

# The Vital Connection

Bi-Monthly Newsletter For  
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

276 W. First Street, Denton, NC

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### NOTE:

November / December  
Deadline for News & Pictures  
October 25, 2017

## **Words from Richard...**

*"Autumn is making its way across the prairie, and with it God's silent and unseen artists turn the entire landscape into a magnificent work of art. The colors of the trees, the little touches added by the fanners-green and gold fields, hay bales put in just the right places. Cattle-red, brown, black, white; the little wild turkeys and their ever-watchful mothers just outside my window; indeed, never has there been an artist like God.*

*Thank you Creator God for the artistic changes of the seasons, for the beauty of your fascinating and ever changing creation! Come dear autumn, bathe our senses with your beauty and lay living nature gently to sleep in the arms of winter. There all may rest to be restored in the blazing beauty of spring."*

*-Norma Shawchuck*

Hello Central UMC,

This quote came from my morning devotion. With the start of school, pre-school, and a baby on the way, I am very much aware of the ways God's paintbrush moves to bring change. In the natural world, change is necessary. In a family, change is turbulent - as it will be turbulent in my home when the new baby arrives in October. In the church, as in our country, change is scary. To where should we look for the wisdom to face the changes all around us. In her book *Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?*, Elizabeth J. Canham wrote, "Wisdom is not limited to the ivory towers of a privileged few but is revealed in all walks of life for any who live in righteousness, justice, equity, and prudence. Wisdom comes into the heart of all who embrace God's way (Proverbs 2:9-11)." The place to find wisdom, refuge, and strength is through God. To seek God is to talk to God in prayer. To listen to God is to study the Scriptures with a heart open to the Holy Spirit. To be fed by God is to live out God's love for others. Sisters and brothers, life changes. Believe it or not people change to. The questions we need to answer are what forces will we allow to change our lives and will we be changed for the better?

By God's Good Grace, **Pastor Richard**



**SAVE YOUR  
TABS for  
Karsyn & Katie**  
Watermelon Festival

Princess Karsyn Layne and Queen Katie Crook are collecting tabs from aluminum drink cans for the Ronald McDonald House. Let's help them help others by saving our tabs!!!



**HELP SUPPORT  
Emma Walton**

**"Wonder Waltons"**

Emma is trying to raise \$1,000 as a participant in the JDRF One Walk on October 28, 2017. She is at 26% of her goal as of September 1. Emma's information and story can be found at [www2.jdrf.org](http://www2.jdrf.org)



JDRF One Walk is the largest type 1 diabetes (T1D) event in the world. By participating in a JDRF One Walk, every dollar raised helps turn Type One into Type None.

*Your support will help fund life-changing research and create a world without type 1 diabetes (T1D).—Emma Walton*

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES**



United  
Methodist  
Women

**UWHARRIE DISTRICT ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**

Ten UMW members attended the UMW Annual Conference on August 26, 2017 at Pfeiffer University. Special entertainment was provided by Isabella Ellis and her father. The focus was on "Engaging Generation Z". As District Vice President, Cathy Ward did an amazing job organizing this event!



The Uwharrie District ladies collected School Supply Kits and Teenage Personal Hygiene items.

September's meeting will be held at Addie Nopanen's home at The Springs. Mark your calendar for the next meeting to be held on October 3rd in the UMW room.

All women are invited to attend this wonderful group of UMW whose purpose is to enhance the global mission benefiting women, youth and the community, both locally and nationally.



**FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY**

Please remember to continue to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Food Pantry for filling bags to be distributed to those in need during normal office hours at the church office (Monday—Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.). Volunteers are always welcome to help stock shelves and fill bags.

**RELIEF FOR  
HURRICANE  
HARVEY VICTIMS**



Rick Phillips is planning a trip to Houston, TX, soon. If you wish to donate non-perishable items, they will be collecting at the corporate office at 13 Stanley Avenue, Thomasville. They are also collecting items at their Dallas and Las Vegas Distribution Centers. Contact Rick if you have questions.



Central UMM will meet on September 10th and October 8th for their monthly UMM Breakfast and fellowship meetings. All men of the church are invited for this fellowship gathering.

## BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

See Joanne Harrold or Addie Nopanen if you would like to donate food for the family luncheon in the event of a death. Volunteers are always welcomed for serving the families as well.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

DENTON STREET FESTIVAL  
SEPTEMBER 9—DOWNTOWN DENTON

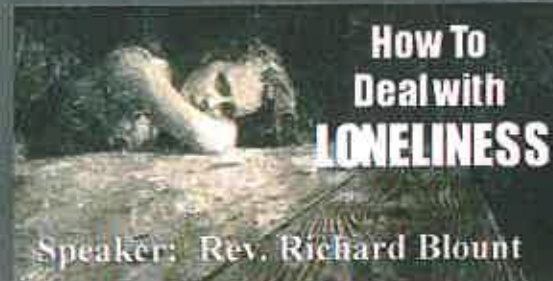


UMW WHITE ELEPHANT SALE  
NOVEMBER 7—7:00 P.M.

WHO WILL WIN THE WHITE ELEPHANT THIS YEAR?

