

The Vital Connection

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

276 W. First Street, Denton, NC

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Getting Connected

NOTE: July & August Newsletter
Deadline for News & Pictures
June 28, 2017

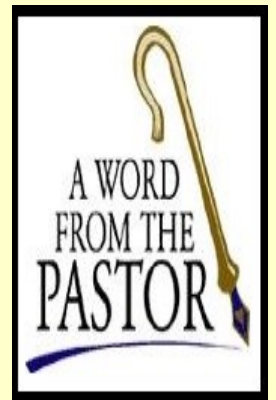
Psalms 116:12 says, "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?"

WELCOME to the season of Easter. We spent 40 days during the season of Lent preparing for Easter. Now the fifty days of Easter have arrived. How should we celebrate Christ's victory over death, our adoption into God's holy family, and the blessings of the Holy Spirit? Those who accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior on Pentecost did this.

"They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

How might it be if out of gratitude for all God has done for us in the past; for what God is doing right now, and for what God will do in the future we really tried to grow closer to God? What would it look like for Central to want to hear and recognize God's voice? What would we have to study, or how might we need to pray in order to hear God's voice and respond? Brothers and sisters in Christ I deeply want you to be moved by the Holy Spirit to rise up and embrace your baptism. As baptized believers we have been entrusted with a holy gift and an awesome responsibility to *live* our lives. To truly get the most out of life does not mean we will need to be rolling in Bentley's and Benjamin's. It means embrace our family connections to the blood of Christ. In our Baptism we are adopted into Christ's holy family. Christ has risen and left no hands and feet in this world but ours. Christ did not leave us His butt, only His hands and feet. It's time to pray for God's eyes to see the hurting and the needy as Christ sees us. It's time to pray for the heart of Christ that our hearts would be broken at the brokenness in our community and be moved to action. The action involves our feet moving us out of our comfort zones and our hands reaching out to the broken. Sisters and brothers, how should we show our gratitude? We should show our gratitude for all God does by being devoted to what God has taught, and by being obedient to what God has told us to do.

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





A Message from the Choir Family—Would you join us in the prayer?

The Central UMC Choir and musicians are folks who love music and share in the musical gifts in meaningful worship ministry. This ministry seeks to connect and engage the hearts and minds of worshippers with God so that in hearing the “Good News,” they will desire to be more faithful disciples and invite others into discipleship. The music in our worship services encompasses a number of genres ranging from gospel to contemporary. No matter the genre the singers and musicians endeavor to be a channel for the Holy Spirit to work among the people so that they will experience the power of God’s love which in turn leads to following His calling to serve others.



We are praying for 5 new members to join our “Choir Family” by the end of 2017. If you enjoy praising God through music, you are cordially invited to join us!



The United Methodist Women of Central Church meets 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.

UMW collected 25 purses for the Fill the Purse Campaign and delivered them to the District in March. Thank you for your support.



Special thanks to Judy Bowman for providing the program in April of her trip to Niagara and sharing her pictures with UMW.



UMW Ladies visited the students at Badin Lake to assist Megan Caulder's class and to deliver Easter Baskets to the children.

UMW Ladies assembled 6 layette birthing kits and 6 health kits and delivered to the district at the Prayer Breakfast held April 29, 2017.



Join us on May 21, 2017, as we celebrate UMW Sunday at 11:00 featuring former member and local friend to many, Dr. Susan Allen, as the guest speaker. **Covered dish luncheon to follow in the hut, congregation invited!**

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

OPEN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN



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 or church office.



Rise Against Hunger Pack-A-Thon

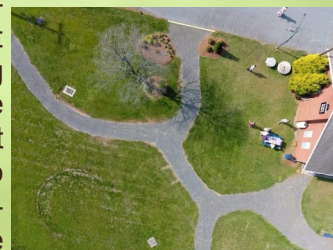
Rice Bags packaging will be held on Saturday, May 6 at 9:00 am at South Davidson Fire Dept., Hwy. 109 South. Volunteers are needed.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m. Join In...May 7 & June 11.

