December 21 & 22 at 7PM • December 23 at 10AM

Hope is expecting something will happen that we can't fully see. The Christmas story is filled with people who are hoping for someone who hasn't arrived yet. These three identical services will be a powerful musical and artistic experience focusing on the hope that Christmas brings, both for our present and future challenges. Special guest, Eric Samuel Timm, an artist and communicator, will bring a message of hope through visual art and spoken word. Learn more at [centralwesleyan.org/experience](http://centralwesleyan.org/experience).



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## 9AM CONTINUED

*Sundays • 10:45AM • Legacy Room*

Continue your Sunday experience by discussing and applying what was taught during 9AM Worship.

## C6 GROUP LEADER TRAINING

*Sunday, Feb 3 • 12:15PM*

*Wednesday, Feb. 13 • 6:30PM*

C6 Groups are small community groups that meet for six weeks, and we begin again in February! If you're a leader, or are interested in learning what is involved in leading a group, register to attend a leader training at [centralwesleyan.org/leadc6](http://centralwesleyan.org/leadc6). Childcare will be available.

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

*Mondays • 6:30PM • Student Center*

CR is a confidential, Christ-centered group that helps you take steps to overcome the struggles and behavioral habits that hold you back. Nothing is too big or small; everyone is welcome. We will have open share groups on Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve! Use Entrance H. More information at [centralwesleyan.org/cr](http://centralwesleyan.org/cr).

## DEAF COMMUNITY GROUP

*Wednesdays • 6:30PM • C162*

Deaf adults are invited to connect in community as they explore how the Bible applies to everyday life.

## DEEPER ROOTS

*Sundays • 10:45AM • C167*

Explore the book *With* by Skye Jethani as you go deeper in your relationship with God.

## ENCORE

*Dec. 9, 16, 23 • 8AM • Legacy Room*

We invite Senior Adults to connect in community together through Bible study, fellowship, singing of hymns, and praying for each other.

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

*Multiple Days & Times • Starting Jan. 27*

Whether you're struggling to make ends meet, or you're doing fine with your finances, this class has something for you! Classes meet weekly for 9 weeks. Cost is \$99. Register online at [centralwesleyan.org/fpu](http://centralwesleyan.org/fpu).

## FRIENDSHIP CLASS

*Sundays • 10:45AM • C163*

Adults with Special Needs are invited to connect in community through Bible study, singing, and celebration.

## GRIEFSHARE

*Every other Tuesday • 7PM • C161*

Don't go through the grieving process alone! This community group desires to walk alongside you through life's most difficult season. Our next gatherings are Dec. 11 & 18, Jan. 8 & 22. Learn more at [centralwesleyan.org/griefshare](http://centralwesleyan.org/griefshare).

## HIS WORKMANSHIP

*Sundays • 8 & 10:45AM*

*Multi-Purpose Room*

Learn to apply Biblical truths & solutions in practical ways in this complex, ever-changing world. We are studying the book of Daniel.

# ON MISSION

## HAND2HAND PANTRY

Help stock our Food Pantry! This month we're collecting tuna (5 oz.) and cans of soup. Place your items in the shopping carts in the main lobby.

## TRANSPORTATION NEEDED

We are looking for a few people who would be willing to offer rides to those in need of transportation on Sundays and/or other weekly appointments. Are you able to help out? Email [info@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:info@centralwesleyan.org).

## **IWORSHIP**

*Wednesdays • 6:30PM • Jan. 30–Feb. 13  
Multi-Purpose Room*

In this three-week class we'll discuss the role praise and worship has in the life of a missional and victorious Church—led by Worship Pastor Nate Marialke. Register online at [centralwesleyan.org/iworship](http://centralwesleyan.org/iworship).

## **KIDS HOPE STATIONS OF PRAYER**

*Saturday, Jan. 5 • 8:30–10AM*

Join Kids Hope at Jefferson School to pray for students, teachers, and staff. For more information, please contact Renata Ellis at [rellis@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:rellis@centralwesleyan.org).

## **THE LANDING**

*Mondays • 6:30PM • D309*

Are you a teen that is looking for a safe place to work through life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups? Join us as we journey this path to freedom and healing. All teens are welcome. We will not meet Christmas Eve, but join us New Year's Eve! Please use Entrance C. Find out more online at [centralwesleyan.org/landing](http://centralwesleyan.org/landing).

## **LIFE CONNECTIONS**

*Sundays • 10:45AM • C166*

Join other single adults in community as we study the book of Ecclesiastes.

