## The Vital Connection

Bi-Monthly Newsletter For CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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VBS 2018 Highlights

#### **NOTE:**

November / December
Deadline for News & Pictures
October 29, 2018

"There is only one condition previously required of those who desire admission into these societies: 'a desire to flee from the wrath to come, and to be saved from their sins.' But wherever this is really fixed in the soul it will be shown by its fruits."

<u>First:</u> "By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind. i.e. Doing unto others as we would have them do unto us."

Second: "By doing good, by being in every kind merciful; as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, as far as possible, to all people."

Third: "By attending upon all the ordinances of God, such as:

The public worship of God

The ministry of the Word, either read or expounded

The Supper of the Lord

Family and Private Prayer

Searching the Scripture

Fasting and abstinence."

2016 Book of Discipline of the UMC (Nashville: The United Publishing House 2016) 78-80. It used to be the purpose of the Methodist societies was to lead people first to Christ, and then on to a deeper relationship with God. The worry was not about tithes, attendance, or buildings. The worry was not about protecting this tradition, or that opinion. The care was to be open to the work of God's prevenient grace. The drive was to lead people to salvation through the development of a living relationship with Jesus Christ. The prize was the promise of having come so close to God in salvation how much closer to God might we come in Christian perfection? I am so very proud to be a pastor in a denomination which has this as its first and primary goal. What a wonderful and rich heritage. As one church in the Methodist tradition where are we living into that heritage? How does our heritage affect the way "we do church" today? As we begin to think about our plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas it is something to think about.

By God's Good Grace, Pastor Richard



#### **FALL INTO** SOCKTOBER!



#### Gearing up for SOCKTOBER Month in October!

Join Central UMW and Central Youth in collecting socks for all ages for donation to the South Davidson Family Resource Center.

Orange Baskets and Totes will be available in the narthex and church office throughout the months of September and October.



#### UWHARRIE DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Several UMW ladies represented Central UMC at the Annual Conference held on August 25 at First UMC in Salisbury. Uwharrie President-Elect did a fabulous job and the group were treated by the amazing voices of the Sigmon Triplets (Madison, Larsen, and Hunter). Thanks to all of these ladies for attending this glorious event, being "Bold in Christ."



## **FOOD PANTRY MINISTERY**

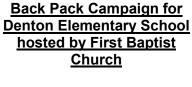
Please remember to continue to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Food Pantry for filling bags to be distributed to those in need during office hours at the church office (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon). Volunteers are always welcome to help stock shelves and fill bags. Special Thanks to all who continue to help in this local outreach program.

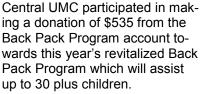


The UMW ladies purchased 100 socks. gave \$200 donation towards the Sneakerdoddle Campaign and filled 13 boxes for Project AGAPE, a ministry to the children of Armenia.

Mark your calendar for the next meeting to be held on September 4th at 7pm in the UMW room and October 2nd at 6:30pm at Mt. Vista for our Outreach October meeting

with members and guests residing at Mt. Vista. Everyone is encouraged to bring individually wrapped candy for Appreciation Gifts to be given to the caregivers/CNA's at Mt. Vista Health Park.





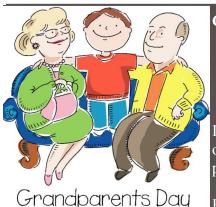




Central UMM will meet on September 9th and October 14th for their monthly UMM Breakfast and fellowship meetings. All men of the church are invited for this fel-UNITED METHODIST MEN lowship gathering.



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 the this important Outreach Program!



Celebrate Grandparents Day by bringing them to the Church Social Sunday, September 9 from 5 to 7 pm.

If you would like to volunteer or bring a food or dessert item, please see Cathy Ward.

Bring a friend! It's going to be a "GRAND" day!!!

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**DENTON STREET FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 8—DOWNTOWN DENTON** 

## HOT DOG & ICE CREAM SOCIAL September 9



5:00-7:00 p.m.



#### SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Tuesday, September 18 - 6:30pm Youth Room in the Hut The class will last 1 hour.

Church Council



#### MEALS ON WHEELS

Needs volunteers in the Denton area. If you are interested in volunteering, call 336-474-2646.



#### **UNITED METHODIST MEN and WOMEN**

Mark Your Calendars for the next **UMM** and **UMW** Barbecue Fundraiser November 10, 2018!

Next Meeting—Sunday, September 30 at 12:00 pm





## DON'T FORGET Fall Back on

**November 4, 2018** 



#### CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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October 1 1—6:00pm Central UMC Hut

Donors are needed!



