

CLASS & COMMUNITY LIST



& 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.

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.



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Questions? 616.392.7083
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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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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. 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 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

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.

BAPTISM

May 5 • 9 & 10:45AM

Baptism is going public about your faith in Jesus. Learn more and sign up at centralwesleyan.org/baptism.

NEW SERIES

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 (6TH-8TH 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 (6TH-8TH 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 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 (9TH-12TH 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 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

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.

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.

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 graphic features a central image of a man with glasses, Eric Samuel Timm, against a dark background with a faint map of the United States. The text on the left side of the graphic reads: "PAINTING HOPE", "A CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE", "SPECIAL GUEST ERIC SAMUEL TIMM", "DECEMBER 21 & 22 • 7 PM", and "DECEMBER 23 • 10 AM". A small "Central" logo is in the top right corner of the image area. To the right of the image is a white-bordered box containing the text "JOIN LIVE" in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this box, the website "LIVE.CENTRALWESLEYAN.ORG" is written in white capital letters.