

Wishing you a blessed summer!

My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
276 W. First Street, Denton, NC



The Vital Connection

JULY & AUGUST

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September / October Newsletter
Deadline for News & Pictures
August 25, 2017

Words from Richard...

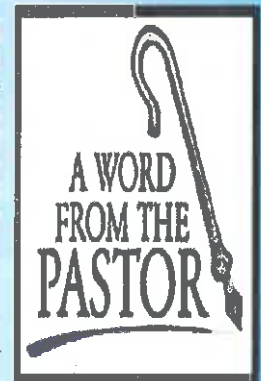
Matthew 16:1-4 (RSV)

16 And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. 2 He answered them,^[a] "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' 3 And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. 4 An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So he left them and departed.

There is an old saying by sailors. "Red sky by night, sailor's delight. Red sky in the morning, sailors give warning." This basic sentiment for remembering how to tell the weather is an old hand-me-down which is still accurate most days. And yet I find myself spending so much time on weather.com or the weather channel app on my phone trying to figure out how, "How hot is it?" "Is it going to rain?" "Will the weather be cloudy and cool?" I want to know so I can decide how best to dress my kids and whether we will go to the Denton pool that day, or play closer to the house, or stay inside out of the rain.

I wonder if very often we don't do the same kind of thing with God. We want to know the signs of the times so we can know how much more time we have to play. We live as though we want to know how much longer we can do things our way before we have to do things God's way. I think the Pharisees wondered something similar when they asked Jesus for a sign from heaven. Jesus told them the only sign they would receive would be the sign of Jonah.

Jonah was sent to Nineveh, the capitol of Assyria, and to tell them to repent or else God would destroy their city. Very reluctantly, Jonah did what he was told to do. Amazingly, the pagan city of Nineveh - the capitol city of Assyria, who had decimated the Northern Kingdom of Israel - amazingly repented. These people did a 180 and turned back to God. As a result God spared them. One of the lessons seems to be stop waiting to turn back to God. Nothing we can do here and now compares with the love of God. If we want to live the good life we should turn our lives over to the Lord. In the midst of all of our summer play time let us not forget to put the Lord first so that we might truly live. By God's Good Grace, Rev. Richard Blount





**Believers Learning and Sharing Together
NEW SCHEDULE**

B.L.A.S.T. meets at 10:00 in the Youth Room. Ages are rising middle school and high school students. Please contact Rev. Blount if you would like to join Debbie Sigmon, Buddy Sexton, Laura Walton, Candace Smith and others as they begin to revitalize this youth group! Plans are being made for a multi-church youth program, stay tuned for more information and upcoming exciting events!

Bring a friend and join us for a Blast as we learn about Christ!



**Children's New
Sunday School Class**

Stop in and see the new children's Sunday School classroom!

Special Thanks to Sarah Morris and Kitty King for making this dream a reality!

K- 5TH CLASS

Join Sarah Morris and Kitty King's Class
Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.



*There's always snacks,
crafts, and a bible lesson.*

*"Don't forget to bring
your new bible to class*

*—
this will help you learn
more about
God's Holy Word!"*



**Central Preschool
GRADUATION DAY!**



PRESCHOOL GRADUATION



**Best of
LUCK....
CLASS of
2016**

**2017-2018
Preschool Opening Day
September 5th**

**Ice Cream Social
Thursday, August 24 @ 6:30 pm
Central UMC Hut**

**Mrs. Crouse's
Preschool Supplies Campaign
will be kicking off in August.
Stay tuned for items needed.**

Denton Ladies Civitans

9th Annual

I AM
WOMAN!

July 15, 2017

9:00 AM

Central UMC Hut



Welcome New Church Family Members!



Mike and Brenda
James...

We are very excited to have you join our Church Family!



United
Methodist
Women

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

OPEN INVITATION
TO ALL WOMEN

The United Methodist Women of Central Church meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the UMW Room downstairs. No meeting in July. ALL women are invited to fellowship as women with a purpose in our church and community.

Cathy Ward and Ann Cook represented Central UMW in Walk for Missions in Asheboro on June 24 — they raised \$510...Way to Go Ladies!



JoAnne Harrold, accompanied by her husband Conrad, and Cathy Ward attended the UMW Spiritual Retreat at Lake Junaluska in June. Thank you, Cathy and JoAnne, for representing Central's UMW unit. The Uwharrie District blessedly collected 41 birthing kits, 488 layettes, 535 health

kits, 95 school kits, 19 sewing kits, 7 bedding, 9 cleaning buckets. Total value of kits \$31,220 for Mission Today. Attendance at Spiritual Retreat was 686 and the name of the retreat this year was S.M.I.L.E. (See Miracles in Life Everyday!)