# Street Treat Festival

When: October 31 Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m. Place: Farmer's Market Activities: Cake Walk and Candy Give-Away

Candy for Give-Away Bags and Needs: Cakes, Pies, Cookies for Cake Walk (already packaged)

And VOLUNTEERS (SIGN-UP SHEETS IN NARTHEX)



## Scouting

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

Girl Scouts—Contact Carol Boice @ 252-670-4341 Cub Scouts—Saturday, September 10 at 2:00 Boy Scouts—Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00



#### HOMECOMING 2018—FELLOWSHIP & REMEMBRANCE

Each year Central UMC gathers for Homecoming when families come "home" together for fellowship, wonderful service filled with a special message, uplifting music and hymns, and delicious food. We remembered those who are no longer with us, their love was shining down on us from their eternal "home" on Sunday, August 26, 2018.





















Not Pictured: Carolyn Hughes Jay Terrell Shirley Terrell





















## Sunday Worship Leaders — September and October

#### **USHERS & GREETERS**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Bill and Debbie Sigmon

#### **OCTOBER**

Wilson Carter & Randall King

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Sept. 2: Pastor Blount

Sept. 9: Ann Crouse

Sept. 16: Sarah Morris

Sept. 23: Andy Morris

Sept. 30: Bill Sigmon

Oct. 7: Pastor Blount

Oct. 14: Beth Ligon

Oct. 21: Laura Walton

Oct. 28: Cathy Ward

#### LAY READERS

Sept. 2: Richard Wilson

Sept. 9: Randall King

Sept. 16: Andy Morris

Sept: 23: Rick Phillips

Sept. 30: Tina Lanier

Oct. 7: Debbie Sigmon

Oct. 14: Bill Sigmon

Oct. 21: Brenda James

Oct. 28: Kathy Baum

#### **ACOLYTES**

Sept. 2: Joseph Smith

Sept. 9: Olivia Parker

Sept. 16: Zach Lester

Sept: 23: Karsvn Lavne

Sept. 30: Noah Smith

Oct. 7: Ellie Baldwin

Oct. 14: Sam Parker

Oct. 21: Emma Walton

Oct. 28: Karsyn Lane

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Sept. 2: Open

Sept. 9: Wilson Carter

Sept. 16: Open

Sept. 23: Andy and Sarah Morris

Sept. 30: Gladys Decker

Oct. 7: Eddie and Betty Richey

Oct. 14: Randall and Kitty King

Oct. 21: Austin and Ann Cook

Oct. 28: Genie Russell & Family

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

#### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

July 1: \$3,707.00

July 8: \$4,744.00

July 15: \$2,034.00

July 22: \$1,940.00

July 29: \$2,618.00

Aug. 5: \$4,629.00

Aug. 12: \$11,700.00

Aug. 19: \$1,781.00

Aug. 26: \$2,698.75

#### NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

Sneakerdoodle \$475.00

VBS \$190.00

Pre-School

Food Pantry \$25.00

Harris Class Child \$

\$75.00 Choir

Missions \$200.00

#### **ATTENDANCE** Worshin

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July 1	77	30
July 8	92	31

24 74 July 15

July 22 65 25

July 29 92 20

Aug. 5 70 15

Aug. 12 88 17

Aug. 19 80 26

29 123 Aug. 26



#### **CHURCH MEMBERS**

DeLisa Garner, Dick Getz, Ginger

Martin, Addie Phillips, Ed

Roberson, Craig & Johnnie Sigmon

#### **MOUNTAIN VISTA**

Bob Craven Rm #68 Rm #108 Margaret Hunt Diza Morris Rm #71 George Tillotson Rm #89

#### PIEDMONT CROSSING

Ramona M. Cranford

**TAYLOR GLENN, CONCORD** 

Jerrie Lomax

#### **BRIAN CENTER, LEXINGTON**

**Peggy Wilkins** 

MILITARY: Matt Beanblossom, Brian

Sexton, Ryan Smithling

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, Noah Smith
- 14—Debbie Johnson, Laura Futrell, Stacy Crouse
- 15—Ed Roberson
- 17—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
- 26—William Sigmon III, Kelly Whitlock
- Margaret Harris, Genie Russell

29—Taylor Bean 30—Jay Stone

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
- 26—David and Marsha Gaither

#### October Birthdays

- 2-Denese M. O'Hara
- 3—Tremaine Skeen, Gladys Decker, Miranda Morris
- 6—Lanette Tysinger
- 7—Danny Burton, Pastor Richard Blount
- 8-Ryan O'Hara, Gabrielle Blount
- 9—Gracie Morris Lee
- 10—Brandon Killmyer, Evan Blount
- 11—Austin Calhoun
- 16—Colby Garrison, Sylvia Morris, Megan Caulder
- 17—Dale Futrell
- 19—Trean Ellis
- 20—Russell Davis
- 21—Virginia Luther
- 23—Sharon Hinesley
- 24—Dan Briggs, Nancy Sexton
- 25—Laura Gorno, Alex Zeitany
- 26-Benji Cook
- 29—Caroline Hinesley, Laura Sexton
- 31—John Tysinger, Kelly Dockham

#### October Anniversaries

- 3-Mike and Genie Russell
- 4—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!



Sloan Caroline Bowden



Holden Scott Morris



**Wells Scott Shore** 



Dmitri Kolesnyk Skeen

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