## **MARRIAGE CONNECT**

*Sundays • 9AM • Starting Jan. 6*

*Wednesdays • 6:30AM*

Back by popular demand! Connect more closely with God, your spouse, and other couples as you navigate all new content on the topic of marriage and finances. Register online at [centralwesleyan.org/marriageconnect](http://centralwesleyan.org/marriageconnect).

## **COMMUNITY SHEPHERDS**

Are you passionate about encouraging people? Community Shepherds serve in the Care Room on Sundays, are short-term mentors, or are a part of a visitation team. We'd love to have you in this rewarding ministry. Email [care@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:care@centralwesleyan.org)

## **MOMS & MENTORS (M&MS)**

*Tuesdays • 9:30AM • C161*

A place for moms of babies–kindergarten children to build a community that is authentic, encouraging and supportive. Childcare is provided. Register online at [centralwesleyan.org/incommunity](http://centralwesleyan.org/incommunity).

## **MORNING MANNA**

*Sundays • 8AM • C165*

Join us as we take a closer look at the 12 apostles, based on John MacArthur's book *Twelve Ordinary Men*.

## **POTTER'S MINISTRY**

*2nd Friday • 5:30–9:30PM • C161*

*2nd Saturday • 9AM–5PM • C161*

Do you have a passion for crafting? Join others in a time of fellowship, prayer, and creating memories January 11 & 12. Register online at [centralwesleyan.org/potters](http://centralwesleyan.org/potters).

## **SINGLE MOMS GROUP**

*Sundays • 9AM • C160*

For moms who would like to have other single moms walk alongside them to discuss parenting and more!

## **STEP FAMILY CLASS**

*Flexible days/times*

Are you experiencing any of the unique challenges that arise in remarriage? Are you in, or considering entering into, a relationship that would include a remarriage? Join with other step family couples for an 8 week study. Contact Roses' at 269.208.1607 for confidential information regarding class and study.

## **KIDS HOPE MENTORS**

One hour can change the trajectory of a child's life. We're looking for male volunteers to support boys currently waiting to be mentored at Jefferson Elementary (during lunch or before school). Sign up to be a mentor today at [centralwesleyan.org/kidshope](http://centralwesleyan.org/kidshope).

## **FINDING I AM WOMEN'S STUDY**

Wednesdays • 6:30PM • C167

Jan. 30–March 27

Cost: \$22

Ladies, join us as we study the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the gospel of John. We will be using the book *Finding I Am*, by Lysa TerKeurst.

## **WORSHIP ARTS NEW YEAR KICK OFF**

Wednesday, Jan. 9 • 6PM • Student Center

Interested in joining choir, worship band, orchestra, or vocal team? Join us for dessert as we look ahead to a new year! Please register online at [centralwesleyan.org/wakickoff](http://centralwesleyan.org/wakickoff). We'd love to see you there!

## **WORSHIP CHOIR**

Wednesdays • 6:30PM • Entrance J

Sundays • 9AM Worship

Interested in singing in the Worship Choir? Join us Wednesdays at 6:30PM in the Rehearsal Room. Add your voice to the Christmas Experience and Sundays at the 9AM service. All are welcome to join and childcare is available! Email Worship Arts at [worshiparts@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:worshiparts@centralwesleyan.org) for more information.

## **YA WORSHIP GATHERING**

Thursdays • 7PM • Student Center

Starting Jan. 10

Young Adults (ages of 18-26) are invited to join us for Worship Thursday nights! Please use Entrance H. Check us out on Instagram [@central\\_young adults](https://www.instagram.com/central_young_adults) or Facebook [@yaatcentral](https://www.facebook.com/yaatcentral), or pick up a calendar at the Info Desk.

## **YA CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Wednesday, December 13 • 7PM

Student Center • Entrance H

Young Adults, ages 18-26, join us for our Christmas Party—don't forget to bring a white elephant gift!

# **NEXT STEPS**

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## **CENTRAL CONNECT**

New to Central? Our team of pastors and staff would love to meet you! Join us every Sunday after the service in the lobby to say "hello!" and receive a gift!

## **DISCOVER CENTRAL**

January 13 • 9 & 10:45AM

If you're new or have been here for awhile, we invite you to Discover Central! This one-hour class is a great place to find your community and hear more about what we believe and value at Central. Please RSVP at [centralwesleyan.org/discovercentral](http://centralwesleyan.org/discovercentral).

## **BAPTISM**

May 5 • 9 & 10:45AM

Baptism is going public about your faith in Jesus. Learn more and sign up at [centralwesleyan.org/baptism](http://centralwesleyan.org/baptism).

