

The *Vital* Connection

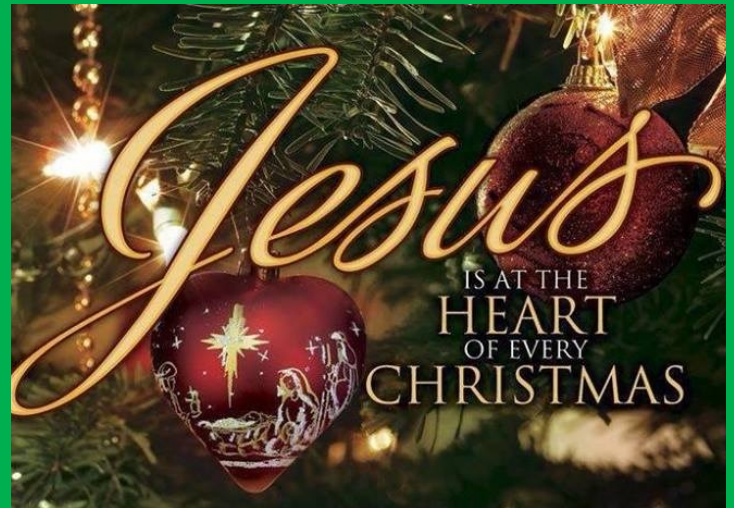
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST HURCH

276 W. First Street, Denton, NC

November/December 2017



***Happy Thanksgiving
and Merry Christmas***



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*Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth
peace among those
with whom he is
pleased!*

Luke 2:14

Happy Holidays, Central UMC:

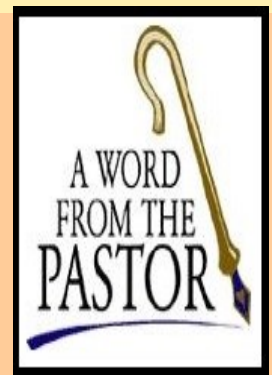
Normal—Not Normal

I tell ya, I had to laugh. I swung by the Village to pick up some dinner for my family and a young fella asked me if things had settled down to normal at home yet after the baby was born. The question tickled me, so I told him, “When a new baby comes into the house things are not ever normal again. Normal just begins to look like something else.” We both laughed at that, and he told me, “I’ve been there.”

I wonder if that isn’t the way of churches too. Something happens, we get a new pastor, or take on a new project, the pastor offers a stewardship series, and once it is all said and done we are as eager to get back to, “Normal,” as we can. I wonder. Do you think that’s the way God means it to be? Should we take on a new challenge, or go through a difficult time and then right away try to go back to the way things were? I’ve been thinking it over lately, and I don’t think so. I think we are meant to be changed and to grow.

In Genesis 19 God sends two angels to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot and his family are strictly warned to flee for their lives and not to look back. However, Lot’s wife did turn and look back and was turned into a pillar of salt. Could it be that is the challenge for the church as well? When we have successes for the Kingdom we are to learn from those successes and grow into them. We should not go back to the old way if God is using us to bear fruit in these new ways. We cannot expect to only reach out to the people like us if our community does not have many people who are like us anymore. We have to reach out to the people who are here, and that may mean we have to make a change. To make that change we have to ask a head question. What is more important—what I want in the way things used to be; or where God is leading us into something new—something that is not normal?

By God’s Good Grace, *Pastor Richard*



Reminder:
Sunday, November 19
Church Council
Meeting
12:30—2:00 p.m.



Veterans Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 11 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the hut. All veterans and their families are encouraged and invited to attend this special event to honor those who have served for our freedom.



Health & Wellness

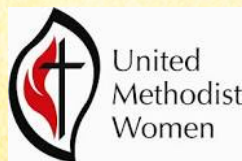
Mark your calendars... Wednesday, December 6 will be a Lunch and Learn event hosted by the Health and Wellness Committee. Event begins at Noon, with lunch and door prizes in the Hut. This event will be focusing on Vaccinations and Annual Physicals. What do we need and why? Nurse Practitioner Helen Blackburn will be the guest speaker. The event is at no charge and is open to the Community. Bring a friend.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD **DUE NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

Again this year Central UMC will join together to collect shoeboxes for children for Christmas. Our goal is 100 Shoeboxes! Help us reach our goal!



CENTRAL UMW **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Central UMW Christmas Celebration will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 6:00 at the

Southern Event Center in Denton again this year. All ladies are invited to attend this traditional event. Please let Ann Cook know if you would like to attend by November 24, 2017.

