

The Vital Connection

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

*Bi-Monthly
Newsletter*

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CENTRAL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

276 W. First Street, Denton, NC

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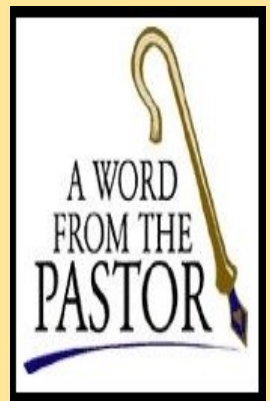
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NOTE:

May & June Newsletter
Deadline for News & Pictures
April 24, 2017

Blessings from Pastor Richard:

This newsletter covers the season of Lent and the start of Easter. Lent is usually a time for giving up something. When I was in college, the one thing people usually gave up was caffeine. Many of us would give up sodas or coffee during Lent. This worked out very well because Lent usually ended just in time to study for finals. Those late hours needed a lot of caffeine to stay awake and after having fasted from caffeine for 40 days we didn't have any problem with those late nights. At that point, a little caffeine went a long way. However as I reflect on that time, I am not at all sure how fasting from caffeine during Lent drew any of us closer to God. During the season of Lent this year let me encourage you to consider what is getting in the way of spending time with God and time with your family? What might we let go of for a season in order to take a tighter hold on the things which are most important in our lives?



Top 5 List

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

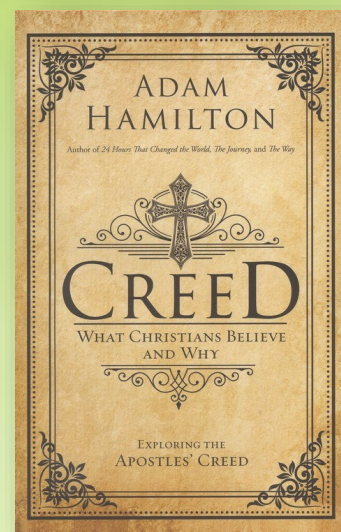
Try this exercise....Make a list of the top five things which are most important in your life. Then, make a list of all the things you do in your day. Remember to include things you do in your free time and time you spend with family. Which of those things line up with your top five list? Which things do not? What would it look like if during the season of Lent you let go of just one of those things that does not line up with your top five list? Instead of doing that one thing, what would it look like if you spent more time growing closer to God? If it brings you closer to God, then you will have accomplished the true meaning of Lent. You will have prepared yourself for the coming of the Lord on Easter Sunday.

By God's Good Grace, *Richard*

YOU'RE INVITED....

Join us for the six-week Bible Study
"CREED" each Sunday morning at 11:00
am. during Sunday School for this
special study.

Do you have questions about foundational Christian truths such as the purpose of life? Believing that powerful answers are embedded in the Apostles' Creed, Adam Hamilton examines it to explore *what* Christians believe and *why* it matters.



OUTREACH MINISTRIES



OPEN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN

The United Methodist Women of Central Church meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the UMW Room downstairs. ALL Women are invited to fellowship as women with a purpose in our church and community.

In February, the UMW encouraged church involvement in the White Umbrella Campaign in the fight against Human Trafficking. White Umbrellas adorned the sanctuary for two Sundays to encourage awareness of this terrible crime that could happen anywhere at anytime.



MISSIONS IN MARCH - Handbags for Homeless - UMW will be participating in Fill-The-Purse district project by filling purses with things you may find in a handbag. Purses will be brought to the March 7th UMW meeting. Bulletin inserts will provide ideas for items. Join us in this mission on March 7, 2017.



Mark your calendar for May 21st as we celebrate UMW Sunday with guest speaker Dr. Susan Allen, Central UMW Alumni



Let us remember to continue to bring in non-perishable food items when possible to maintain a stocked Food Pantry. Canned foods with pull-away lids preferred. Items may be dropped off at Pantry Door or office.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner held on February 28 resulted in \$650 raised to help local missions. Special thanks to all the cooks and decorating volunteers who assisted in this traditional fun event shared by all.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m. Join In...March 12th and April 9th.