UMW congratulates Joann Smith for being the recipient of the UMW Special Recognition Pin for 2017. In addition, Service Pins were given to Lou Barr and Kitty King for going above and beyond in their services within the past year for our church.



UMW recently gave prayer blankets to Ava Lee Surratt and Billy Allison during their recent sicknesses. God bless them during their recovery.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m. Join In...July 10 & August 13.



**SOUTH
DAVIDSON
FAMILY
RESOURCE
CENTER
RECEIVES
GENEROUS
DONATION
FROM UMM
BBQ
FUNDRAISER**



Let us remember to continue to provide non-perishable food items as much as possible to continue to keep our Food Pantry fully stocked. Items may be left at the Pantry Door, church office or in the grocery

cart located in the narthex.

Little Debbie food cakes are always needed for monthly contribution to Open Hands Ministry. Please place in Blue Bin located in downstairs kitchen.

Sunday Worship Leaders — JULY and AUGUST, 2017

USHERS

JULY

Mike & Tina Lanier

AUGUST

Scott Morris & Teresa Brewer

GREETERS

JULY

James & Lynda Kearns

AUGUST

Wilson Carter & Billy Allison

CHILDREN'S TIME

JULY 2: Rev. Blount

JULY 9: Cathy Ward

JULY 16: Beth Ligon

JULY 23: Sarah Morris

JULY 30: Ann Crouse

AUGUST 6: Rev. Blount

AUGUST 13: Rick Phillips

AUGUST 20: Beth Ligon

AUGUST 27: Tina Lanier

LAY READERS

JULY 2: Margaret Harris

JULY 9: Jocelyn Kearns

JULY 16: Debbie Sigmon

JULY 23: Kathy Baum

JULY 30: Chase Cross

AUGUST 6: Brenda James

AUGUST 13: Addie Nopanen

AUGUST 20: Andy Morris

AUGUST 27: Rev. Sherry Barnes

ACOLYTES

JULY 2: Emma Walton

JULY 9: Sam Parker

JULY 16: Haven Rocchi

JULY 23: Joseph Smith

JULY 30: Zach Lester

AUGUST 6: Olivia Parker

AUGUST 13: Karsyn Layne

AUGUST 20: Haven Rocchi

AUGUST 27: Ellie Baldwin

ALTAR FLOWERS

JULY 2: Open

JULY 9: Open

JULY 16: James & Lynda Kearns

JULY 23: Open

JULY 30: Craig & Johnnie Sigmon

AUGUST 6: Joan Briggs

AUGUST 13: Randall and Kitty King

AUGUST 20: Danny Carroll

AUGUST 27: Edith Johnson

To place flowers on the altar for a special occasion or remembrance, call Billy Allison at 336.859.0485.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

May 1 \$ 8,949.34

May 8 \$ 7,087.50

May 15 \$ 5,250.95

May 22 \$ 2,045.00

May 30 \$ 2,905.50

June 4 \$ 6,063.85

June 11 \$ 5,607.63

June 18 \$ 3,776.37

June 25 \$ 3,064.00

NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

Scholarship \$ 800.00

Food Pantry \$ 390.00

Choir \$ 140.00

Emergency \$ 50.00

Bearing Fruit \$ 100.00

UMCOR Relief \$ 125.00

Pre-School \$ 140.00

Memory Garden \$ 100.00

Harris Class Child \$ 25.00

CROSS BEARERS

JULY 2: Gavin Walton

JULY 9: Choir Member

JULY 16: Chase Cross

JULY 23: Danny Burton

JULY 30: Choir Member

AUGUST 6: Randall King

AUGUST 13: Chase Cross

AUGUST 20: Choir Member

AUGUST 27: Bill Sigmon

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>SS</u>
May 7	77	25
May 14	121	34
May 21	75	23
May 28	71	26
June 4	64	---
June 11	153	29
June 18	96	26
June 25	59	16



CHURCH MEMBERS

Janice Esposito, Dick Getz, Pam Harrison, Lillie Hill, Danny Hill, Jerrie Lomax, Addie Phillips, Craig Sigmon, Johnnie Sigmon, Joann Smith, Sam Whitlock and Peggy Wilkins

