

# CENTRAL CONNECTION

## Upcoming Events

December 13  
6pm - Ecumenical Youth  
Prayer Time @ FUMC

December 17  
10am - Sunday school  
11am - Worship  
12pm - Congregational  
Meeting

### UPCOMING

December 20  
Blue Christmas Service @  
FUMC

December 24  
Christmas Eve Lessons and  
Carols Service

December 31  
Potluck Brunch  
Carols Medley Worship

**Don't forget to check out  
our website or Facebook  
page to find worship  
services, newsletters and  
more!**



One of the things I love about Disciples is our ability and passion for ecumenical work. In fact, I love to hear stories about years gone by when the Ecumenical Youth Group met and kids from all different churches gathered together for worship and service.

That idea is once again surfacing as more local youth are looking for places where they can ask hard questions, be their authentic selves and find true community. Valleri and I have been talking for some time about how we might partner in student ministry and use the gifts and strengths of our churches to multiply our effectiveness in the community.

I invite you to join us this Wednesday night at 6pm in the sanctuary of First Methodist for a time of discerning prayer as to what this new start of ecumenical youth ministry might look like. We aren't sure what it needs to be right now; we just know it needs to happen. We aren't sure what all the leadership needs to look like or what buildings and facilities, if one or both, need to be used.

We need your support in prayer and in practical ways to serve the youth in Nocona. And that starts by joining together and seeking God's guidance and vision for the first step and the next step after that. I don't often strongly encourage you all to do things, but I'm asking you to commit and show up for this important time.

Pastor Lory

### *PRAYER CONCERNS*

Our Nation and World, Tammy Brockman, Nancy Atkison, Madison Wardell, Charlotte Reagan, Brylie, Bob Miller, CASA Kids, Tony Barker, Vivian Contareas, Sharon Brown, Dieter Stratemann, Shirley Miller, Jerry Don Maness, Ken Backus, Reese Handley, Christy Hoff, Chad Brown, Joe Kalal, Morgan Heck, Patty Dunn, Charlotte Reed, Carolyn Tapley, Pam Kessler, Paula Whitfield, Steve McCoulaugh, Isabell Family, Johnny Martin, Amy Lovett, Denise Chamberlain, Lynn Hanson, Molly Major, Jack and Shirley Roberts, Ben Hill, Margaret Centofanti, Violence in Israel, Jonah, Carsen Darnell, John Hagemier, Nicole Rahmer, Dean Prine, Connie O'Neill, Chris Tettleton, Brenda Sutton, David Howard, Abel Jesus Hernandez. Kal Luke

Family of: Darrell Fuller

### **Worship This Week:**

Elders: Kabisch, Veale  
Deacons: Mesler, Seay  
Communion: Walker  
Sermon Text: Isaiah 61:1-11  
Sun School: 1 These 5:16-24

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### **Call to Prayer**

**We are gathering Wednesday night at FUMC to discern a relaunch of the Ecumenical Youth Group between Central and FUMC. Join us at 6pm to pray for God's leadership and vision for our community youth.**



This is a special service held jointly by Central and FUMC for those struggling during the holiday season.

### **Sanctuary HVAC Update**

The 30+ year old HVAC unit in the sanctuary has gotten to the point that replacement is the only viable option. We are currently getting bids to replace it from several companies. It will be expensive, so if you would like to contribute above and beyond to help cover the coming costs, it would be much appreciated. Until it is replaced (likely after the first of the year), we will have worship in the fellowship hall where it will be warmer than 45 degrees at 11am! I know that's disappointing at Christmas, but I'm thankful we have a warm space where we can meet!!!