Did you know there are welcome cards for all who visit the walking trail inviting them to our church? Be sure to take one, read it while you walk! Be sure to check them out in the information box located at the trail entrance.



Special Thanks to all who supported and helped with the BBQ Fundraiser on April 22, 2017.



Believers Learning and Sharing Together

B.L.A.S.T. meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. Ages are for middle and high school students. **Got an idea or concept for an event, social or activity for our youth, let your ideas be known!!!**

TEACHERS ARE NEEDED! Contact Rev. Blount if you are interested in leading the YOUTH! Volunteers and guest speakers are always welcomed.

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Congratulations to our Confirmands and New Members



May the Lord bless you on your spiritual journey and may you always follow His commands!

Confirmands: Olivia Parker, Joseph Smith, Haven Rocchi, and Logan Lester
New Members: Lou Barr and Brenda Wilson

To be joining May 7th: Mike & Brenda James

K- 5TH CLASS

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



Sunday morning Sat 10:00 a.m.
There's always snacks, crafts,
and a bible lesson.



Best of Luck—Class of 2017

PRESCHOOL EVENTS

Doughnuts & Muffins Day
In the fellowship hall
Thursday, May 11 at 8:20 am

GRADUATION
Tuesday, May 30
6:30 PM—Sanctuary

Best of Luck!
CLASS of 2017
We Love You,
Mrs. Crouse & Mrs. Talbert



Sunday Worship Leaders — May and June, 2017

USHERS

MAY

David Skeen & Steve Harris

JUNE

Buddy & Nancy Sexton

GREETERS

MAY

Betty Morris & Gilda Morris

JUNE

Lawrence & Bobbie Ridge

CHILDREN'S TIME

MAY 7: Rev. Blount

MAY 14: Beth Ligon

MAY 21: UMW

MAY 28: Cathy Ward

JUNE 4: Rev. Blount

JUNE 11: Beth Ligon

JUNE 18: Tina Lanier

JUNE 25: Rick Phillips

LAY READERS

MAY 7: Debbie Sigmon

MAY 14: Addie Nopanen

MAY 21: UMW

MAY 28: Randall King

JUNE 4: Brenda James

JUNE 11: Margaret Harris

JUNE 18: Jocelyn Kearns

JUNE 25: Stewart Sexton

ACOLYTES

MAY 7: Ellie Baldwin

MAY 14: Jach Lester

MAY 21: Haven Rocchi

MAY 28: Emma Walton

JUNE 4: Carsyn Layne

JUNE 11: Olivia Parker

JUNE 18: Haven Rocchi

JUNE 25: Logan Lester

ALTAR FLOWERS

MAY 7:

MAY 14:

MAY 21: UMW

MAY 28:

JUNE 4:

JUNE 11: Tina Lanier

JUNE 18:

JUNE 25:

To place flowers on the altar for a special occasion or remembrance, call church office at 336-859-3502.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Mar. 5 \$5,474.00

Mar. 12 \$2,413.03

Mar. 19 \$3,785.00

Mar. 26 \$2,834.00

Apr. 2 \$4,994.00

Apr. 9 \$3,833.00

Apr. 16 \$5,173.16

Apr. 23 \$3,115.00

NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

Shrove Tuesday—\$650.00

Choir Robes—\$2,235.00

Emergency Fund—\$50.00

Food Pantry—\$50.00



Diza's Day

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>SS</u>
Mar. 5	95	31
Mar. 12	66	31
Mar. 19	81	35
Mar. 26	83	24
Apr. 2	109	37
Apr. 9	89	29
Apr. 16	188	—
Apr. 23	83	29



CHURCH MEMBERS

Billie Ann Allison, Louise Dockham, Lillie Hill, Ginger Martin, Diza Morris, Ed and Dottie Roberson, Craig & Johnnie Sigmon, Ava Lee Surratt, Peggy Wilkins, Dick Getz

MOUNTAIN VISTA

Edith Sigmon Rm #59
George Tillotson Rm #89
Hervey Yates Rm #112
Margaret Hunt Rm #108
Othell Surratt Rm #91