Do you enjoy reading????

Remember to stop in and "check out" an array of UMW Mission Books for all ages in the UMW Mission Room. Join our reading program today.



CANNED FOOD DRIVE IN NOVEMBER

Remember to bring canned goods during the upcoming Holidays for those in need. The Food Pantry has an increase in requests during the holiday season and winter months. Let us remember those in need as we experience the holiday season. Non-perishable food donations are always welcomed especially canned meat products. Items may be left at the door or in the grocery cart located in the narthex. Volunteers are always welcome to help stock shelves. Special Thanks to all you help continue this local outreach program.



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN AND WOMEN **Hosted a BBQ Fundraiser on October 14, 2017**

from 4 to 7 p.m. in Hut

Thanks to all who helped make it a success. A total of \$3,216 was raised. Proceeds will go to the church maintenance fund and mission projects.



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Join Us Again This Year for
UMW Annual Chicken-N-
Dumpling Fundraiser
November 12, 2017
at 12:00 pm
Invite Friends and Family



Congratulations to **Louise Dockham** for being the **2017 White Elephant Winner**. All of the ladies had an exciting and "surprising" time on November 7! New for 2018—White Elephant Sale will be held in March and be designated as "MARCHing Elephant" Month.

UMW held the October meeting at Mt. Vista. Former UMW members and other residents joined them for great fellowship and refreshments. Central members included Johnnie Sigmon, Diza Morris, Edith Sigmon and Louise Rogers. **Outreach October** has now been designated each year for Mt. Vista UMW friends.



CENTRAL BAZAAR



Ladies (Gladys Decker, Nancy Sexton, Lou Barr, Kitty King, Patty James and Helen Cassidy) are busy at again. Anyone is welcome to attend their sewing

classes on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. See Kitty King if interested in attending and for directions to her Sewing Shoppe on Summerville Church Road. Here's just a few of the things they are making...can you guess what they are?



ACOLYTES AND CROSS BEARERS FOR 2018



The Acolyte and Cross Bearer Schedules are being prepared for 2018. by Beth Ligon. All parents of children in 3rd grade and up are asked to confirm your child plans to continue with this service to the church. If you have a child that is now at the age to participate OR if you would

like to be a cross bearer, please contact Beth at bethligon10@gmail.com or 336-859-2881 by Nov. 17th.



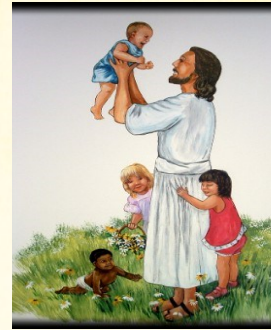
A Huge Success! HALLOWEEN Street Treat Festival





Believers Learning and Sharing Together

Central Youth held a delicious spaghetti fundraiser for their trip to the Christian Youth Concert at Carowinds in September. Great group of Youth! **BLAST** meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth room. *Join us as we have a BLAST learning about Christ!*



Children enjoy our Nursery.

Children age infant to school age are always welcome. Your children will enjoy our friendly playroom and certified staff. Central UMC is a SAFE SANCTUARY Church.

SAFE SANCTUARIES
Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church for Children and Youth



All children between the ages of Kindergarten to 5th Grade are invited to this fun-filled class each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. There's always snacks, crafts, and a bible lesson with take home material.

Happy Fall Y'all



Special thanks to the children of Central UMC Preschool for adorning the church trail with such beautiful scarecrow creations to welcome trail walkers and visitors!

Preschool visited Jamestown UMC Pumpkin stand, receiving pumpkins and enjoying a hayride!

Preschool Christmas party planning is underway! More info TBA

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

November 7—UMW —7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

November 4—UMW Officer Training—Wesley Chapel UMC

December 5—Christmas Party—6:00 p.m.—Southern Event Center

Bring 1 Unwrapped Gift for Toys for the Town

Invite and Bring a Friend—RSVP by 11/24



UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS

Breakfast “Feast”

Sunday, Nov. 12 & Dec. 10 at 8:00 a.m.

All men are invited!

