

The *Vital* Connection

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST HURCH

276 W. First Street, Denton, NC

November/December 2018



***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

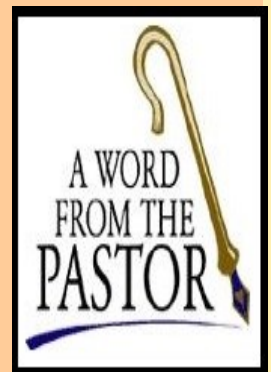
Song of Solomon

This year the season of Advent begins December 2nd. The season of Advent is supposed to be a season of waiting. Christmas does not actually begin until after Jesus is born, and then there are twelve days of Christmas. Traditionally, the Jews have Hannukah for seven nights. Christians are supposed to celebrate Christ for twelve days. But we don't. Instead of waiting with anticipation for Christmas we start now. Some of us have already started shopping for Christmas. We are scrambling to get the deals, to watch our budgets, and to try not to leave ourselves so much in debt that we cannot dig out before it's time to pay our taxes in April. I am pretty sure this is not how it's supposed to be. So what are we gonna do?

Perhaps we can learn from the Song of Solomon. (Look up Song of Solomon 5:2 -8.) Waiting in anticipation for our beloved Christ is not about being busy with our own work. Getting our work done is important. However, being ready for the Lord is more important. Advent is about waiting and being ready for the birth of the King of Kings—the one who will save us from our sins and failures. For Christians Jesus is supposed to be our most beloved. Jesus is supposed to come before the gifts and the parties and the goings and doings.

The woman in this story from Song of Solomon is more concerned about not having to start her bed time ritual over than getting out of bed for her beloved. Are we so busy about the work of Christmas that we have forgotten and become annoyed by reminders our beloved Christ is on the way? By Christmas will we be too busy and too tired to welcome the baby Jesus into our homes? Will we be so frazzled we cannot enjoy Christ in our lives for that one day, and cannot imagine what twelve days of Christmas would be like? Perhaps a holy wait is just what is needed to have the strength and energy for twelve days of Christmas celebration for the one we love.

By God's Good Grace, *Pastor Richard*



Reminder:
Sunday, December 2
Church Council
Meeting
12:10 p.m.
Sanctuary



Veterans Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 10 from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. at the Southern Theater and Event Center. All veterans and their families are encouraged and invited to attend this special event.



Health & Wellness

Mark your calendars...November 7, 2018 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. Program: "Alzheimer's Disease vs Dementia". Presenters: Helen Blackburn and Greg Brewer. The event is at no charge and is open to the Community. Free Blood Pressure checks will be available. Bring a friend.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD **DUE NOVEMBER 12, 2018**

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!



CENTRAL UMW and **OPEN HANDS MINISTRIES**

On the third weekend of each month, UMW Circle members are providing desserts for the Open Hands Ministry to be shared with those in need.



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 outreach program.



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN AND WOMEN
Will Host a BBQ Fundraiser on November 10, 2018
from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Hut

Volunteers are needed—Invite, invite, invite!



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SOCKTOBER

was a huge event!
We collected over 921 pairs of socks to
be donated to the South Davidson
Family Resource Center!!!!
Thanks for participating in this
“warm”
outreach for those in need!



UMW—UMW held their October meeting at Mt. Vista on October 2. Former UMW members and other residents joined them for great fellowship and refreshments. Central members included Diza Morris, Edith Sigmon and others.



OUTREACH OCTOBER

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Was a **COOL** Event on September 9th!
Thanks to all who came and fellowshiped together.



HALLOWEEN

October 31, 2018
Street Treat Festival



Acolyte Training

To all parents of children in 3rd grade and up: Beth Ligon will be making the new Acolyte Schedule for 2019. Please contact her to confirm that your child plans to continue with this service to the church. Please let Beth know if you have a child that is now at

the age to participate. This information needs to be given to Beth by November 17th. Beth can be reached at bethligon10@gmail.com or 336-859-2881. Also if you would like to be a Cross Bearer, please let Beth know by November 17th.



Believers Learning and Sharing Together

B.L.A.S.T. Central Youth held a delicious spaghetti fundraiser on September 30. Great group of Youth! **BLAST** meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. *Join us for a Blast as we learn about Christ!*

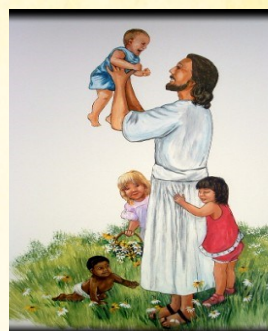
Special Thanks to all who supported the Spaghetti Fundraiser in September!



