

The Vital Connection

Bi-Monthly Newsletter—January/February 2017

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

276 W. First Street, Denton, NC

Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11

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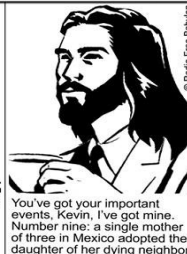
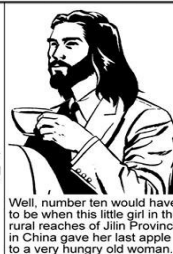
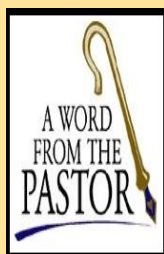
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Christmas 2016
Highlights

Calendars Events

not included in this issue;
however events can now be
viewed on the church
website at
centralumcdenton.com



If you believe anything you see on Facebook, 2016 was a bugger of a year. We lost all of these celebrities. There's the bombing of Aleppo. The U.S. is returning to tensions with Russia. People either love or hate President-Elect Donald Trump. And, locally, the Classic Restaurant caught fire and burned, destroying it and a number of other businesses. It seems like everywhere you look people have something to complain about from 2016. Here's the thing I've discovered about complaining. Complaining is a choice; and quite often when we complain the choice is to make the things in this world about us. So this year my resolution is to do a better job of making 2017 about God. Here are my Top Ten things I am either grateful for in 2016 or looking forward to in 2017.

Pastor Richard's Top Ten List for the turn of the year.

10. God gifted our family with Brock on Easter Weekend, 2016.
9. God blessed us with a wonderful and unexpected move to Central UMC in Denton.
8. God is building a new relationship between Central and the South Davidson Resource Center.
7. The warm embrace of the South Davidson Missional Network.
6. All of Central's wonderful Christmas programs.
5. I have loved seeing churches come together to support those who lost their jobs as a result of the fire at the Classic Restaurant Plaza.
4. Seeing churches who have not participated in the Missional Network in years come together to do some kingdom work in supporting those affected by the Classic Restaurant devastation.
3. I am looking forward to a new confirmation class in 2017 starting the 3rd week of January.
2. I am excited about building the small group that will plant a community garden, volunteer at the South Davidson Family Resource Center, and meet for prayer and fellowship.
1. I am looking forward to Easter and all of the promises God reminds us of in the spring.

Happy New Year Central UMC! By God's Good Grace, Pastor Richard



BREAKFAST BUFFET BENEFIT

Date: Saturday, January 7, 2017

Time: 7:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Place: Central United Methodist Church
276 W. 1st Street, Denton, NC

Cost: By Donation

*** *Dine In or Take Out Available* ***

**All proceeds to benefit employees
of the businesses financially affected by
"The Classic" Restaurant Plaza Fire**

Organized by Area Churches

For questions, contact host church at 336.859.3502/cumc@triad.umbc.com

*"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit." Isaiah 11:1*

Special Invitation to Members and Community

We hope you will join us for this event in an effort to raise funds to benefit those who were financially impacted by the tragic fire that occurred just before the Christmas holidays on December 17th in the small community of Denton. The Classic Restaurant and its staff, as well as adjacent businesses including a church, hair salon, antique shop, vendor craft store, and coffee shop, will truly be missed by so many people in not only the community of Denton but surrounding communities who frequented these businesses for many years.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



**OPEN INVITATION
TO ALL WOMEN
IN THE CHURCH AND
COMMUNITY!**

The UMW of Central United meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the UMW Room downstairs. ALL Women are invited to come fellowship as women with a purpose in our church and community. Each month UMW provides deserts to the Open Hands Ministry, fills food bags for the Central Food Pantry, and in December collected over 50 toys for Toys for Town. Great fellowship was had by all who attended the UMW Christmas party in December. Join us today, you're sure to feel spiritually uplifted. (Meetings may be held at a member's home if they choose to host, but not required.) Join us, bring a friend.

*Women with a Purpose...
faith, hope, and
love in action!*



UNITED METHODIST MEN

All Men are invited to attend UMM Meetings held on the Second Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the hut.