Sunday Worship Leaders — November and December

USHERS & GREETERS

NOVEMBER

Don and Janice Esposito

DECEMBER

James and Lynda Kearns

CHILDREN’S TIME

Nov. 5: Rev. Blount

Nov. 12: Beth Ligon

Nov. 19: Ann Crouse

Nov. 26: Rick Phillips

Dec. 3: Rev. Blount

Dec. 10: Sarah Morris

Dec. 17: Beth Ligon

Dec. 24: Tina Lanier

Dec. 31: Ann Crouse

LAY READERS

Nov. 5: Kathy Baum

Nov. 12: Brenda James

Nov. 19: Andy Morris

Nov. 26: Debbie Sigmon

Dec. 3: Margaret Harris

Dec. 10: Cathy Ward

Dec. 17: Randall King

Dec. 24: Addie Nopanen

Dec. 31: Stewart Sexton

ACOLYTES

Nov. 5: Zach Lester

Nov. 12: Sam Parker

Nov. 19: Haven Rocchi

Nov. 26: Joseph Smith

Dec. 3: Emma Walton

Dec. 10: Logan Lester

Dec. 17: Haven Rocchi

Dec. 24: Ellie B. & Karsyn L.

Dec. 31: Olivia Parker

ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 5: Genie Morris

Nov. 12: Conrad & JoAnne H.

Nov. 19: Bare Altar

Nov. 26: Poinsettia

Dec. 3: Worship Committee

Dec. 10: Worship Committee

Dec. 17: Worship Committee

Dec. 24: Poinsettias

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

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Sept. 3 \$6,102.58

Sept. 10 \$4,136.00

Sept. 17 \$5,736.00

Sept. 24 \$3,291.00

Oct. 1 \$3,499.00

Oct. 8 \$6,134.00

Oct. 15 \$1,875.00

Oct. 22 \$7,572.00

Oct. 29 \$3,331.02

NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

Food Pantry \$100

Missions—Local \$1,000

SDFRC \$100

Scouts \$100

Harris Class Child \$98

Scholarship \$100

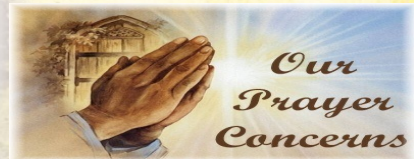
UMCOR \$1475

Youth \$640

Choir Fund \$20

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>SS</u>
Sept. 3	122	28
Sept. 10	71	11
Sept. 17	79	22
Sept. 24	70	29
Oct. 1	90	28
Oct. 8	72	20
Oct. 15	78	26
Oct. 22	65	25
Oct. 29	97	26



CHURCH MEMBERS

Billy Allison, Austin Cook, DeLisa Garner, Dick Getz, Ginger Martin, Addie Phillips, Ed and Dottie Roberson, Johnnie Sigmon, Ava Lee Surratt

MOUNTAIN VISTA

Bob Craven

Margaret Hunt Rm #108

Diza Morris Rm #91

George Tillotson Rm #89

Hervey Yates Rm #95

Lexington Healthcare

Peggy Wilkins

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

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

November Birthdays

2-Ryan Sullins, Tennille Sullins-Morris, Terry Bowman
3-Bradley Marshall, Janice Esposito
4-John Brewer, Dina Harrold 5-Samantha Ingold
6-Anne Bean, Ronnie Haneline, Brandon Haneline, Austin Cook, Addie Phillips
7-Savannah Gallimore, Frankie Smith III, Daniel Walker
8-Myra Flowers
10-Michael Rowell
11-Travis Morris, Lee Terrell, Caris Baldwin, Mereth Alexander
12-Greg Kirkman, Lane Bivens, David Allen
13-Nicholas Behrens
14-Keesha Kearns, Kanan Cook, Sidney Briggs, Eva Sewell
16-Betty Richey, Edith Kearn,
17-Payne Caulder, Matt Beanblossom, Rylee Tucker, Jennifer Gallimore, Robert Stevenson, Andy Moses
18-Tai Moses, Emma Futrell 20-Jessica Smith
21-Bethany Tugwell, Matthew McKinney 22-Alisa May
23-Sтивен Bray, Bradley Surratt 24-Don Jones, Tina Marshall
26-Curtis Beal, Ashley Marshall, Levi Morris, Mike Morris
27-Tom Johnson, Pam Harrison, Lynn & Tommy Woodard
28-Keith Morris, Johnathon Jones,
29-Jennifer Hinesley, Joel Clark, Holly J. Zadorian 30-Arnold Lovell

November Anniversaries

1-Mereth & Curtis Alexander
4-Roger & Cathy Calhoun
5-Michael & Erin Joyce
6-Joey & Dena Harrold
8-Chuck & Lisa Merritt
14-Conrad & Joann Harrold
15-Bobby & Beverly Talbert
17-Jerry & Marvene Surratt
19-Curt & Amy Richey, Donnie & Robin Hedrick
20-Bradley & Tracie Marshall,
21-David & Amanda Brookbank
25-Mike & Kathy Baum
28-John & Panthea Pleasants
30-Asher & Trean Ellis,
Tommy & Suzanne Frazier