MOUNTAIN VISTA

Diza Morris	Rm #71
Edith Sigmon	Rm #59
George Tillotson	Rm #89
Othell Surratt	Rm #91
Hervey Yates	Rm #112
Margaret Hunt	Rm #108
Ava Lea Surratt	Rm #95

PIEDMONT CROSSING

Ramona M. Cranford

TAYLOR GLEN, CONCORD

Jerrie Lomax

MILITARY

Matt Beanblossom,
Brian Sexton, Ryan Smithling
Vernon Tysinger

SUMMER BASH CARNIVAL 2017



**Saturday, July 15th (Rain or Shine)
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Games, Crafts, Slide, Bouncy House, Pony Rides, Fire Truck, Music
Hot dogs, drinks, popcorn, ice cream, & more.



This event is free and open to the public so plan to come and bring a friend... **INVITE EVERYONE!!!**

Hosted by Central UMC Vitality Committee!



**AUGUST 8-10
Tues.—Thurs.
6:30-8:30 PM**

HERO Central

Discover your strength in God!

Participating Churches include:
Central, Clear Springs and Siloam

Volunteers are needed!!!

*Pre-School—5th Grade
Come and Bring a friend!!*

*UMM from all 3 churches will host
Hot Dog Supper on Thursday night
beginning at 6:00 pm*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**August 27—11:00 am
HOMECOMING**

**Guest Speaker:
Rev. Sherry Barnes**

Covered dish lunch to follow in the Hut.



LUNCH -N- LEARN

Special thanks to all who supported this quarter's event! Stay tuned for the next exciting event!



CONGRATULATIONS



CLASS OF 2017!!!



THE GREATEST STORYTELLER AWARD goes to:



Special Thanks to *Rick Phillips* for always be willing to give both the children and the adults an exciting story for Children's Time! If you're interesting in sharing your stories with our children, the Worship Committee welcomes new volunteers!

May the Glory of God Bless Each of You on the Celebration of Your Special Day!
Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

JULY Birthdays

- 1-Renato Barbosa, Ellen Carroll, Mike Morris, Claudia Gentile
- 2-Laken Sullins, Dale Spencer, Eddie Gallimore
- 3-Ginger Johnson
- 4-Colby Terrell
- 5-Chuck Merritt
- 6-Gail Walker, Jason Walton, Lindsey Clark
- 7-Carmen Harris, David Hill, Gene Baucom
- 8-Eric Clark
- 9-Sherri Lanier
- 10-Gentry Grubb, Kamber Skeen
- 11-Doug Lanier, Johnathon Hilton
- 12-Mark Morris, Debbie Bivens, Carrie Brothers, Randall King
- 13-Andy Morris, Sally Alvis, Rhonda King
- 15-Gayle Hilton
- 17-Davis Sexton, Adalyn Nopanen, Carey Cabrera, Thomas Woodard, Denny Brown
- 18-Jason Harris, Branson Smith, Virginia Harrison
- 19-Karen Blount
- 20-Brandon Shore, Lin Gallimore, Hollan Kennedy, Kelly Young, Julie Sexton
- 21-Michelle Surratt, Kaleb Harrison
- 22-Crystal Sexton
- 23-Tanya Futrell-Gallimore, Stephen Garner, Haven Sofia
- 24-Kim Martin, Denise Lanier, Christina Meredith, Katie Crouse, Cora Irene Cabrera -Chandler
- 25-Allison Sexton
- 26-Elizabeth Loftin, Chris Linthicum
- 27-Sue Morris Frederick, Glenn Luther, Phil Floyd
- 28-Jordan Whitlock, Zack Pleasants, Robert Mason Linker IV
- 29-Pansy Frank, James Bowman, Mattie Elizabeth Luther
- 30-Jerry Beal, Mary Rieger Brown
- 31-Amber Bean, Gabriel Whitlock, Joseph Ligon



JULY Anniversaries

- 2-Bob & Nancy Wood, John & Leigh Parker
- 4-Wayne & Bonnie Shuler
- 5-Ronnie & Sharon McRae
- 8-Mark & Heather Morris
- 9-Aaron & Katie Crouse
- 14-Gilbert & Nancy Futrell
- 16-David & Mary Skeen, Kristi & Bo Chitwood
- 18-Tom & Laura Gorno
- 20-Mike & Tina Lanier
- 21-Denver & Janet Moses
- 22-James & Linda Kearns
- 23-Don & Janice Esposito, David & Gail Walker
- 25-Steve & Margaret Harris
- 29-Bill & Debbie Sigmon, Matthew & Amanda Beanblossom
- 30-Cleve & Stacy Crouse
- 31-Scott & Beth Davis, Curtis & Sharon Beal, Craig & Johnnie Sigmon



