

The Vital Connection

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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NOTE: July & August Newsletter

Deadline for News & Pictures

June 26, 2018

HELLO Central United Methodist Church.

I have been reading *God Unbound* by Dr. Elaine Heath and it is a really good book. I highly recommend it. At one point in the book Dr. Heath refers to a conversation she has with Wendy Miller who wrote *Jesus Our Spiritual Director: A Pilgrimage through the Gospels*. During their conversation Wendy Miller asks, "Which story are we living?" It is important from time to time to stop and create some space for discernment. "We need to ask ourselves; Are we living the Gospel story or living the world's story?"

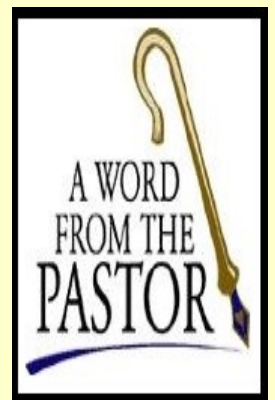
I think this is true of churches. We need to be asking ourselves if we are living into the Gospel story, or the world's story? Did you know there is no shortage of "church growth" books? If you don't believe me just do a search on Google, or visit your local library and see how big the section is on church growth. I was reading a devotion by a fellow named Charlie Crow this morning and he asks this question, "Are we measuring church growth by the right score card?"

In business we can measure success by how many customers we have and how much money we make over cost. With churches—especially Methodist churches—we become hung up on the numbers. Every year we fill out statistical reports detailing how many baptisms, how many new members, how many in attendance and why. These are tangible, measurable ways to assess church growth. However, I wonder if they are not the wrong score cards for a church?

The danger of using numbers in the pews as a measurement of successful church growth is it leads to churches which are heavy on polished, charismatic preachers; exciting, entertaining worship, and low obedience from the congregants. The people who come to worship are looking to be fed like babies in a high chair instead of Gospel farm hands looking to eat quick, and clean up quick so they can get back out to the field.

Is our church living the world's story with its focus on posteriors in pews, or is our church living a gospel focus with God living in our hearts and minds as our feet and hands reach out for those in need both inside and outside of our doors? What are you doing to invite God into your heart and mind? What should we be doing to share God with those in need? What does your score card reveal?

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



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



A Message from the Choir Family and the Harris Sunday School Class

The Central UMC Choir and the Harris Sunday School Class members appreciate the outpouring of support at the April 29th luncheon in support of the South Davidson Family Resource Center. The attendance was great and community participation was excellent. Special thanks to all of those who provided the delicious desserts and for the Kitchen Cooks! As a result of your generosity, the South Davidson Resource Center Renovation Fund gained

\$1,430!!!!!!



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. Join us on May 6, 2018, as we celebrate UMW Sunday at 11:00 Dr. Hazel Frick will be the guest speaker.

Missions in March—UMW collected school supplies for local Denton and Silver Valley Elementary Schools and South Davidson Middle and High Schools. Rev. Sandy Young coordinated this mission and delivered the supplies to each school.



UMW Ladies held their White Elephant Sale in March. Glenda Futrell won the White Elephant for 2018!



Three UMW ladies (Cathy Ward, Joanne Harrold and Brenda Wilson) represented Central UMC UMW by attending the Uwharrie District Prayer Breakfast in April and took layette sets for missions. Thank you ladies for representing us!



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 5 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 13 & June 10.



Special Thanks to all who supported and helped with the BBQ Fundraiser on March 24, 2018. Food, fellowship and entertainment was enjoyed by all.



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!!!**

Volunteers and guest speakers are always welcomed.

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Tornado School Supplies Needed

Dry erase markers, post it notes. Sharpie markers, washable markers, spiral bound notebooks, staplers & staples, Ziploc storage bags and crayons. Also Toiletry items / cleaning supplies: Paper towels, Hand sanitizer, Kleenex, Clorox wipes, toilet paper, deodorant.

DR. SEUSS WEEK

Pastor Richard read to the Preschool Class in celebration of Dr. Seuss Week.

Can you find Thing 1?

How about the Dr. Seuss Hats?



You're never too old,
too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book
and read to a child.
-Dr. Seuss



K- 5TH CLASS

Join Sarah Morris & Kitty King as they teach our children ages from K-5.

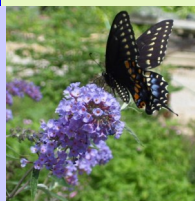


*Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
There's always snacks, crafts, and a bible lesson.*



CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

To celebrate our Earth, the preschoolers planted a Butterfly Bush. A big thank you to Ken Beck for donating the cutting.



PRESCHOOL EVENTS: Doughnuts with Dad

and

Muffins with Mom



In the fellowship hall
Thursday, May 10 at 8:00 am

GRADUATION

Wednesday, May 30
6:30 PM—Sanctuary

Best of Luck!