K- 5TH NEWS

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 Ya'll



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.



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!



The Pre-School visited Jamestown United Methodist Great Pumpkin on Thursday, October 18. They had a great time looking at pumpkins, riding on the wagon and getting a Jack Be Nimble Pumpkin.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

November 6—UMW —7:00 p.m.—UMW Room
 November 1—UMW —3:00 p.m.—Bingo at Mt. Vista
 November 17—UMW Officer Training—9am-1pm—Milford Hills UMC, Salisbury
 December 3—Red Cross Bloodmobile—1:30 to 6pm—Hut
 December 4—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 11/24
 December 6—UMW —3:00 p.m.—Bingo at Mt. Vista

UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS

Sunday, Nov. 11 & Dec. 9 at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Leaders — November and December

USHERS & GREETERS

NOVEMBER

Eddie Richey and Jon Johnson

DECEMBER

Larry Cook

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nov. 4: Rev. Blount
 Nov. 11: Addie Nopanen
 Nov. 18: Rick Phillips
 Nov. 25: Tina Lanier
 Dec. 2: Rev. Blount
 Dec. 9: Debbie Sigmon
 Dec. 16: Ann Crouse
 Dec. 23:
 Dec. 30: Andy Morris

LAY READERS

Nov. 4: Tom Beanblossom
 Nov. 11: Laura Walton
 Nov. 18: Danny Burton
 Nov. 25: Cathy Ward
 Dec. 2: Nancy Sexton
 Dec. 9: Sarah Morris
 Dec. 16: Stewart Sexton
 Dec. 23: Buddy Sexton
 Dec. 30: Addie Nopanen

ACOLYTES

Nov. 4: Ellie Baldwin
 Nov. 11: Zach Lester
 Nov. 18: Noah Smith
 Nov. 25: Olivia Parker
 Dec. 2: Sam Parker
 Dec. 9: Emma Walton
 Dec. 16: Joseph Smith
 Dec. 23: Karsyn Layne
 Dec. 30: Ellie Baldwin

ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 4: Jerrie Lomax
 Nov. 11: Conrad & JoAnne H.
 Nov. 18: Bare Altar
 Nov. 25: Poinsettia
 Dec. 2: Worship Committee
 Dec. 9: Worship Committee
 Dec. 16: Worship Committee
 Dec. 23: Poinsettias
 Dec. 30: Poinsettias
*To place flowers on the altar
 for a special occasion or remembrance,
 please call Brenda Wilson at 250-9234.*

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

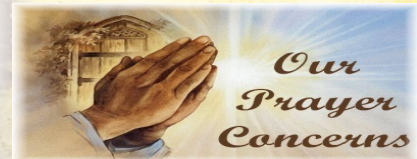
Sept. 2	\$6,211.10
Sept. 9	\$3,455.00
Sept. 16	\$Hurricane
Sept. 23	\$5,414.00
Sept. 30	\$3,223.00
Oct. 7	\$5,322.00
Oct. 14	\$3,060.00
Oct. 21	\$4,017.20
Oct. 28	\$3,473.30

NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

Food Pantry	\$125.00
Missions—Local	\$100.00
Socktober	\$100.00
BBQ Tickets	\$320.00
Harris Class Child	\$ 50.00
Scholarship	\$ 50.00
Pre-School	\$100.00
Youth—BLAST	\$928.00
UMCOR	\$100.00
Pfeiffer Students	\$868.00

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>SS</u>
Sept. 2	49	15
Sept. 9	58	15
Sept. 16	Hurricane	
Sept. 23	90	25
Sept. 30	78	29
Oct. 7	70	20
Oct. 14	79	20
Oct. 21	67	24
Oct. 28	77	25



CHURCH MEMBERS

Linda Carroll, Judy Covil, DeLisa Garner, Dick Getz, Lance Hilton, Betty Hinesley, Ginger Martin, Addie Phillips, Craig Sigmon, Ava Lee Surratt

MOUNTAIN VISTA

Bob Craven	Rm #68
Margaret Hunt	Rm #108
Diza Morris	Rm #91
Johnnie Simon	Rm #55
George Tillotson	Rm #89