**January 8th and February 12th
Great fellowship with one another!**



Let us remember to continue to provide non-perishable food items as much as possible to continue to keep our

Food Pantry fully stocked. Please remember that many people that we serve do not even have a can opener, so when possible, please try to purchase can foods with pull-away lids. Items may be left at the Pantry Door, church office or in the grocery cart located in the narthex.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Event

Southern Event Center
to host a Benefit Music Event for
Classic Plaza Fire Victims
Sunday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Pay by Donation



Girl Scouts®

Girl Scouts Meet Every Other Saturday
at 3:00 p.m. in Downstairs Fellowship Hall.
Contact Troop Leader Carol Boice at
(252) 670-4341 for more information.

Health & Wellness

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Watch for upcoming
meetings and events in
Church Bulletins or contact

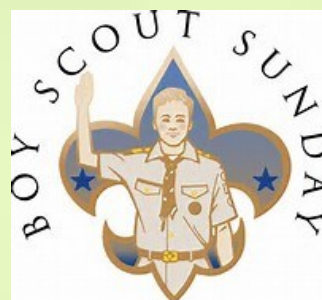


Next Meeting
Sunday
January 29th
12:30 Noon

Member DIRECTORY

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

If you have not received your church directory for 2016, please stop by the Church Office to pick up your copy. Copies are also available for \$10 each for purchasing for family and friends.



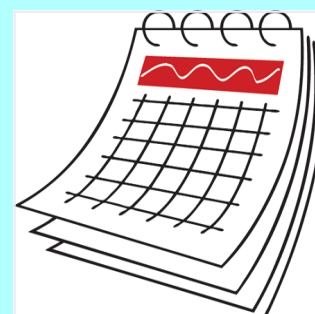
Join us for
**SCOUT
SUNDAY**

Sunday, February 5
11:00 a.m.
Morning Worship

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

2017 Community Birthday Calendars

are available in the
church office for
\$7.50—pick one up
today!



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Believers Learning and Sharing Together

B.L.A.S.T. Youth between the ages of 6th—12th are encouraged to attend Sunday School. **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!***

Teachers are Tina Lanier and Buddy Sexton (first and last Sunday of each month) and Shawna and Nathan Kinley (middle Sundays of each month).

Seeking ideas for our Youth BLAST Program for 2017: guest speakers, presentation, visits, activities, outings?

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Children's Choir Sings Joyful Sounds for us all

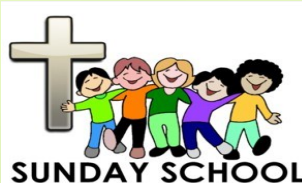
Special Thanks to Nathan and Shawna Kinley for teaching the Children's Choir to make joyful sounds for the Lord!

Children's Choir meets every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Hut. Join today!

K- 5TH NEWS

Children ages Kindergarten to 5th Grade meet each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Teachers are Sarah Morris and Kitty King. There's always snacks, crafts, and a bible lesson. Come join the fun!