PIEDMONT CROSSING

Ramona M. Cranford

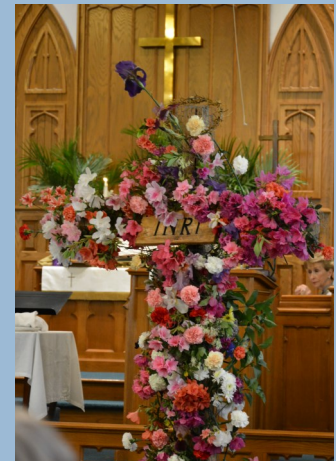
TAYLOR GLEN, CONCORD

Jerrie Lomax

MILITARY

Matt Beanblossom,
Brian Sexton, Ryan Smithling
Vernon Tysinger

Easter Blessings 2017



Central, Siloam, Clear
Springs VBS Partnership
2017 VBS Coordinator
Ann Crouse



Volunteers are needed!!!
August 8-10
Tues-Thurs—6:30 to 8:30

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 3—11:30 am
Mt. Ebal Service
Central Service at
10:00 am



Boy Scout Troop 101

Special Thanks to the Boy Scouts for participating in the recent Denton Spring Litter Sweep joining Town of Denton Council and staff. Your cooperation and volunteerism in the community is greatly appreciated.

Congregation is invited to support their fundraiser on Sunday, May 7th Sop and Sandwich Luncheon following the morning service.

Proceeds to help towards the cost of attending summer camp 2017.



Lunch and LEARN

May 24, 2017 at 12:00 Noon
Rev. David Shepherd will share
the Wise Men's Gifts.
Bring a friend, increase attendance. Great information!

**CHURCH
COUNCIL
MEETING**
MAY 7, 2017
following sup
& sandwich
luncheon
(Youth Room)



**CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2017
GRADUATION SUNDAY—June 11**

High School Graduates—Matthew Lanier and
Nicholas Behrens—South Davidson
College Graduates—Madison Sigmon—
UNC-Charlotte



VITALITY NEWS

Special thanks to Vitality and Health and Wellness for the beautiful blankets and Bibles given to all Central children! Phoebe Gallimore was super excited to be visiting April 30th she even submitted a picture taken with her new blanket!



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

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations



MAY Birthdays

- 1-David Luther, Cori Floyd, Laura Hearn
- 2-Brenda Wilson
- 3-Mike Lanier, Addilyn Crouch
- 4-Thelma Luther
- 5-Ashleigh Kiser, Thomas Critcher
- 6-Michelle Conner
- 7-Eric Morris, Brandon Marshall, Jillian Gorno, Boone Hinesley, Emily Lovell, Lauren Moses
- 8-Kim Smith, Janice Baldwin, Thomas Sexton, David Garrison
- 9-Madelyn Daniel, Morgan Pleasants
- 10-Janice Sigmon, Hadley Briggs, Bill Dearhake, Madison Pleasants, David Hedrick, Shane Ingold
- 11-Meredith Sexton, Ashley Pleasants, Jack Briggs
- 12-Poppy Watkins, Katie Brower, Andrew Allen, Bobbie Ridge
- 13-Oliva Carter, Anna Morris
- 14-Joseph Calhoun, Danny Smith
- 15-Sonja Grubb, Laurie Briggs
- 16-Simon Ostrander, Jackson Whitlock, Te Baldwin, Rickie Workman
- 17-Lori Rayburn, Lauren Hulin, Dawn English
- 18-Mendy Tucker, Michelle Sexton, Daelyn Bean, Summer Cook
- 19-Hannah Baldwin, Brandon Garner, Anna Garner
- 20-Daniel Smith, Bailey Baldwin
- 21-Ronnie Steed, William Hinesley
- 22-Will Barbee, Nathan Kinley
- 23-Al Penry, John Pleasants, Reid Crouse
- 24-Richard Everhart
- 25-Cathy Jackson, Nathan Crouch, Tracey Marshall
- 26-Tina Lanier, Shawn Crouch, Deacon Jones, Jack Briggs II
- 27-Kimber Ostrander, Martha Beyeler, Jason Hilton
- 28-Brian Sexton
- 29-Alan Rudisill
- 30-Anne Crouse
- 31-Libby Hall