AUGUST Anniversaries

- 1-Larry & Cathy Ward, Tony & Laura Vazquez, Richard & Karen Blount
- 2-Paul & Vickie Mitchell

AUGUST Birthdays

- 1-Lee Hinesley, Corby Steed, Larue Cook, Emma Hinesley
 - 2-Gilbert Futrell, Melody Allen, DeLisa Garner
 - 3-Alana Zeitany, Jeanette Beanblossom, Hunter, Larsen and Madison Sigmon, James Sexton, Amanda Crouch, Steven Pleasants, Christy Simpson
 - 5-Zachary Lawson
 - 6-Khody Haneline, Carly Crouch, David Brookbank
 - 7-Jamie Ferrell
 - 8-Bobby Talbert, Stewart Grubb
 - 9-Lisa Cranford, Sarah Morris
 - 10-Anthony Pleasants, Lexi Baum, Camden Weaver, Joseph Johnson, Phyllis Sullins
 - 11-Janet Hill, Larry Ward
 - 12-Sawyer Surratt, Andrew Sexton, Jack Somers, Jennifer Beanblossom, Joann Bean
 - 13-Kitty King, Lily Everhart, Madison Ferrell, Daniel Tysinger, Chad Johnson
 - 14-Peggy Wilkins
 - 15-Laura Condrey, Camden Layne, Amanda Snider
 - 16-Louise Newsom, Eric Barbee
 - 17-Edward Myers, Lanie Hulin, Amy Richey
 - 18-Sherra Tysinger, Wanona Smith, Luke Richey, Cleve Crouse
 - 19-Mark Smith, Calvin Gallimore, Rachel Parker
 - 20-Donna Morris, Ashley Brower, Ray Kiser, Patricia May
 - 21-Reid Taylor
 - 22-Doug Everhart
 - 23-Savannah Stevenson, Thompson Skeen, Margaret Rowell, Betty Morris, Brantley Garner, Baxter Surratt, Jamie Flowers
 - 24-Brenda Burton, Renee Barbee, Daniel Whitlock, Curtis Alexander III, Ellie Baldwin, Jon Johnson
 - 25-Emma May Bean, Maci Draughn
 - 26-Jackie Smith, Leesa Kiser
 - 28-Jessica Bivens, Asher Ellis
 - 29-Susie Hubbard, Wayne Shuler
 - 30-Ginger Martin, David Walker, Teresa Stevenson, Maurice Rayburn
 - 31 Candace Shore, Stephen Johnson, Linda Davis, Sheila Nopanen, Zachary Lester
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- 8-Othell & Ava Lea Surratt, Dan & Laurie Briggs
 - 9-Eric & Ginger Morris, Kelly & Gail Smith, Jack & Joan Briggs
 - 10-Al & Marie Penry
 - 11-Kevin & Shane Ingold
 - 13-Matthew & Ashley Kiser, Jeff & Susan Hulin
 - 14-Debbi & Sean Kennedy
 - 15-Jerry & Louise Dockham
 - 16-Doug & Pansy Hunt, Jim & Jody Futrell
 - 17-Mike & Donna Morris
 - 18-Jay & Denise Lanier, Dennis & Cheree Loffin
 - 20-Dason & Heather Hill
 - 21-Leroy & Betty Hinesley
 - 23-Kerry & Tanya Futrell-Gallimore, Eddie & Cathy Jackson
 - 28-James & Marianne Bowman
 - 29-Mark & Katherine Morris



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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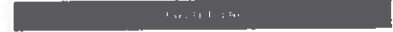
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- [United Methodist Women](#)
May 7 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- [Bible Study](#)
May 2 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- [Prayer Breakfast](#)
May 3 @ 8:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- [Choir Practice](#)
May 3 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- [Bible Study](#)
May 8 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am



NEWSLETTER



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Welcomes you.....



Special Thanks to the Communication Team:
Tina Lanier, Addie Nopanen, Linda Davis, Richard Blount, and Don Jones.
If you like working with web designs, technology and social media, please notify the church office, we welcome your input!



*Have You Visited **YOUR** church's website?*
www.centralumcdenton.com

*Have You Told Others About **YOUR** church's website?*
It's a great place to view upcoming events?

*Have You "Joined" **YOUR** church's Facebook Page?*

CHURCH NEWS

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