***"Don't forget to bring your bibles to class —
this will help you learn more about
God's Holy Word!"***



***Central UMC Preschool
had a joyful Christmas party.***

**Central UMC Preschool says,
"Happy New Year Everyone!"**



***Special thanks to
Ms. Crouse and Ms. Talbert
for all of their love during the
year and especially at
Christmas.***

Sunday Worship Leaders — January and February, 2017

USHERS

JANUARY

Richard & Brenda Wilson

FEBRUARY

Tom and Jeannette

Beanblossom

GREETERS

JANUARY

Richard & Brenda Wilson

FEBRUARY

Gladys Decker and

Patty James

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jan. 1: Rev. Blount

Jan. 8: Beth Ligon

Jan. 15: Rick Phillips

Jan. 22: Cathy Ward

Jan. 29: Donna Morris

Feb. 5: Rev. Blount

Feb. 12: Sarah Morris

Feb. 19: Beth Ligon

Feb. 26: Tina Lanier

LAY READERS

Jan. 1: Kathy Baum

Jan. 8: Miranda Morris

Jan. 15: Jocelyn Kearns

Jan. 22: Stewart Sexton

Jan. 29: Randall King

Feb. 5: Brenda James

Feb. 12: Margaret Harris

Feb. 19: Addie Nopanen

Feb. 26: Jocelyn Beyeler

ACOLYTES

Jan. 1: Logan Lester

Jan. 8: Emma Walton

Jan. 15: Haven Riocchi

Jan. 22: Sam Parker

Jan. 29: Karsyn Layne

Feb. 5: Joseph Smith

Feb. 12: Ellie Baldwin

Feb. 19: Haven Riocchi

Feb. 26: Zach Lester

Acolytes Scheduler:

Beth Ligon

Lay Readers and

Children's Time Scheduler:

Margaret Harris

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan. 1: Poinsettias

Jan. 8: Larry & LaRue Cook

Jan. 15: Gilda & Larry Morris

Jan. 22: Open

Jan. 29: JT & Edna Davis Family

Feb. 5: Wilson Carter

Feb. 12: Open

Feb. 19: Ed & Dottie Roberson

Feb. 26: Jocelyn Beyeler

To place flowers on the altar for a special occasion or remembrance, please call Billie Allison at 336-859-0485.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Nov. 6 \$7,649.06

Nov. 13 \$3,287.15

Nov. 20 \$2,946.00

Nov. 27 \$4,903.00

Dec. 4 \$4,555.00

Dec. 11 \$4,885.42

Dec. 18 \$5,389.00

Dec. 25 \$4,257.85

NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

Nov. 6 \$ 545.00

Nov. 13 \$1,740.00

Nov. 20 \$2,297.00

Nov. 27 \$ 462.00

Dec. 4 \$ 112.00

Dec. 11 \$5,043.00

Dec. 18 \$ 911.00

Dec. 25 \$ 175.00

Choir Fund \$ 530.00

Emergency \$ 600.00

Playground Fund \$ 120.00

BBQ Fundraiser \$4,032.00

Preschool \$ 50.00

Elementary SS

Room Restoration \$3,100.00

Poinsettias \$ 252.00

Mission Wreath \$ 880.00

(Mission Wreath funds divided 50/50 with Family Res. Ctr. & CUMC Emergency Fund or \$440 each)

Love Feast to SDFRC \$

460.14

ATTENDANCE

Worship SS

Nov. 6 93 31

Nov. 13 107 29

Nov. 20 118 25

Nov. 27 88 29

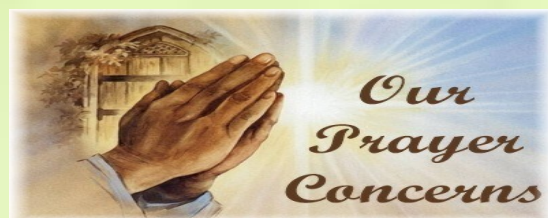
Dec. 4 87 33

Dec. 11 96 41

Dec. 18 148 34

Dec. 24 100 (*Love Feast*)

Dec. 25 61 ~



CHURCH MEMBERS

Ed Roberson, Louise Dockham, Joy Blount, Stewart Grubb, Craig & Johnnie Sigmon, Othell & Ava Lee Surratt, and Peggy Wilkins

MOUNTAIN VISTA

Edith Sigmon Rm #59

George Tillotson Rm #89

Hervey Yates Rm #112

Margaret Hunt Rm #108

Greeters: If you are unable to be a greeter on the day in which you are scheduled, please know it is your responsibility to contact one of the alternates ahead of time to make arrangements for coverage:

