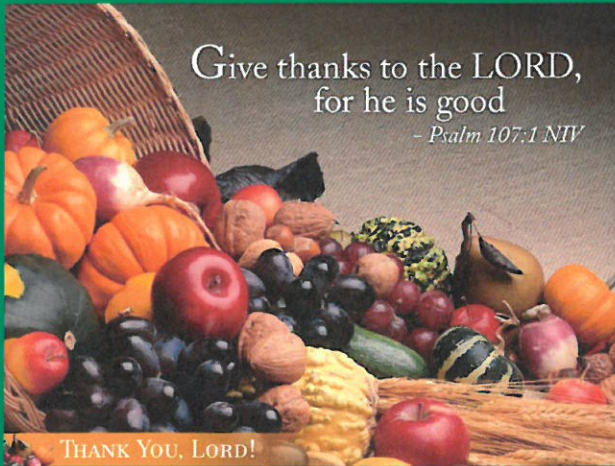


# The Vital Connection

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST HURCH

276 W. First Street, Denton, NC

*November/December 2016*



**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*

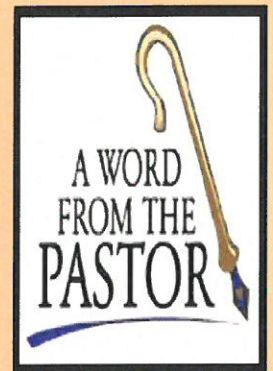
## **Happy Holidays, Central UMC:**

Blessings and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! November is a time for harvest and for giving thanks to God for the bounty we have received. With Thanksgiving in mind I offer to you these verses from Colossians.

**Colossians 2:6-8** New International Version (NIV)

*Spiritual Fullness in Christ*

<sup>6</sup>So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.



God made us. God saved us. God sends prevenient grace to call us home. God's justifying grace is waiting to wash us up from our past sins, and God's sanctifying grace is eager to take us on to greater and greater Adventures. How will we respond to God's love, grace and salvation? Shouldn't we respond with thanksgiving?

Have you ever considered how being thankful for what we have changes the way we look at things? An ungrateful heart might think I'm tired of this car, these shoes, this church or this spouse simply because the new has worn off. However, a grateful heart cherishes what they have not because of the item or the person, but because of the one who gave the gift. Who is the giver of all good things? The giver of all good things is the Lord God Almighty. Let us pause during this month to give thanks to the Lord because God truly is good and God's love endures forever.

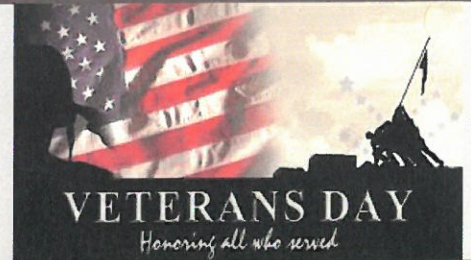
**By God's Good Grace, Pastor Richard**



**Reminder:**  
**Sunday, November 6**  
**Church Council**  
**Meeting**  
**12:30—2:00 p.m.**  
**Charge Conference**



**Veterans Day Dinner** will be held on Friday, 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, November 16 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 *Depression and Grief During the Holidays*. Rhonda Davis, Grief Counselor with Hospice of Davidson County, will be the guest speaker. The event is at no charge and is open to the Community.

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES



### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** **DUE NOVEMBER 13, 2016**

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!



United  
 Methodist  
 Women

### **CENTRAL UMW and** **OPEN HANDS MINISTRIES**

On the third weekend of each month, UMW Circle members are preparing delicious desserts for the Open Hands Ministry to be shared with those in need. Volunteer Sign Up List is posted in the UMW Mission Room.

**OPEN HANDS**  
**Ministry**

**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



### **CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN** **Will Host BBQ Fundraiser on November 19, 2016** **from 4 to 7 p.m. in Hut**

Tickets are available for \$10 each, see any UMM for tickets. Plates can also be purchased at the door and take outs will be available. Proceeds will go to church maintenance fund.



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**UMW Fundraisers**  
**Chicken-N-Dumplings &**  
**White Elephant Sale**



## Fellowship and Worship Opportunities



## Central UMC Playground Paint Brush Party

In August, 1991, 25 years ago, the Margaret Harris Sunday School Class installed the church's play structure from funds donated by Kermit Morris. The playground has been used by hundreds of children since that time. Special thanks to all who helped REFURBISH the structure and BROUGHT IT BACK TO LIFE on October 9th! May it be enjoyed for many more years!



