

The Vital Connection

Bi-Monthly Newsletter For
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME Rev. Richard Blount and his family to Central UMC!!



Central UMC graciously welcomes Rev. Richard Blount and his family to Central UMC! Rev. Blount (pronounced Blunt) is 38 years old and married to Karen. They have three beautiful children, oldest son Evan is five years old and just started his first year of school at Denton Elementary; daughter Audrey is three years old and their newest addition is five month old son, Brock.

Richard graduated from the University of Alabama in 2001 but wasn't called into ministry until 2007. He began his studies at Asbury Theological Seminary in 2008 and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 2012. He has served at a variety of church sizes but his last appointment was a two-point charge in Lexington serving the last three years at both Cotton Grove and Wesley Heights UMC. Including his internship, Richard has served in ministry since 2010. Richard is very easy to talk to and is highly energetic and can be considered a "unifier" possessing strengths such as visitation, lay leadership, preaching and being detail oriented.

Central UMC members are encouraged to mail the Blount Family cards of welcome or stop in and just give a friendly "HELLO". The parsonage address for mailing cards is 284 West First Street, Denton, NC, 27239 and Rev. Blount's email address is rblount@wnccumc.net. **Rev. Blount will be entering our pulpit on Sunday, September 25!** We look forward to getting to know Richard and his family!

Central UMW and other volunteers enjoy hosting

B.I.N.G.O. for the Mountain Vista Residents

1st Thursday of
Sept.—Dec.
3:00 to 4:00

| BINGO | | | | | |
|-------|----|------|----|----|--|
| 1 | 16 | 33 | 46 | 66 | |
| 6 | 27 | 35 | 55 | 61 | |
| 5 | 23 | FREE | 58 | 68 | |
| 13 | 21 | 37 | 53 | 67 | |
| 2 | 20 | 43 | 56 | 63 | |

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



United
Methodist
Women

UWHARRIE DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Congratulations to Cathy Ward for being inducted as the new Uwharrie District Vice President at the District Annual Conference on August 27, 2016. She was joined by outgoing Nominations Committee Chairman Tina Lanier, and Central UMW Treasurer Ann Cook and Mission and Spiritual Growth Leader Joanne Harold. The group enjoyed the event and topped it off with a little shopping in Richfield and lunch at the local favorite Pizza Stop.



September's meeting was held at Addie Nopanen's home at The Springs with delicious hamburgers grilled by Chef Esko. Co-hostess was Louise Caulder. There was an amazing 24 United Methodist women present for the meeting! It was a great evening of fellowship with special guest Pat Langley and Carolyn Thompson, District Team Members. Mark your calendar for the next meeting to be held on October 4th in the UMW room. Everyone is encouraged to bring individually wrapped candy for Appreciation Gifts to be given to the caregivers/CNA's at Mt. Vista Health Park.

All women are invited to attend this wonderful group of UMW whose purpose is to enhance the global mission benefiting women, youth and the community, both locally and nationally.



FOOD PANTRY and OUTREACH MINISTERIES

Please remember to continue to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Food Pantry for filling bags to be distributed to those in need during normal office hours at the church office (Monday—Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 12:00). Also remember Little Debbie cakes and individually wrapped cookies are needed for the Outreach Ministry program the second Sunday of each month. A basket is placed in the downstairs kitchen area for these donations. Volunteers are always welcome to help stock shelves. Special Thanks to all you help continue this local outreach program.

Special Thanks to all who donated to the South Davidson Resource Center's Back to School Supplies Campaign. The supplies were greatly needed for the less fortunate children in our community.



The UMM will meet on September 11th for their monthly UMM Breakfast and fellowship meeting. All men of the church are invited.



The Big Blue Bin located in the downstairs kitchen needs donations of Little Debbie cakes or individually wrapped desserts for the Open Hands Ministry Program. Drop them in and one of the UMW ladies will deliver them on the 3rd MONDAY of each month! Thank you for your contribution and participation in this important Outreach Program!

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

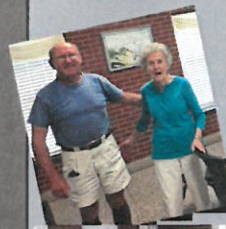
Please Call Joanne Harrold or Addie Nopanen if you would like to donate food for the family luncheon in the event of a death. Volunteers are always welcomed for serving the families as well.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**DENTON STREET FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 10—DOWNTOWN DENTON**

**UMW WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
NOVEMBER 1—7:00 P.M.**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL HUGE SUCCESS IN JULY!!