Health & Wellness

Health and Wellness held a Lunch-N-Learn with 26 people from the church and community in attendance. This quarter's session was on Diabetes and the Heart. Special thanks to the Health and Wellness Committee for your hard work in this outreach program!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

UNITED METHODIST MEN



Mark Your Calendars
for the next
UMM Barbecue on
April 22, 2017!



Spread the Word....
Join us for this event!
(Tickets will go on sale in March)



Girl Scouts Meet Every Other Saturday
at 3:00 p.m. in Downstairs Fellowship Hall.
Contact Church Office for exact
dates.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12



Next Meeting
12:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 12



April 13 at 7:00 p.m.



March 5 and April 16
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 9—11:00 Palm Sunday and Palming of the Cross
Friday, April 14—12:00 Noon Good Friday Cross Walk
Sunday, April 16—7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service TBD
Sunday, April 16—11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Service and
Flowering of the Cross—Bring flowers
or choose from those provided.



EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary
on Easter Sunday, April 16. Price is \$15.00
each. Order deadline—Monday, April 10.

Qty. _____ Amt \$ _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



Easter Eggs-travaganza

When: Saturday, April 8

Time: 12:00—2:00 p.m.

Place: Harrison Park

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)

Bring your little ones to the
**ANNUAL EASTER EGG
HUNT—APRIL 16**
10:00-10:45
CHURCH GROUNDS





Believers Learning and Sharing Together

B.L.A.S.T. Youth are participating in the CREED Bible Study along with the congregation. Church members are invited to visit one Sunday to share a story with our youth on faith or a time when you were a teenager trying to find your way to God! Maybe you'd like to take the youth on an adventure (movie, eat out, or special place). Advanced planning would be necessary in order to obtain permission from parents. *Adult help is needed, if interested.*

K- 5TH CLASS

Join Sarah Morris and Kitty King's Class as they teach our children ages from Kindergarten to 5th Grade.



Sunday mornings 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!"



Exciting News for the K-5th Class.....

they're getting a new classroom!!!! Renovations have begun, and the kids are super excited!!!

Just ask 'em!

Central Preschool sends a special **THANK YOU** to Mr. Eddie Richey for the beautiful picture he gave to the Preschool !



Central Preschool Who Wears A Hat!



Confirmation Sunday

**Confirmation Sunday—
Easter Sunday—April 17**

NURSERY WORKER NEEDED

Sundays from 9:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Are you telling me some people don't want to help in the Nursery?? Are they Crazy?? Have they seen how cute I am??