## CENTRAL BAZAAR



Central Bazaar Ladies held its biggest event ever on October 22, 2016.

If you missed out...don't worry, you'll get another chance to browse and purchase these crafts again on December 3rd at the Christmas Holiday Festivities in Downtown Denton — Stop by the Farmer's Market and check out these wonderful crafts and gifts for everyone! Special thanks to the Chefs in the kitchen for the biscuits and hotdog lunch!



October 31, 2016

## HALLOWEEN Street Treat Festival







## Believers Learning and Sharing Together

**B.L.A.S.T.** Special Thanks to Shawna and Nathan Kinley for assisting with BLAST Youth. The students love their energetic and spiritual personalities! To comply with Safe Sanctuary Policy, Tina Lanier is looking for an assistant to help her the first and last Sundays of each month. **BLAST** meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth room. On November 6, BLAST took a trip to Denton to fill a Boy and Girl Shoebox, discussed their best Christmas ever and prayed for the children who would receive these gifts.



*Join us for a Blast as we learn about Christ!*



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



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



### 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. Training Meeting to be held Monday, November 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the hut. All adults who work with children under the age of 18 are required to attend.



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!

See pictures on Page 2 of Paint the Playground Day!

Many thanks to all of the volunteers and for those that provided lunch to the workers.

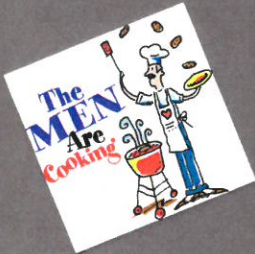


## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

November 1—UMW —7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall  
 November 3—UMW —3:00 p.m.—Bingo at Mt. Vista  
 November 5—UMW Uwharrie District Training—Central Host  
 December 6—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 11/28

### PECANS FOR SALE

Get Your Pecans in time  
 for holiday cooking!  
 See any Circle #4 Member  
 \$10 per bag .



## UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS

Breakfast "Feast"  
 Sunday, Nov. 13 & Dec. 11 at 8:00 a.m.  
 All men are invited!

## Sunday Worship Leaders — November and December

### USHERS & GREETERS

#### NOVEMBER

Eddie Richey & Jon Johnson

#### DECEMBER

Larry Cook & Don Esposito

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Nov. 6: Rev. Blount

Nov. 13:

Nov. 20:

Nov. 27: Tina Lanier

Dec. 4: Rev. Blount

Dec. 11: Ann Crouse

Dec. 18: Beth Ligon

Dec. 25: Andy Morris

### LAY READERS

Nov. 6:

Nov. 13:

Nov. 20:

Nov. 27:

Nov. 29-Dec. 27: Advent

### ACOLYTES

Nov. 6: Ellie Baldwin

Nov. 13: Emma Walton

Nov. 20: Haven Riochii

Nov. 27: Zach Lester

Dec. 4: Emma Walton

Dec. 11: Sam Parker &

Joseph Smith

Dec. 18: Eli Baldwin &

Karsyn Layne

Dec. 25: Haven Riochii &

Olivia Parker

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 6:

Nov. 13:

Nov. 20: Bare Altar

Nov. 27:

Dec. 4:

Dec. 11:

Dec. 18:

Dec. 25: Poinsettias

*To place flowers on the altar*

*for a special occasion or remembrance,  
 please call Billie Allison at 859-0485.*

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Sept. 4 \$2,175.00

Sept. 11 \$3,328.26

Sept. 18 \$3,390.00

Sept. 25 \$3,477.50

Oct. 2 \$6,392.00

Oct. 9 \$2,168.28

Oct. 16 \$3,827.00

Oct. 23 \$4,216.24

### NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

Food Pantry \$195

Emergency \$50

Pre-School \$350

Cropwalk \$25

Miscellaneous \$75.14

Scholarship \$50

UMCOR \$50

Playground Fund \$120

Veterans Dinner \$25

### ATTENDANCE

#### Worship SS

Sept. 4 63 28

Sept. 11 78 30

Sept. 18 82 32

Sept. 5 105 30

Oct. 2 90 28

Oct. 9 120 34

Oct. 16 82 27

Oct. 23 104 32

### CHURCH MEMBERS



Lexi Baum, Janice Esposito, Lillie Hill, Danny Hill, Addie Phillips, Craig & Johnnie Sigmon, Othell & Ava Lee Surratt, and Peggy Wilkins

### MOUNTAIN VISTA

Catherine Leonard Rm #53

Edith Sigmon Rm #59

George Tillotson Rm #89

Hervey Yates Rm #112

Margaret Hunt Rm #108

Odessa Gallimore Rm #52

Attention Acolytes—If you do not wish to participate in 2017, please contact Beth Ligon.