## LUNCH-N-LEARN

FREE Event....Bring a Friend!



Speaker: Rev. Richard Blount

Wednesday, September 13

12:00—1:00

Central UMC Hut



## UMM & UMW

joining together as hosts.  
All Church Members are  
welcomed to participate and  
volunteer.

Saturday, October 14

Time: 4 pm—7 pm

Central UMC Hut

\* Eat In or Take Out \*

Tickets available for pre-sale

## CHICKEN 'N DUMPLINGS LUNCH

November 12 | 12 P.M.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Chicken 'n Dumplings can be labeled as one of the perfect "comfort" foods. Come and savor this classic lunch at Central's Hut to support missions, families in need and Central's Food Pantry. Lunch begins immediately following worship. All are invited to worship with us and join us for fellowship over this great home cooked meal.

Main Chefs—Louise Caulder & Vergie Clark  
Hosted by Central UMW

## GIFT CARD BABY SHOWER!

Join us as we shower  
the newest addition to the family of  
Rev. Richard & Karen Blount  
with gift cards!

Any type of gift card will do from local  
restaurants, Babies-R-Us, Walmart, etc.

Central United Methodist Church

Saturday, September 23

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (floating)

Central UMC Hut

276 W. 1st Street, Denton, NC

Hosted by Central UMW

## HALLOWEEN Street Treat Festival

When: October 31

Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Place: Farmer's Market

Activities: Cake Walk and Candy Give-Away

Needs: Candy for Give-Away Bags and  
Cakes, Pies, Cookies for Cake Walk  
(already packaged)

And VOLUNTEERS (SIGN-UP SHEETS IN NARTHEX)



## Scouting

Get involved with Scouting Programs at  
Central UMC!

Girl Scouts—Saturdays at 1:00

Cub Scouts—Sundays at 2:00

Boy Scouts—Tuesdays at 7:00

# BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

**Believers Learning and Sharing Together B.L.A.S.T.**

Youth discovered God's Trust at Mt. Shepherd in August. Connecting with God was enjoyed by all ages!



**BLAST meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth room. Bring a friend and join us for a Blast as we learn about Christ!**



## K-5TH NEWS

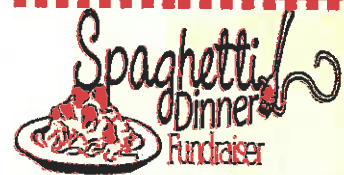
**Ms. Kitty and Ms. Sarah**

All children between the ages of Kindergarten to 5th Grade are invited to join Sunday School Class at 10:00 a.m.

There are snacks, crafts, and a bible lesson with take home material each Sunday.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## CENTRAL YOUTH TO HOST



**WITH ENTERTAINMENT**  
Saturday, September 9, 2017  
6:00—7:30 p.m.  
Central UMC Hut

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 101

Boy Scouts attend Summer Camp 2017!  
Thank you for your continued support.



# Welcome to Preschool!

**Preschool Open House held on August 22**



Central UMC Preschool opened on Tuesday, September 5, for the new school year. This year there are 15 eager students excited to be a part of Ms. Crouse and Ms. Talbert's class!

Be on the look out for the appearance of the preschool's scarecrows on the walking trail near the end of September! ???

# Psalm 91:1

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

CHRISTIAN MUSEUM

## Sunday Worship Leaders — September and October

### USHERS & GREETERS

#### SEPTEMBER

Betty Morris & Gilda Morris

#### OCTOBER

Beth and Roger Ligon

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Sept. 3: Pastor Blount

Sept. 10: Cathy Ward

Sept. 17: Beth Ligon

Sept. 24: Ann Crouse

Oct. 1: Pastor Blount

Oct. 8: Tina Lanier

Oct. 15: Beth Ligon

Oct. 24: Rick Phillips

Oct. 29: Debbie Sigmon

### LAY READERS

Sept. 3: Margaret Harris

Sept. 10: Kathy Baum

Sept. 17: Brenda James

Sept. 24: Randall King

Oct. 1: Andy Morris

Oct. 8: Stewart Sexton

Oct. 15: Addie Nopanen

Oct. 22: Cathy Ward

Oct. 29: Sarah Morris

### ACOLYTES

Sept. 3: Joseph Smith

Sept. 10: Logan Lester

Sept. 17: Haven Rocchi

Sept. 24: Sam Parker

Oct. 1: Ellie Baldwin

Oct. 8: Olivia Parker

Oct. 15: Haven Rocchi

Oct. 22: Emma Walton

Oct. 29: Karsyn Lane

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept. 1: Open

Sept. 10: Wilson Carter

Sept. 17: Andy Morris

Sept. 24: Billy Allison

Oct. 1: Open

Oct. 8: Eddie and Betty Richey

Oct. 15: Scotty Morris

Oct. 22: Jerrie Lomax

Oct. 29: Open

*To place flowers on the altar for a special occasion or remembrance, please call Brenda Wilson at 336-250-9234*

*A Special Thanks is extended to Leroy and Betty Hinesley for providing altar flowers on open Sundays when no has signed up to do so.*