Sunday Worship Leaders — March and April, 2017

USHERS

MARCH

Roger & Beth Ligon

APRIL

Dale & Glenda Futrell

GREETERS

MARCH

Dick & Diane Getz

APRIL

Scott Morris &
Teresa Brewer

CHILDREN'S TIME

March 5: Rev. Blount

March 12: Cathy Ward

March 19: Beth Ligon

March 26: Debbie Sigmon

April 2: Rev. Blount

April 9: Donna Morris

April 16: Addie Nopanen

April 23: Beth Ligon

April 30: Rick Phillips

LAY READERS

March 5: Brenda James

March 12: Stewart Sexton

March 19: Jocelyn Kearns

March 26: Randall King

April 2: Tina Lanier

April 9: Margaret Harris

April 16: Rev. Blount

April 23: Andy Morris

April 30: Cathy Ward

ACOLYTES

March 5: Olivia Parker

March 12: Logan Lester

March 19: Haven Riocchi

March 26: Ellie Baldwin

April 2: Emma Walton

April 9: Joseph Smith

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 5: Adalyn & Esko Nopanen

March 12: Margaret & Steve Harris

March 19: Glenda & Dale Futrell

March 26: Chuck Crouch

April 2: Joanne Harrold

April 9: Palm Sunday

April 16: Easter Sunday

April 23: OPEN

April 30: Marie Penry

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

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Jan. 1 \$10,573.00

Jan. 8 SNOW

Jan. 15 \$1,433.00

Jan. 22 \$2,618.95

Jan. 29 \$5,720.00

Feb. 5 \$5,283.55

Feb. 12 \$2,366.00

Feb. 19 \$5,226.58

Feb. 26 \$3,016.09

NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

Jan. 1 \$ 245.00

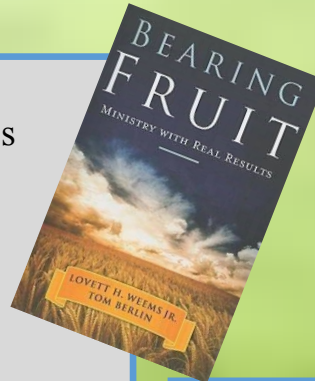
Jan. 22 \$ 500.00

Feb. 5 \$ 254.50

Feb. 12 \$ 435.00

Feb. 19 \$ 640.00

Bearing Fruit Bible Study has started! Make plans to help in the Resource Center Garden this Spring!



ATTENDANCE

Worship SS

Jan. 1 70 25

Jan. 8 SNOW

Jan. 15 86 28

Jan. 22 87 31

Jan. 29 89 19

Feb. 5 126 34

Feb. 13 72 26

Feb. 19 69 24

Feb. 26 86 35



CHURCH MEMBERS

Jack and Joan Briggs, Louise

Dockham, Lillie Hill, Diza

Morris, Dottie Roberson, Ava

Lee Surratt, Peggy Wilkins

MOUNTAIN VISTA

Johnnie Sigmon Rm #73

Edith Sigmon Rm #59

Othel Surratt Rm #75

George Tillotson Rm #89

Hervey Yates Rm #112

Margaret Hunt Rm #108

MILITARY

Matt Beanblossom,

Brian Sexton, Ryan Smithling,

Vernon Tysinger



The joys of bearing fruit can start at any age!

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

March Birthdays

1-Mike Russell
2-Terri Johnson Nolasco, Jacob Cabrera,
Julie Carroll
3-Kurt Beyeler, Erin Bean, Kay Taylor
4-Lee Bowden, Gaye Markham,
Dustin Graham
5-Cylie Cabrera, Tony Vazquez,
Gabriel Crouch, Adeline Calhoun,
Ann Morris Luck, Presslee Draughn
6-Lori Jones, Madalyn Willet, JP Hamilton, Jr.
7-Cathy Morris, Shawna Kinley
8-Piper Vazquez, Alyssa Futrell, Mary Skeen,
Bowman Carrott, Callan Lofling
9-Scott Hinesley, Roxie Rayburn
10-Piper Linthicum, Hunter Smith, Laura Ann Harrison
11-Rachel Davis, David Lanier
12-Amanda Beanblossom, Sean Kennedy,
Mya Lynn Simpson
13-Janet Moses
14-Kallie Gentile, Charlotte Dockham
15-Stewart Sexton, Lynda Kearns, Jerry Lanier,
Jason Morris, Asher Crouse
17-Leah Hulin
18-Meagan Young, May Bisher, Emily Harrison
19-Matthew Dockham
20-John Lomax III, Susan May Bland, Nickolas Morris
21-Glenda Futrell, Stella Beth Sizemore
22-Edith Sigmon, Jerry Dockham, Robert Rieger, Jr.,
Bo Carroll, Matthew Kiser, Lisa Grubb,
Carolyn Lovell
23-Linda Markham
24-Ryleigh Howard, Johnnie Sigmon
25-Laura Walton, Steven Clark
26-Judy Covil, Brock Blount
27-Katherine Morris, Dennis Cadle, Grace Garner
28-Irving Surratt, Johnathan Crouse, Annabelle Jones,
Jody Jackson, Emily Smith Earle
29-Holly Berg
30-Eddie Richey, Suzanne Surratt, Bo Chitwood, River
Trent, Jay Lanier, Johnathan Loftin
31-Debbie Crouch