LAY SERVANT TRAINING

September 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact Linda Davis in church office for more information about location and registration.



CENTRAL BAZAAR

**Saturday, October 22
Beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

Central UMC Hut

If you have canning foods or "like new" holiday decorations to donate, deliver to Kitty King before October 22

2016..BETTER THAN EVER!



CHICKEN 'N DUMPLINGS LUNCH

October 16 - 12 P.M.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Chicken 'n Dumplings can be labeled as one of the perfect "comfort" foods. Come and savor this classic lunch at Central's Hut to support missions, families in need and Central's Food Pantry. Lunch begins immediately following worship. All are invited to worship with us and join us for fellowship over this great home cooked meal.

SPONSORED BY United Methodist Women

Main Chefs—Louise Caulder & Vergie Clark

HALLOWEEN

Street Treat Festival

**When: October 31
Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Place: Farmer's Market
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)**



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Scouting
LEAD • INSPIRE • EXPLORE

**Get involved with Scouting Programs at
Central UMC!**

Girl Scouts—Saturday, September 17 at 1:00

Cub Scouts—Saturday, September 10 at 2:00

Boy Scouts—Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00



Believers Learning and Sharing Together

B.L.A.S.T. Over 50 school supply bags were assembled by the older elementary children and middle school youth in August. Bags were delivered to the UMW Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska and will be distributed through UMCOR to children all over the world. The youth enjoyed filling the bags with school supplies for this enriching outreach program. **GREAT NEWS...** Nathan and Shawna Kinley will be joining the program as leaders beginning October 2. Tina Lanier and Buddy Sexton will continue to serve the first and last Sunday's of each month. **BLAST meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth room. Bring a friend and join us for a Blast as we learn about Christ!**



Ms. Kitty and Ms. Sarah invite all children between the ages of Kindergarten to 5th Grade to join their Sunday School Class at 10:00 a.m. There are snacks, crafts, and a bible lesson with take home material each Sunday.
RENOVATION OF THE CLASSROOM COMING SOON!!!!!!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Congratulations to Meagan Caulder on being chosen as the Teacher of the Year at the end of the previous school year at Badin Lake Elementary! Best Wishes to you for another great year!

THANK YOU FROM THE PRESCHOOL....

to all who have donated to the playground fund in the last few weeks. The Preschool Committee is planning a fall work day to paint and spruce up the equipment and hope to plant a tree near the playground bench. Several of the preschool parents have agreed to help. Volunteers are needed and snacks for the workers would be great. A date will soon be announced! Please contact Glenda Futrell or Ann Crouse if you can help.

It's a B.Y.O.B Party = Bring Your Own Brush



Central UMC Preschool opened on Tuesday, September 6, for the new school year. This year there are 12 eager students excited to be a part of Ms. Crouse and Ms. Talbert's class! Be on the look out for the appearance of the preschool's scarecrows on the walking trail near the end of September!

Welcome to Preschool!

Preschool Open House & Ice Cream Social



HOMEcoming 2016—FELLOWSHIP & CELEBRATION



Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord ... Psalm 100

One of the many highlights of this year's Central UMC homecoming, was the presentation of the Freund family piano purchased for Central UMC to enhance the music program of the church. Given to the Glory of God and in Honor of Margaret Harris, Choir Director, and Michelle Surratt, Pianist/Organist. Guest Speaker was Rev. Gayle Ford. A joyful occasion of fellowship, music, and an abundance of food was enjoyed by all!



Sunday Worship Leaders — September and October

USHERS & GREETERS

SEPTEMBER

Bill & Debbie Sigmon

OCTOBER

Wilson Carter & Randall King

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sept. 4: Tina Lanier

Sept. 11: Andy Morris

Sept. 18: Beth Ligon

Sept. 25: Sarah Morris

Oct. 2:

Oct. 9:

Oct. 16:

Oct. 23:

Oct. 30:

LAY READERS

Sept. 4:

Sept. 11:

Sept. 18:

Sept. 25:

Oct. 2:

Oct. 9:

Oct. 16:

Oct. 23:

Oct. 30:

ACOLYTES

Sept. 4: Emma Walton

Sept. 11: Sam Parker

Sept. 18: Haven Rocchi

Sept. 25: Logan Lester

Oct. 2: Olivia Parker

Oct. 9: Zach Lester

Oct. 16: Haven Rocchi

Oct. 23: Gavin Walton

Oct. 30: Karsyn Lane

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept. 11: Wilson Carter

Sept. 18: Andy Morris

Sept. 25:

Oct. 2: Marie Penry

Oct. 9: Scotty Morris

Oct. 16: M/M Ed Richey

Oct. 23: Jerrie Lomax

Oct. 30: Genie Morris

To place flowers on the altar for a special occasion or remembrance, please call Billie Allison at 336-859-0485.