CLASS of 2018

We Love You,

Mrs. Crouse & Mrs. Talbert



Sunday Worship Leaders — May and June, 2018

USHERS

MAY

David Skeen and Steve Harris

JUNE

Buddy and Nancy Sexton

GREETERS

MAY

David Skeen and Steve Harris

JUNE

Buddy and Nancy Sexton

CHILDREN'S TIME

MAY 6: Beth Ligon

MAY 13: Tina Lanier

MAY 20: Debbie Sigmon

MAY 27: Ann Crouse

JUNE 3: Rev. Blount

JUNE 10: Cathy Ward

JUNE 17: Sarah Morris

JUNE 24: Andy Morris

LAY READERS

MAY 6: Debbie Sigmon

MAY 13: Bill Sigmon

MAY 20: Brenda James

MAY 27: Kathy Baum

JUNE 3: Tom Beanblossom

JUNE 10: Laura Walton

JUNE 17: Danny Burton

JUNE 24: Cathy Ward

ACOLYTES

MAY 6: Ellie Baldwin

MAY 13: Karsyn Layne

MAY 20: Haven Rocchi

MAY 27: Sam Parker

JUNE 3: Emma Walton

JUNE 10: Zach Lester

JUNE 17: Haven Rocchi

JUNE 24: Olivia Parker

ALTAR FLOWERS

MAY 6: UMWomen

MAY 13: Randall & Kitty King

MAY 20: Open

MAY 27: Cathy Ward

JUNE 3: Teresa Brewer

JUNE 10: Kay Troutman

JUNE 17: Open

JUNE 24: Russell Davis

To place flowers on the altar for a special occasion or remembrance, call Brenda Wilson at 336-250-9234.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Mar. 4 \$6,934.15

Mar. 11 \$2,960.00

Mar. 18 \$2,263.00

Mar. 25 \$2,494.47

Apr. 1 \$8,848.25

Apr. 8 \$3,511.00

Apr. 15 \$6,493.00

Apr. 22 \$2,133.00

Apr. 29 \$2,985.30

NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

BBQ Tickets—\$1,410.00

Harris Class Child—\$50.00

Lilies—\$210.00

Emergency Fund—\$300.00

Scholarship Fund—\$25.00

Preschool—\$200.00

Local Missions—\$1,620.00

Choir Fund—\$120.00

Cross Bearers

MAY 6: Marvene Surratt

MAY 13: Carter Burns

MAY 20: Richard Wilson

MAY 27: Worship in Park

JUNE 3: Gavin Walton

JUNE 10: Logan Lester

JUNE 17: Bill Sigmon

JUNE 24: Choir Member

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>SS</u>
Mar. 4	83	32
Mar. 11	67	23
Mar. 18	67	24
Mar. 25	69	23
Apr. 1	172	20
Apr. 8	84	27
Apr. 15	82	30
Apr. 22	80	32
Apr. 29	76	31



CHURCH MEMBERS

Joan Briggs, Linda Carroll, Don Esposito, Nancy Futrell, DeLisa Garner, Dick Getz, Conrad & JoAnne Harrold, Brenda James, James Kearns, Ginger Martin, Ed & Dottie Roberson, Bill & Debbie Sigmon, Craig & Johnnie Sigmon, Ava Lee Surratt

MOUNTAIN VISTA

Bob Craven	Rm #68
Margaret Hunt	Rm #108
Diza Morris	Rm #101
George Tillotson	Rm #89
Hervey Yates	Rm #112

PIEDMONT CROSSING

Ramona M. Cranford

TAYLOR GLEN, CONCORD

Jerrie Lomax

Lexington Healthcare

Peggy Wilkins

MILITARY

Matt Beanblossom

Brian Sexton

Ryan Smithling

Easter Blessings 2018



Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

**Sunday, May 6
3:30 p.m.
Central UMC
Youth Room**

**Volunteers are needed,
so please attend as we put
together a one day VBS
to be done on a Saturday
in late July at Harrison
Park.**

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. Event hosted by Friends of Denton. Your cooperation and volunteerism in the community is greatly appreciated.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

TBA

Worship in the Park!



**Sunday, May 27
10:30 AM
Harrison Park**

**Rev. Fred
Jordan from
Salisbury will**

bring the message. He is a former District Superintendent and currently serving as interim pastor at First UMC in Lexington. Bring your lawn chairs and join us.



Congratulations also to Andrew Sexton grandson of Buddy and Nancy Sexton, high school graduate with plans to attend Appalachian State University to study economics.



Rise Against Hunger Event

Saturday, May 5 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the South Davidson Fire Department we will pack 10,000 plus meals to send to developing countries. Volunteers can be of any age. We can even accommodate those who cannot stand for long periods as you can sit and seal the meal packages for boxing.

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-Ann 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-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
- 28-Ben & Addie Futrell
- 29-Tom & Jeanette Beanblossom
- 30-Joseph & Cameron Ligon,





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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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Special Thanks to the Communication Team:

Tina Lanier, Addie Nopanen, Linda Davis, Richard Blount, and Don Jones.

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