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

July 2 \$4,393.25

July 9 \$3,957.34

July 16 \$3,155.45

July 23 \$2,252.00

July 30 \$2,816.76

Aug. 6 \$4,689.80

Aug. 13 \$5,092.00

Aug. 20 \$2,716.00

Aug. 27 \$6,102.58

### NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

UMCOR \$50

VBS \$145

Pre-School \$100

Food Pantry \$150

Harris Class Child \$35

Choir \$50

Missions \$32

### ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>SS</u>
July 2	88	22
July 9	104	27
July 16	91	19
July 23	56	18
July 30	82	27
Aug. 6	83	27
Aug. 13	96	28
Aug. 20	76	35
Aug. 27	122	28



### CHURCH MEMBERS

Billy Allison, DeLisa Garner, Dick Getz, Danny Hill, Jerrie Lomax, Ginger Martin, Addie Phillips, Ed and Dottie Roberson, Craig & Johnnie Sigmon, Peggy Wilkins

### MOUNTAIN VISTA

Lillie Hill	Rm #92
Margaret Hunt	Rm #108
Diza Morris	Rm #71
Ava Lea Surratt	Rm #95
Othell Surratt	Rm #75
George Tillotson	Rm #89
Hervey Yates	Rm #113

May the Glory of God Bless Each of You on the Celebration of Your Special Day!

## Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

### September Birthdays

- 1—Debbie Sigmon
- 2—Scott Davis, Louise Caulder, Tre Skeen
- 4—Marianne Bowman
- 7—Mason Reece Crouse
- 9—John Parker
- 11—Samuel Parker
- 12—Lisa H. Merritt, Logan Lester
- 13—Sam Whitlock, Patrick O'Hara, Noah Smith
- 14—Debbie Johnson, Laura Futrell, Stacy Crouse
- 15—Ed Roberson
- 17—Robbie Lanier
- 18—Jocelyn Beyeler, Sarah Skeen, David Garrison
- 20—Dan Sexton
- 21—Courtney Howard, Don Esposito
- 22—Buddy Sexton, Sandra Davis
- 25—Wilson Carter, Jimmy Futrell
- 26—William Sigmon III, Kelly Whitlock
- 27—Margaret Harris, Genie Russell
- 29—Taylor Bean
- 30—Jay Stone

### September Anniversaries

- 1—Jon and Ginger Johnson
- 13—Gabriel and Kelly Whitlock
- 15—Robbie and Sherri Lanier
- 16—Jason and Carmen Harris
- 20—Jason and Laura Walton
- 21—Andy and Sarah Morris
- 25—Tremaine and Yuliya Skeen
- 26—David and Marsha Gaither

### October Birthdays

- 2—Denese M. O'Hara
- 3—Tremaine Skeen, Gladys Decker, Miranda Morris
- 6—Lanette Tysinger
- 7—Danny Burton, Pastor Richard Blount
- 8—Ryan O'Hara
- 9—Gracie Morris Lee
- 10—Brandon Killmyer, Evan Blount
- 11—Austin Calhoun
- 16—Colby Garrison, Sylvia Morris, Megan Caulder
- 17—Dale Futrell
- 19—Treon Ellis
- 20—Russell Davis
- 21—Virginia Luther
- 23—Sharon Hinesley
- 24—Dan Briggs, Nancy Sexton
- 25—Laura Gorno, Alex Zeitany
- 26—Benji Cook
- 29—Caroline Hinesley, Laura Sexton
- 31—John Tysinger, Kelly Dockham

### October Anniversaries

- 3—Mike and Genie Russell
- 4—David and Blair Luther  
Don and Lori Jones
- 8—Chuck and Debbie Crouch
- 10—Roger and Beth Ligon
- 11—Billy and Kelly Weaver
- 18—Eddie and Betty Richey  
Ronnie and Libby Hall
- 20—Matthew and Kelly Dockham

## CELEBRATIONS AND PRAISES



Harper Lee Morris  
May 22, 2017  
Daughter of Jason & Hollie  
Morris  
Great-Great Grandmother:  
Margaret Hunt



Laila Charlotte Downey  
July 11, 2017  
Daughter of Keesha Kearns  
and Chris Downey  
Great Grandparents:  
James and Lynda Kearns

If you have a Celebration or Praise you'd like to share with your church family, whether it is an engagement, wedding, birth announcement or special event, let us hear from you! Simply email church secretary at [cumc@triad.twcbc.com](mailto:cumc@triad.twcbc.com)

# July & August Highlights



## TRAINING Safe Sanctuaries

Our participation in the "Safe Sanctuaries" program helps ensure a safe environment for your children and youth as they grow in their faith.



## Summer BASH

## Homecoming 2017



VITALITY reaches out to new families by making baskets!



## WITH GRATITUDE & THANKFULNESS

Huge Shout Out to all of the Central HEROS that helped pull off another great Vacation Bible School. This is a major event requiring many hours of planning and preparation. It could not have been a success without your help! Thanks again! Ann Crouse

## VBS 2017 Hero Central





Cast your vote on the LORD  
and he will answer you  
he will never let the righteous fall.  
Psalm 34:12

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Welcomes  
YOU!

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today!

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