Brian Center, Lexington

Peggy Wilkins

Taylor Glen, Concord

Jerrie Lomax

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, Janice Esposito
4-John Brewer, Dina Harrold 5-Samantha Ingold
6-Anne Bean, Ronnie Haneline, Brandon Haneline, Austin Cook,
Addie Phillips
7-Savannah Gallimore, Frankie Smith III, Daniel Walker
8-Myra Flowers
10-Michael Rowell
11-Travis Morris, Lee Terrell, Caris Baldwin, Mereth Alexander
12-Greg Kirkman, Lane Bivens, David Allen
13-Nicholas Behrens
14-Keesha Kearns, Kanan Cook, Sidney Briggs, Eva Sewell
16-Betty Richey, Edith Kearn,
17-Payne Caulder, Matt Beanblossom, Rylee Tucker, Jennifer Gallimore,
Robert Stevenson, Andy Moses
18-Tai Moses, Emma Futrell 20-Jessica Smith
21-Bethany Tugwell, Matthew McKinney 22-Alisa May
23-Sтивен Bray, Bradley Surratt 24-Don Jones, Tina Marshall
26-Curtis Beal, Ashley Marshall, Levi Morris, Mike Morris
27-Pam Harrison, Lynn & Tommy Woodard
28-Keith Morris, Johnathon Jones,
29-Jennifer Hinesley, Joel Clark, Holly J. Zadorian 30-Arnold Lovell

November Anniversaries

1-Mereth & Curtis Alexander
4-Roger & Cathy Calhoun
5-Michael & Erin Joyce
6-Joey & Dena Harrold
8-Chuck & Lisa Merritt
14-Conrad & JoAnne Harrold
15-Bobby & Beverly Talbert
17-Jerry & Marvene Surratt
19-Curt & Amy Richey, Donnie & Robin Hedrick
20-Bradley & Tracie Marshall,
21-David & Amanda Brookbank
25-Mike & Kathy Baum
28-John & Panthea Pleasants
30-Asher & Trean Ellis,
Tommy & Suzanne Frazier

December Birthdays

1-Earl Caulder, Peggy Harrison, Ronne Newsom
2-Jackson Walton, Aaron Crouse II, Karsyn Layne,
Johnathon Gaither, Kim Smith
3-Beth Davis, Mark Bivens, Nancy Morris
4-Tyler Dunn, Lavonne Wright 5-Todd Behrens
6-Dina Critcher, Charlie Young
7-Nicole Flowers, Richard Wilson
8-Gilda Morris, Shad Morris
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, Brett
Davis
15-Tommy Frazier
16-Olivia Parker, Laura Vazquez, Melissa Skeen
17-Jayda Rocchi, Brenda Blake, Rhonda Spencer,
Danny Hill, Steve Sexton, Saig Skeen
18-Ben Hinesley, Kinfrey Marshall, Emma Garrison,
19-Greg Loftin, Lisa Brewer, 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 Cadle
25-Beverly Talbert, Robbie English 26-Annette Barbee
27-Edith Johnson, Tom Gorno, Martha Johnson,
Candy Crouse 28-Craig Sigmon
29-Ann Cook, Leroy Hinesley, Dason Hill,
30-Jerry Surratt, Christina Baldwin, Rick Everhart
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-Joey & Julie Layne
19-Joseph & Laura Hildebrand
25-Kurt & Joycelyn Beyeler
27-Jim & Judi Boggs

CELEBRATIONS & PRAISES



Baptism of Holden Scott Morris on October 14, 2018

Parents:
Travis & Haley Morris
Grandparents:
Scott Morris
Eddie & Dianne Steed
Sherry Steed
Great-Grandparent:
Betty Morris

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 lindadavis@windstream.net OR
Communications Coordinator at milanier@windstream.net

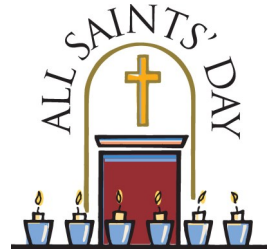
November Events – "Be Thankful"



BBQ Fundraiser
November 10, 2018
4 to 7 p.m. in the Hut



November 4
11:00 a.m.
All Saints



November 18 - 11:00 a.m.
BARE ALTAR SUNDAY
Bring Non Perishable Food Items



Volunteers
needed to
decorate
Church for
the Holidays
November 25
following
11:00 Service



December Events – "Christ Is Born"



December 2—11:00 a.m.
Lighting of Advent Wreath



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

December 9
Cantata
"Rejoice, Believers"
11:00 a.m.



Children's Christmas Play
TBA



December 9
Mission Wreath
Sunday



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



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