MAY Anniversaries

- 5-Brandon & Candace Shore
- 11-John & Lanette Tysinger
- 13-Curtis & Peggy Marshall
- 14-Sandy & Kelly Young
- 15-Ronnie & Tonya Haneline, Dick & Sandi Johnson
- 16-Joel & Katie Clark, Randall & Kitty King
- 19-Bo & Debbie Johnson
- 20-Ronnie & Virginia Harrison, Lee & Jennifer Hinesley
- 24-Norman & Susie Hubbard
- 25-Robert & Teresa Stevenson
- 26-Wes & Jordan Taylor
- 27-Dennis & Wendy Cagle
- 29-Shad & Sylvia Morris, David & Brandy Pope
- 30-Payne & Meagan Caulder



JUNE Birthdays

- 1-SaraTugwell, Dilon Vestal, Aron Naponen, Isabella Carroll
- 2-Rodney Nance
- 3-Kim Bivens, Nancy Futrell, Larry Morris, Ben Rivenbark
- 4-Jacob Rudisill, Matthew Morris
- 5-Randy Lawson, Rhonda Workman
- 6-Daniel Parker Jr., Chris Simpson, Bo Johnson
- 7-Mack Cranford, Roger Ligon
- 8-Leann Hamilton, Noah Wood, Cathy Ward, Casey Calhoun, Alex Kirkman, Marvene Surratt
- 9-Tommy Frazier, Cindy Calhoun
- 10-Leann Parker, Charles Garner
- 11-Polly Hedrick, Lindey Steed
- 12-Evelyn Bircher, Diza Morris, Allyn Morris
- 13-Bonnie Lanier, Candace Smith, Katheryn Tysinger
- 14-Matthew Lanier, Karen Argo, Eddie Jackson
- 15-Keith Kirkman
- 16-Jessica Baum, Ava Lee Surratt, Jamie Surratt, Justin Morris, Alex Montgomery
- 18-Julie Layne, Angie Nelson, David Hearn
- 19-Ken Beck
- 20-Stewart Grubb, Rick Phillips, Paul Sexton
- 21-Danielle Lawson
- 22-Jackson Sommers
- 23-Andy Dockham, Ellrie Kiser
- 24-Jake Jones, Thomas May
- 26-Jake Baldwin, Braxton Coleman, Joe Harrold
- 27-Aaron Smith, Conrad Harrold
- 28-Anna Frazier
- 29-Ann Wolford, Heather Hedrick
- 30-Kevin Kiser, Phoebe Gallimore

JUNE Anniversaries

- 1-Gene and Amelia McIntyre
- 3-Michael and Amy Rowell
- 6-Anthony & Ashley Pleasants
- 7-Steven & Lisa Grubb
- 8-Ronnie & Louise Newsom
- 10-Dale & Rhonda Spencer
- 14-Jay & Joanna Stone, Steve & Julie Sexton, Chris & Andrea Linthicum
- 16-Danny & Brenda Burton, John & Celie Sexton
- 19-Thompson & Sarah Skeen
- 20-Will & Jana Sigmon, Ames & Polly Sexton
- 21-Tony & Karen Argo
- 23-Terry & Judy Bowman
- 24-Robbie & Dawn English, Patrick & Denese OHara, Matt & Courtney Howard
- 25-Roger & Vickie Smith
- 26-Arnold & Emily Lovell
- 27-Roby & Diza Morris
- 28-Ben & Addie Futrell
- 29-Tom & Jeanette Beanblossom
- 30-Joseph & Cameron Ligon,



GET
PluggedIN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

View all upcoming events under Events Tr
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UPCOMING EVE

[United Methodist Women](#)

May 2 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

[Boy Scouts](#)

May 2 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

[Bearing Fruit Class](#)

May 3 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

[Choir Practice](#)

May 3 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

[Rise Against Hunger](#)

May 6 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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Welcomes you.....



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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!**



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YOUR church's Facebook Page?*



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