December Birthdays

1-Earl Caulder, Peggy Harrison, Ronne Newsom
2-Jackson Walton, Aaron Crouse II, Karsen Layne, Johnathon Gaither, Kim Smith
3-Beth Davis, Mark Bivens, Nancy Morris
4-Tyler Dunn, Lavonne Wright 5-Todd Behrens
6-Dina Critcher, Lillie Hill, Charlie Young
7-Nicole Flowers, Richard Wilson
8-Gilda Morris, Shad Morris, Billiy Ann Allison
9-Terry Gallimore, Bella Grace Tugwell
10-Drake Russell, Beth Ligon, Tony Sullins
11-Hannah Stone, Kim Ford, Emma Walton
12-Lyndon Briggs, Vickie Smith, Tammy Johnson
13-Bill Sigmon, Bo Bulakowski, Kelly Weaver, Brett Davis
15-Tommy Frazier
16-Olivia Parker, Laura Vazquez, Melissa Skeen
17-Jayda Rocchi, Brenda Blake, Rhonda Spencer, Danny Hill, Steve Sexton, Saig Skeen
18-Ben Hinesley, Kinfrey Marshall, Emma Garrison,
19-Greg Loftin, Lisa Brewer, Rebecca Everhart
20-Parker Crouse, Kelly Pleasants, Hannah Ferrell
21-Neal Hammond, Jason Smith, Tony Argo, Chole Montgomery, Travis Baucom
22-Lauren Boggs, Jaxson Snider, Melissa Harrison
23-Robin Hedrick
24-Mary Cadle
25-Beverly Talbert, Robbie English
26-Annette Barbee
27-Edith Johnson, Tom Gorno, Martha Johnson, Candy Crouse
28-Craig Sigmon
29-Ann Cook, Leroy Hinesley, Dason Hill,
30-Jerry Surratt, Christina Baldwin, Rick Everhart
31-Marie Penry, Neil Bulakowski, Kaylan Vestal

December Anniversaries

3-Daniel & Katheryn Tysinger
6-Greg & Angie Loflin
10-Rick & Addie Phillips
14-Todd & Deborah Behrens
18-Joey & Julie Layne
19-Joseph & Laura Hildebrand
20-Bob & Bruce Surratt
21-Danny & Ava Shaw
23-Reid & Rebecca Lawson
25-Kurt & Joycelyn Beyeler
27-Jim & Judy Boggs

CELEBRATIONS & PRAISES

Welcome newest addition, Gabrielle Elyse, to the Blount family. Wishing the Blount Family a Blessed & Happy Thanksgiving and A Very Merry Christmas! — Your Central Church Family



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

November Events – "Be Thankful"



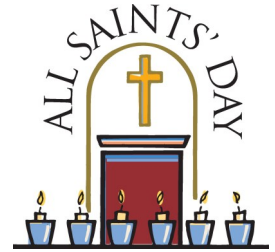
November 12
Samaritan
Shoeboxes
Due



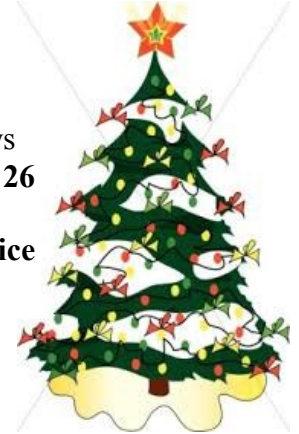
November 19 - 11:00 a.m.
BARE ALTAR SUNDAY
Bring Non Perishable Food
Items



November 5
11:00 a.m.
All Saints
Sunday



Volunteers
needed to
decorate
Church for
the Holidays
November 26
following
11:00 Service



BE THANKFUL!!!
The Chrismon Crown has been found!
It will return this year in all of its glory
atop Central's UMC beautiful Christ-
mas Tree!!! Thanks Kitty King for find-
ing it!

December Events – "Christ Is Born"



First Sunday
of
Advent

December 3—11:00 a.m.
Lighting of Advent Wreath

Special Music
each Sunday
during Advent



December 10
Mission Wreath
Sunday



December 10
7:00 p.m.
First Baptist



Children's Christmas Play
December 17
5:30 p.m.



December 24
Christmas Eve Service
11:00 p.m.



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