Alternate Greeters

Betty & Eddie Richey

336.870.1830

Janice & Don Esposito

336.859.4349

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

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

January Birthdays

1-Dottie Roberson
2-Dick Johnson, Jean Bulakowski,
Chad Montgomery
3-Hannah Parker, Jody Futrell
4-Barbara Hogan, Wendy Caudle,
Miranda Snider, Crissie Cabrera
5-Cathy Calhoun, Austin Pleasants,
Beverly Poist, Dylan Gallimore, Trey Hammond
6-Hayden Morris, Tyler Simpson
7-Carter Terrell
8-Panthea Plesants, Wes Taylor
10-Shannan Rieger, Sam Nelson, Chuck Crouch
11-Kevin Ingold, Camden Stone,
12-Fletcher Gallimore, Keith Jackson, Daniel Sexton,
David Gaither
13-Gavin Walton, Cindy Lomax, She Woodard,
Johnathon Skeen, Deborah Behrens
14-Nan Parker
15-Joan Briggs, Angie Loftin
17-Danny Carroll, Joseph Smith
20-Anna Somers, Amber Crouch, Makayla Crouch
21-Richard Good, Roy Morris, Celia Sexton
22-Steve Harris
23-Trey Baldwin, McKay Luther
24-Vickie Mitchell, Ginger Somers
25-Amy Conner
26-Ashley McKinney, Harper Ligon, William Clark,
Norman Hubbard
27-Koby Markham, Madelyn Bircher
28-Georgianna Bircher
29-Branson O'Hara
30-Yuliya Skeen, Summer Bivens, John Sexton
31-Connie Sexton, Ava Mitchell, Cameron Ligon

January Anniversaries

1-Keith & Ramona Cranford
2-Eric & Vickie Clark
3-Charles & Sherry Garner
9-Johnathon & Melissa Skeen
13-Austin & Ann Cook
19-Nathan & Amanda Crouch



February Birthdays

1-Louise Dockham, Emma Bivens, Adam Crouch,
Christina Gentile
2-Blair Luther, Paul Mitchell, Kaitlin Morris
3-Ben Futrell, Elwood Calhoun
4-Sandi Johnson, Ashlyn Futrell
5-John Alexander, Josh Smith
6-Scotty Morris, Butch Poist, Amber Conner,
Landon Harris
7-Kimberly Sexton
8-Barbara Judy, Michelle Whitlock, Matt Baldwin
9-Emalyn Kiser, Savannah Spencer, Robyn Lofton
10-David Skeen, Debbie Morris, Katie Clark
11-Kathy Baum, Jacob Ellis
12-Monnie Frank, Lib Sexton, Will Mitchell
13-Joanna Stone, Tonya Sullins,
Debbie McKinney, Andrew Everhart
14-Lynn Morris, Sharon Beal, Carmen Everhart,
Lily Alexander, Isabella Ellis, Jessa & Joey
Caberera
15-Roger Calhoun, Krystan Terrell, Nicholas Sofia,
Cindy Baldwin. Allen Johnson
16-Curt Richey, Shirley Baucom, Rebeca Loflin,
Stephanie Lomax, Page Harrison, Caroline Clark
17-Bob Craven, Abbey Bowman, Molly Linker,
Roger Blake, Andrea Linthicum
18-Brad Lomax
19-Joan Hammond, Paige Terrell, Carol Beck
20-Amy Everhart, Jeremy Morris, Colton Terrell,
Kirsten Watkins
21-Lynnsay Sexton, David May, Haven Rocchi,
Theresa Munyon, Jerrie Lomax, Landon Lester
22-Carter Burns, Courtney Behrens, Sara Lanier
23-Gatlin Crouch, Carrie Crouse,
Elizabeth Russell, Tom Beanblossom
24-Teresa Brewer, Ginger Morris, Debbie Kennedy
25-Charles Rowell, Erin Joyce
26-Marsha Gaither, Gary Lanier, Addie Futrell
27-Isaiah Lawson, Emmitt Crouch
28-Chip Futrell, Jodie Briggs, Addie Grubb

February Anniversaries

6-David & Courtney Hedrick
13-Kim & Gay Markham
19-Mike & Jamie Ferrell
20-Nathan & Shawna Kinley
25-Lawrence & Bobbie Ridge
26—Earl & Louise Caulder



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 newsletter editor at milanier@windstream.net

Christmas 2016 Highlights





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off on the
right
TRACK . . .
in church!
Stop in for a
visit at
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in 2017!

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