A Special Thanks is extended to Leroy and Betty Hinesley for providing altar flowers on open Sundays when no has signed up to do so. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by all.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

July 3 \$3,871.35

July 10 \$4,760.00

July 17 \$4,141.25

July 24 \$3,206.00

July 31 \$3,418.00

Aug. 7 \$5,524.00

Aug. 14 \$3,602.00

Aug. 21 \$2,755.52

Aug. 28 \$2,790.50

NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

UMCOR \$100

Emergency \$100

Playground \$465

Food Pantry \$50

Mt. Ebal Restoration \$100

ATTENDANCE

Worship

SS

July 3 76 32

July 10 113 32

July 17 92 33

July 24 75 30

July 31 55 23

Aug. 7 79 25

Aug. 14 94 35

Aug. 21 95 26

Aug. 28 140 13



CHURCH MEMBERS

Lexi Baum, Jack & Joan Briggs, Janice Esposito, Dick Getz, Pam Harrison, Lillie Hill, Danny Hill, Jerrie Lomax, Diza Morris, Addie Phillips, Ed Roberson, Craig & Johnnie Sigmon, Othell and Ava Lee Surratt, Emma Walton, Peggy Wilkins

MOUNTAIN VISTA

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| Edith Sigmon | Rm #59 |
| George Tillotson | Rm #89 |
| Vae C. Davis | Rm #92 |
| Hervey Yates | Rm #112 |
| Margaret Hunt | Rm #108 |
| Odessa Gallimore | Rm #52 |

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

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

September Birthdays

- 1—Debbie Sigmon
- 2—Scott Davis, Louise Caulder, Tre Skeen
- 4—Marianne Bowman
- 7—Mason Reece Crouse
- 9—John Parker
- 11—Samuel Parker
- 12—Lisa H. Merritt, Logan Lester
- 13—Sam Whitlock, Patrick O'Hara
- 14—Debbie Johnson, Laura Futrell, Stacey Crouse
- 15—Ed Roberson
- 17—Ronnie McRae, Robbie Lanier
- 18—Jocelyn Beyeler, Sarah Skeen, David Garrison
- 20—Dan Sexton
- 21—Courtney Howard, Don Esposito
- 22—Buddy Sexton, Sandra Davis
- 25—Wilson Carter, Jimmy Futrell, Michelle Fritts
- 26—William Sigmon III, Kelly Whitlock
- 27—Margaret Harris, Genie Russell
- 29—Taylor Bean

September Anniversaries

- 1—Jon and Ginger Johnson
- 13—Gabriel and Kelly Whitlock
- 15—Robbie and Sherri Lanier
- 16—Jason and Carmen Harris
- 20—Jason and Laura Walton
- 21—Andy and Sarah Morris
- 25—Tremaine and Yuliya Skeen

October Birthdays

- 2—Denese M. O'Hara
- 3—Tremaine Skeen, Gladys Decker, Miranda Morris
- 6—Lanette Tysinger
- 7—Danny Burton
- 8—Ryan O'Hara
- 9—Gracie Morris
- 10—Bethany Rudisill, Brandon Killmyer
- 11—Austin Calhoun, Maddie Brookbank
- 16—Colby Garrison, Sylvia Morris
- 17—Dale Futrell, John Richardson
- 18—Wilson Joseph Critcher
- 19—Treon Ellis
- 20—Russell Davis
- 21—Virginia Luther, Jeannine Morris
- 24—Dan Briggs, Nancy Sexton
- 25—Laura Gorno, Alex Zeitany
- 26—Benji Cook
- 27—Linda Sturdivant
- 29—Caroline Hinesley, Laura Sexton
- 31—John Tysinger, Kim Kirkman, Kelly Dockham

October Anniversaries

- 3—Mike and Genie Russell
- 4—David and Blair Luther
Don and Lori Jones
- 8—Chuck and Debbie Crouch
- 10—Roger and Beth Ligon
- 11—Billy and Kelly Weaver
- 18—Eddie and Betty Richey
Ronnie and Libby Hall
- 20—Matthew and Kelly Dockham

CELEBRATIONS AND PRAISES

Congratulations to these precious new additions in our church families!