*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, Roy Maxwell Alvis, Jr., Janice Esposito  
4-John Brewer, Dina Harrold 5-Samantha Ingold  
6-Anne Bean, Ronnie Haneline, Brandon Haneline, Austin Cook,  
John Bland, Addie Phillips  
7-Savannah Gallimore, Frankie Smith III, Daniel Walker  
8-Myra Flowers 9-Cindy Montgomery  
10-Benjamin Tugwell, Alex Earle, Kristine Linker, Michael Rowell  
11-Travis Morris, Lee Terrell, Caris Baldwin, Patrick Hogan, Davin Jackson,  
Mereth Alexander  
12-Greg Kirkman, Lane Bivens, Bruce Surratt, David Allen  
13-Nicholas Behrens, Robert Dunn, Laura Hildebrand  
14-Keesha Kearns, Kanan Cook, Sidney Briggs  
16-Betty Richey, Edith Kearn, Kristi Chitwood  
17-Payne Caulder, Matt Beanblossom, Rylee Tucker, Jennifer Gallimore,  
Robert Stevenson, Andy Moses  
18-Tai Moses, Emma Futrell 19-Heather Brewer 20-Jessica Smith  
21-Joe Sofia, Bethany Tugwell, Matthew McKinney 22-Alisa May  
23-Steven Bray, Bradley Surratt 24-Don Jones, Tina Marshall  
26-Curtis Beal, Ashley Marshall, Levi Morris, Mike Morris  
27-Tom Johnson, Pam Harrison, Ava Shaw, Lynn & Tommy Woodard  
28-Keith Morris, Johnathon Jones, Graham Riverbank  
29-Jennifer Hinesley, Joel Clark, Holly Johnson 30-Arnold Lovell

### **November Anniversaries**

- 1-Mereth & Curtis Alexander  
4-Roger & Cathy Calhoun  
5-Michael & Erin Joyce  
6-Joe & 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, Alan & Amy  
Rudisill, Chad & Cindy Montgomery  
21-David & Amanda Brookbank  
25-Mike & Kathy Baum  
28-John & Panthea Pleasants  
29-Jeff & Kim Kirkman, Mr/Mrs. Greg Kirkman  
30-Asher & Trean Ellis,  
Tommy & Suzanne Frazier

### **December Birthdays**

- 1-Earl Caulder, Peggy Harrison, Ronne Newsom,  
Amber Hedrick  
2-Jackson Walton, Aaron Crouse II, Karsen Layne,  
Johnathon Gaither, Kim Smith  
3-Jeff Kirkman, 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, Billie 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, Britt Davis  
14-Amelia McIntyre, Madelyn Varner 15-Tommy Frazier  
16-Olivia Parker, Laura Vazquez, Melissa Skeen  
Mason Linker  
17-Jayda Rocchi, Brenda Blake, Rhonda Spencer,  
Heather Hill, Steve Sexton, Saig Skeen  
18-Ben Hinesley, Kinfrey Marshall, Emma Garrison,  
19-Greg Loftin, Lisa Brewer, Brandi Pope,  
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 Calde  
25-Beverly Talbert, Robbie English 26-Annette Barbee  
27-Edith Johnson, Tom Gorno, Martha Johnson,  
Heather Morris, Candy Crouse 28-Craig Sigmon  
29-Ann Cook, Leroy Hinesley, Dason Hill, Jim Timmons  
30-Jerry Surratt, Christina Baldwin, Rick Everhart  
Craig Gallimore  
31-Marie Penry, Neil Bulakowski, Kaylan Vestal

### **December Anniversaries**

- 3-Daniel & Kathryn Tysinger  
6-Greg & Angie Loflin  
10-Rick & Addie Phillips  
14-Todd & Deborah Behrens  
18-Joe & 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 Rev. Blount and his family to Central UMC.  
We wish you a 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 spe-  
cial event, let us hear from you!  
Simply email church secretary at  
[lindadaviscumc@windstream.net](mailto:lindadaviscumc@windstream.net) OR  
Communications Coordinator at  
[mlanier@windstream.net](mailto:mlanier@windstream.net)*



# November Events—"Be Thankful"



Girl Scouts®

November 12 & 26  
1:00 p.m.



