

The Vital Connection

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CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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NOTE:

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

Words from Richard...

“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.”

First: “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

SNEAKERDOODLE Campaign was a huge success, special thanks to all who contributed to this much-needed project in our community.



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.



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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 MINISTRY

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.

Back Pack Campaign for Denton Elementary School hosted by First Baptist Church

Central UMC participated in making a donation of \$535 from the Back Pack Program account towards this year's revitalized Back Pack Program which will assist up to 30 plus children.



The UMW ladies purchased 100 socks, gave \$200 donation towards the Sneakerdoodle 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 fellowship 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 this important Outreach Program!



Grandparents Day

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.



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



**RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE**

October 1
1—6:00pm
Central UMC Hut

Donors are needed!



**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)**



Scouting
LEAD • INSPIRE • EXPLORE

**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

**CHICKEN 'N
DUMPLINGS LUNCH**
October 14 | 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



**DON'T FORGET
Fall Back on
November 4, 2018**



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Believers Learning and Sharing Together

Join B.L.A.S.T. for a delicious Spagetti

Youth Fundraiser on

September 16 at Noon

(following the Worship Service)

The Youth will provide entertainment.

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!***



K- 5TH NEWS

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.***

**Welcome to
Preschool!**

***Preschool
Open House
Popsicles on the
Playground***

August 22!

***14 Students for
2018!***



**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRIES**

Central Youth Lock-In held in July!



Central UMC Preschool opened on Tuesday, September 4, for the new school year. This year there are 14 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! ???

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
- 27—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.twcba.com

VBS 2018 Highlights



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!
VBS Coordinator
Ann Crouse



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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**Central
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Welcomes
YOU!**

**Visit us
today!**

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