

# CENTRAL CONNECTION

## Upcoming Events

February 5

7pm - Ladies' Bible Study

February 6

Pastor out of town

February 7

6pm - Youth Group

February 8

7pm - Immerse Study @  
Parsonage

February 11

10am - Sunday school  
-Immerse Study

11am - Worship

## UPCOMING

Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday  
Service at Central

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



As I finished up with the Regional Committee on Ministry, someone asked if that meant I was done with school. The answer is: NO! I still have about a year and a half to go. I'm in the project proposal phase where I am writing my plan for the project/ministry action I will do and explore.

My project is focused on training laypeople (that's you - people in the pews) for preaching in times of pastoral absence. It could be vacation, critical illness, pastoral transition or sabbaticals. Small, rural churches often have trouble finding pulpit supply either because of location or budget constraints. Y'all have faced that reality before - and the further west you go, the harder it is!

My goal is to put together a project that will be helpful to the larger Church and can provide a framework that will help lots of small churches for years to come across many denominations.

The "project ministry action" where lay people actually preach will be part of it and we have a time this fall that will be the perfect opportunity. I will be on Sabbatical from August - October. On those Sundays, lay people who have gone through the training course with me and worked one-on-one with me will preach the sermon during worship. The elders will take care of the rest of the service like usual.

This will provide space to "try out" the project, train lay leaders in ministry, continue with worship as normally as possible and provide pulpit supply without the cost of a guest minister each week. It's a win-win-win-win!

So, the short answer - no, I'm not done with school yet. I have lots of writing still to do - hundreds of pages! But I'm well on my way. Next week, I'll share more about the what, why, where and how of my sabbatical 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, Charlotte Reed, Carolyn Tapley, Pam Kessler, Paula Whitfield, Steve McCoulaugh, Johnny Martin, Denise Chamberlain, Lynn Hanson, Molly Major, Jack and Shirley Roberts, Ben Hill, Margaret Centofanti, Nicole Rahmer, Dean Prine, Connie O'Neill, Chris Tettleton, Brenda Sutton, David Howard, Abel Jesus Hernandez. Kal Luke, Barbara Saunders, Nicole Saunders, Sandy Major, Patrick Major, Crystal Shelton, Yvonne Mesler, Raenell Nunneley, LaQuita Hewitt, Clara Boyd, Scott Baker, Steve

Family of: Kristi Craddock, Patty Dunn, Linda Marshall

### Worship This Week:

Elders: Walker  
Deacons: Fitts, Prine  
Communion: Prine  
Sermon Text: Mark 9:2-9  
Sun School: Immerse Wk 6

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Ash Wednesday  
February 14th  
6pm  
Central Christian



We will host a combined Ash Wednesday service with First United Methodist Church in our sanctuary at 6pm on February 14th as we begin the season of Lent together.



The 2024 Lawn Care sign up sheet is on the stand in the sanctuary. Sign up for a month or two and help keep the church grounds looking beautiful!