November 20 - 11:00 a.m.  
**BARE ALTAR SUNDAY**  
Bring Non Perishable Food Items



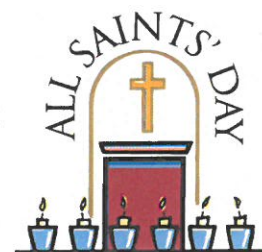
November 27—11:00 a.m.  
Lighting of Advent Wreath



November 6—2:00 p.m.  
Charge Conference  
Central UMC



November 6  
11:00 a.m.  
All Saints



November 19 at 4:00

Volunteers  
needed to  
decorate  
Church for  
the Holidays  
November 20  
following  
11:00 Service



# December Events—"Christ Is Born"



December 11  
Mission Wreath  
Sunday



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

THE  
LoveFeast

December 11  
7:00 p.m.  
Central UMC

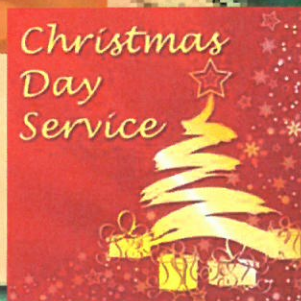
December 18  
Cantata  
11:00 a.m.  
"The Christmas



December 18  
6:00 p.m.  
Children's Christmas Play



December 25  
Christmas Day  
Service  
& Holy Communion  
11:00 a.m.



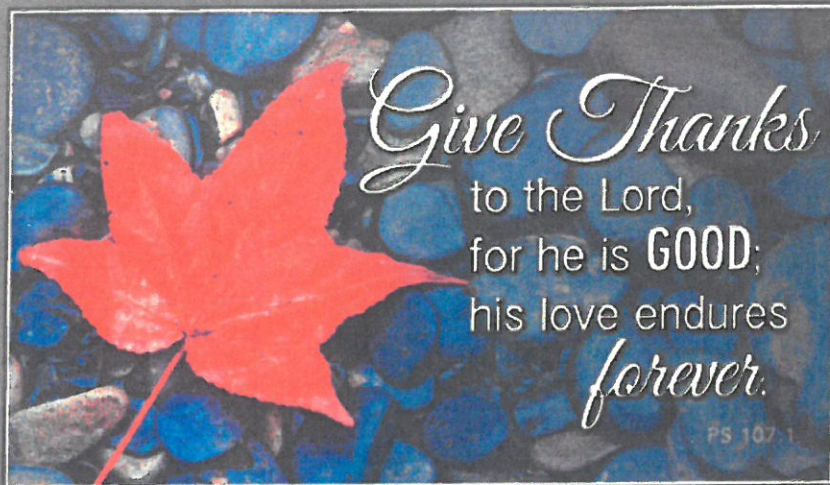


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6 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship All Saints Day 12:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets 2:00 p.m. Charge Conference	7 Denton Ladies Civitians meet 6:00 p.m. Safe Sanctuary Training in the Hut	8 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vitality Group 7:00 p.m. Health & Welfare 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts <b>ELECTION</b>	9 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	10 8:30 a.m. Pre-School <i>→ moved</i>	11 4:00-7:30 p.m. Veteran's Dinner at the Hut 4:30 p.m. Older Adult Ministries	12 <b>PAINT BRUSH PARTY 9:30 am</b>	
13 8:00 a.m. Methodist Men 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship	14	15 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	16 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Learn in the Hut 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	17 8:30 a.m. Pre-School	18	19 BBQ Fundraiser in the Hut	
20 9:30 a.m. Serv. at Mt. Vista 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Bare Altar Sunday 12:00 p.m. Decorate the church for Advent	21 Denton Ladies Civitians meet	22 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	23 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	24 Happy Thanksgiving!	25 4:30 p.m. Older Adult Ministries	26	
27 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Lighting of the Advent Wreath	28 3:00 p.m. Jewelry Small Group	29 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	30 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice				



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