March Anniversaries

11-Esko & Addie Nopanen, Shelby & Benson Futrell
13-David & Colbey Garrison
16-Sam & Michelle Whitlock, James & Elizabeth Loftin
18-Richard & Brenda Wilson, Buddy & Nancy Sexton
19-Dale & Glenda Futrell,
Brandon & Dianna Killmyer
20-Harvey & Doris Crenshaw
27-Eddie & Melissa Gallimore
31-Donald & Diane Hill



April Birthdays

1-David Davis,
2-Donna Dalton, Annabelle McIntyre
3-Dianna Kilmyer, John Mitchell
4-Matt Howard, Nicholas Glover, Dean Bulakowski
5-Kaci Markham, Elliott Chitwood
6-Joe Mitchell, Conner Earle
7-Joanne Harrold, Colton Kennedy, Judy Boggs
8-Imelda Morris, Esko Nopanen, Joey Layne,
Chrissy Hedrick, Othell Surratt
9-Kerry Gallimore, Drew Skeen, Ava Sexton
10-Lona Everhart, Samantha Sexton
11-Devon Smith, Bella Sexton, Briana Smith
12-Amy Ruwell, Jim Boggs, Marsha Surratt
13-Jacob Clodfelter, Larry Fritts, Lee Ann Smith
14-Praxton Crouse, Penelope Crouse
15-Hailey Calhoun
16-Larry Cook, Marcia Everhart
17-Zachary Ligon, Tony Frank, Andy Flowers
19-Gretchen Crouse
20-Wright Wege
21-Ronnie Hall, Susan Allen, Ellie Hege
Sydney Morris, Bonnie Shuler
22-Dustin Marshall
23-Reedling Harris, Steve Davis
24-Peggy Marshall, Denver Moses, April Parker
25-Gina Grubb
28-Michael Baum, Baysden Harris, Sarah Parker,
29-Judith Bowman, Vickie Clark, Jeff Hulin
30-Lawrence Ridge, Savannah Surratt



April Anniversaries

5-Aaron & Candice Smith
7-Scott & Sharon Hinesley
10-Brantly & Jamie Surratt
13-Bob & Barbara Judy
14-Larry & LaRue Cook
17-Baxter & Marsha Surratt
21-Keith & Cathy Morris
Rob & Devona Dunn
26-Rick & Angie Nelson
27-Rickie & Rhonda Workman
28-Neil & Suzanne Bulakowski
Heath & Lisa Cranford
Wayne & Linda Markham
29-Roy & Pat King
30-Reid & Ann Crouse

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 2017



Breakfast
Benefit for
The Classic
employees!

*Showing God's love through
community support for others!*



Burning of the Palms 2017
with Uwharrie District Superintendent
Laura Autan



**Supporting the
White Umbrella
Campaign**

Celebration of
Central UMC
Scouting
Program
with all Scouts
(Boys & Girls)
in 2017



PRAISES AND CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Joseph & Cameron Ligon on the birth of their son **FLYNN ROGERS LIGON** born January 9, 2017. Grandparents Roger & Beth Ligon. Great Grandparents Craig & Johnnie Sigmon and Great Great Grandmothers Edith Sigmon and the late Edith Loflin Cameron, a late member of Central UMC.



Congratulations... **Gilda & Genie Morris** on their retirements! Gilda retired from Lexington Furniture Industries after 49 years!!!! Genie retired as Denton's Town Clerk after 25 years. **Celebrate!!!!**



Sending out a Special THANK YOU to the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee for all of the hard work in the successful Uwharrie District Laity Training Event on Feb. 26th. We had about 50 people from various churches from around the district. Thank you, Scotty Morris, for bringing drinks. Thank you, Beth Ligon, for bringing cookies and making signs, and Ann Crouse for hanging the signs. Thank you, Cathy Ward and JoAnn Harrold, for cleaning up. Thank you, Andy and Sarah Morris, for directing visitors. I hope I didn't miss anyone, but thank you all.



Another Special THANK YOU goes to Travis Morris for burning the brush pile on the vacant lot to get it ready to begin planting our Resource Center Garden!
Pastor Richard



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*For information on church calendar events, visit
Central's website at www.centralumcdenton.com*

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