Catherine Anne Mitchell
Granddaughter of
Paul & Vickie Mitchell



Grayson Shepherd
Great Grandson of
Eddie & Betty Richey



Charlotte Dockham
Granddaughter of
Jerry & Louise
Dockham

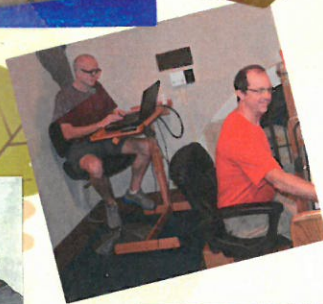


Zelda Maxine Tysinger
Granddaughter of John & Lanette Tysinger
Great Granddaughter of Odessa Gallimore

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 lindadaviscumc@windstream.net OR newsletter editor at mlanier@windstream.net

July & August Highlights

VBS 2016 - Cave Quest



WITH GRATITUDE & THANKFULNESS

Having held another awesome Vacation Bible School, I want to acknowledge the Central UMC volunteers who gave their time and talents to this year's VBS success. You know who you are, and I want you to know how much you are appreciated. This is a major event requiring many hours of planning and preparation. It could not have been a success without your help! Thanks again! Tina Lanier
VBS Coordinator

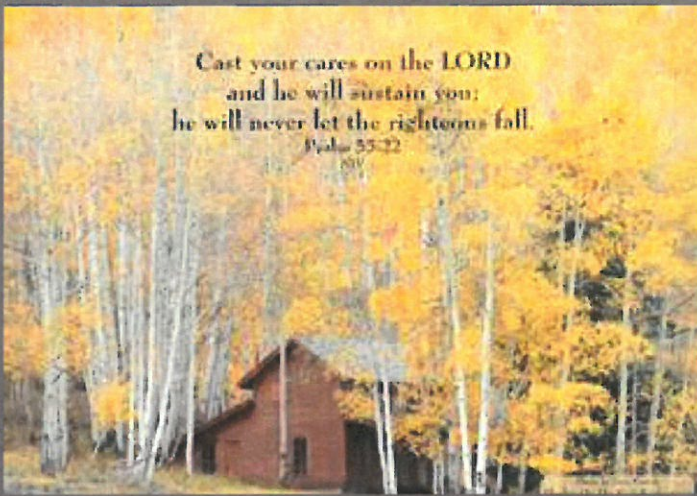
Special Thanks to all who helped with the wedding luncheon and reception for Rev. Miller and his wife Patty in late July, 2016. We wish him well in his retirement and best wishes to them on their marriage. Thank you for your service to Central.



| 2016 | | SEPTEMBER | | | | 2016 | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
| 4 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship | 5 Denton Ladies Civitans Labor Day | 6 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. UMWomen meet at the Church | 7 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. PPRC Committee meets in the Basement | 8 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 1 3:00 p.m. Bingo at Mt. Vista Host: Methodist Women | 9 4:30 p.m. Older Adult Ministries | 10 | |
| 11 8:00 a.m. Methodist Men 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship | 12 6:00 p.m. Called Charge Conference (Discuss Pastor's Salary) | 13 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vitality Group 7:00 p.m. Health and Welfare | 14 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice | 15 8:30 a.m. Pre-School | 16 | 17 | |
| 18 9:30 a.m. Serv. at Mt. Vista 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship | 19 Denton Ladies Civitans | 20 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting | 21 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice | 22 8:30 a.m. Pre-School | 23 4:30 p.m. Older Adult Ministries | 24 | |
| 25 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship | 26 3:00 p.m. Small Jewelry Group meets | 27 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting | 28 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice | 29 8:30 a.m. Pre-School | 30 | | |

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| 23 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship | 24 3:00 p.m. Jewelry Small Group | 25 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts | 26 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice | 27 8:30 a.m. Pre-School | 28 | 22 Bazaar in the Hut | |
| 30 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship | 31 Halloween | | | | | 29 | |

Cast your cares on the LORD
and he will sustain you;
he will never let the righteous fall.
Psalm 55:22
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today!**

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