# **NEW SERIES**

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## **HOPE [FULL]**

Sundays, January 13–February 3

Sometimes Christmas doesn't live up to the expectations we had for it. For many of us the holidays mean navigating challenging family dynamics and personal struggles. January brings both the opportunity and the pressure to start fresh, to begin anew. Join us for a 4-week series about how to live firmly anchored in the hope of Christ as we walk through specific difficult circumstances. We'll focus on hope for our relationships, resources, personal growth, and for healing in the midst of loss.

# CENTRAL students

## **IGNITE** (6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> grade)

*Sundays • 9 or 10:45AM • Entrance I*

IGNITE is an environment designed to help middle school students sort it all out with a dynamic worship experience—live band, inspirational speakers, and heartfelt small group discussions.

## **ICAFÉ** (6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> grade)

*Sunday, January 6 • 9 or 10:45AM*

Middle Schoolers, we're having an iCafé!! What does that mean?! It means you should come to IGNITE hungry 'cause we'll have lots of yummy breakfast foods.

## **CHRISTMAS CHAOS**

*Saturday, December 15 • 6-8PM*

Middle Schoolers, join us for Christmas Chaos on Saturday, December 15. Please bring a WRAPPED white elephant gift—something you have lying around the house that you don't use or if you want to buy a gift, it should cost no more than \$5! Wear your favorite ugly sweater!

# CENTRAL KIDS

## **SPECIAL NEEDS NIGHT AT THE PLAYLAND**

*January 3 • 6-7:30PM • Playland  
(Every 1st Thursday of the Month)*

Kids with special needs and their families are invited to join us for an exclusive time of play! There are no limits to what kind of disability kids have. This free event is open to the public, so spread the word! Please email Debbie Heiser at [dheiser@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:dheiser@centralwesleyan.org) if you have any questions.

## **IGNITE WINTER CAMP**

*February 1-3*

Middle School students, Winter Camp is February 1-3 at Camp Geneva! More details available at IGNITE! Cost is \$95.

## **FUEL** (9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> grade)

*Sundays • 6PM • Entrance H*

FUEL is specifically for high school students (9th-12th grade). Enjoy student-led worship, challenging discussion, and a place to find authentic community.

## **FUEL WINTER CAMP**

*February 15-17*

High School students, mark your calendars! Winter Camp is February 15-17 at Camp Geneva! More details available at FUEL. Cost is \$95.

## **HIGH SCHOOL UGLY SWEATER PARTY**

*Sunday, December 16 • 6-8PM*

High schoolers, we're having an Ugly Sweater Christmas Party at FUEL! Wear your ugliest sweater, bring your friends, and come ready to party in the Student Center, Entrance H.

## **VOLUNTEER IN CENTRAL KIDS**

We love the Christmas season in Central Kids! Our desire is to warmly welcome and care for every child that comes to Central. If you are interested in serving these kids, email us at [centralkids@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:centralkids@centralwesleyan.org) to learn more!

## **PURITY WEEKEND**

*March 8-9*

Fifth-graders and their parents, join the conversation as we look at purity of heart, mind, and body. This year we will be heading off-site. Cost is \$160 per family (child + guardian) including meals. Registration opens February 1, 2019!

# END OF YEAR GIVING

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## CHARITABLE GIVING CREDIT

All gifts that are received or postmarked by December 31, and all online donations that are posted by December 31 will receive charitable giving credit for 2018. If you have any special giving needs or questions please contact Pastor Lynn Bruce at 616.218.7435 or email [lbruce@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:lbruce@centralwesleyan.org).

## GIFTS-IN-KIND

Have stock, bonds, or property that has appreciated in value over the years? There are unique advantages to donating appreciated assets to the church rather than selling it and giving cash. When you donate the asset you avoid any capital gains tax, plus you receive a charitable giving credit for the full appraised value of the gift (and as an additional benefit, you also avoid any cost associated with selling the asset). If you need assistance or more information, please call the business office at 616.395.3121 or email [lbruce@centralwesleyan.org](mailto:lbruce@centralwesleyan.org).

## INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ARRANGEMENT (IRA)

Are you 70 1/2 years old or you have the right to make a transfer directly from your IRA to a charitable organization? When you make such a transfer, you avoid being required to pay income tax on the distribution, and the transfer counts toward making the required annual distribution. Call the business office at 616.395.3121 if you would like assistance or more information.



The banner features a central image of a man with glasses, Eric Samuel Timm, in a white shirt and dark vest. The background is dark with a subtle pattern of stars and a faint image of a person. The text is white and centered.

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