

The Vital Connection

Central United Methodist Church—Denton, NC

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

*Bi-Monthly
Newsletter*

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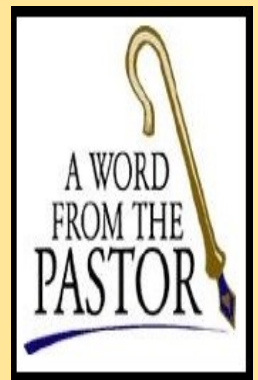
To my brothers and sisters of the faith at Central UMC,

There are those in our church who are deeply hurting because of the ruling at the Special Called Session of the General Conference. It came down to a difference of 27 votes. The United Methodist Church will continue not supporting gay marriage and the ordination of gay clergy. However, the United Methodist Church continues to uphold all people regardless of race, creed, age, gender or economic status as people of sacred worth. This is the position the church has always held, and yet it only passed by 27 votes.

Too much of General Conference was framed by people who could only see this decision as "our way," or, "their way;" either they win and we lose, or they lose and we win. Mistakenly, the decision became about preference. This decision should have never been about preference. This decision should always have been about the question, "Whose Church is it anyway?" It isn't their church. It isn't our church. The church was always meant to be God's church and that is what has to come first.

What do you think people should see and hear when they look to the Church? When John sent disciples to Jesus to ask if Jesus really is the Messiah, Jesus said to John's disciples, **"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have the good news preached to them"** (Matt. 11:4-5). I believe the work of the Church is to love God by loving our neighbor regardless of what they look or smell like. We should be plugged into the means of grace so that we can be instruments of God's grace out in the world. We were commanded to go make disciples of all nations. That means Jesus has commanded us to be fishers of people. Jesus doesn't throw fish out of the boat. Jesus changes the fish, or the fish choose to flop out of the boat. We cannot waste time trying to change people. We have work to do bringing fish of every kind into the boat, and trust God to change what needs to be changed. Shouldn't this be what the Church is known for? Shouldn't the Church be known for reaching and serving and not judging, fighting and walking away from the table?

By God's Good Grace. Pastor Richard



NOTE:

May & June Newsletter

Deadline for News & Pictures

April 28, 2019

email to cumc@triad.twcbe.com



Central RETREAT

March 30, 2019 from 10-2 in Hut

Important for ALL Committee Members to attend!

Setting Goals and Planning Ahead

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



The United Methodist Women of Central Church meet 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.

In March, UMW will be holding its White Elephant Fundraiser on March 12, 2019. All women are invited to attend this fun event. This fundraiser will substitute for the program. We look forward to seeing new faces in 2019. Join us!

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION



PLASTIC BAG PROJECT—UMW ladies are working diligently crocheting plastic bags mats for the homeless. Thank you for bringing in your bags. UMW Sunday will be held on March 24th and you will get to witness some of your bags used for the project. **Next Meetings: March 12 and April 2 at 7:00 p.m. in UMW Room.**

Mark your calendars for **UMW Sunday—March 24** as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary with a great service planned by all members! Special Guest Soloist Abigail Brink will sing “You are the Seed” and Guest Speaker will be Cindy Ramirez.



Let us remember to continue to bring in non-perishable food items when possible to maintain a stocked Food Pantry. Canned foods with pull-away lids preferred. Items may be dropped off at Pantry Door or office.

Health & Wellness



Great Lunch and Learn held in February—Heart Month! Thanks to all who participated for this great outreach!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m. Join In...March 10th and April 14th.



CPR Training held on February 23rd. 30 people were certified. Great turnout!!! Special Thanks to all participants and to Cathy Ward for heading it up.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

UNITED METHODIST MEN and WOMEN

Mark Your Calendars for the next
UMM and UMW Barbecue Fundraiser
April 27, 2019!

Spread the Word,...Join us for this event!

Volunteers and desserts will be needed!



Girl Scouts Meet Every Other
Friday Night in Downstairs Fellowship
Hall. Contact Church Office for
exact dates.

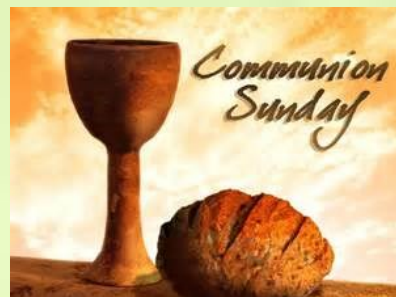
SUNDAY, MARCH 10



Next Meeting
12:15 p.m.
Sunday, April 7
In the Youth
Room



April 18 at Noon



March 31 at 11:00 a.m.
April 21 at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 14—11:00 Palm Sunday and Palming of the Cross
Friday, April 19—12:00 Noon Good Friday Cross Walk
Sunday, April 21—7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Denton Town Cemetery
Sunday, April 21—11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Service and
Flowering of the Cross—Bring flowers
or choose from those provided.



EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary
on Easter Sunday, April 21. Price is \$16.00
each. Order deadline—Monday, April 15.

Qty. _____ Amt \$ _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



Easter Egg-stravaganza

When: Saturday, April 13

Time: 12:00—2:00 p.m.

Place: Harrison Park

Activities: Cake Walk and Candy Give-Away

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

VOLUNTEERS (SIGN-UP SHEETS IN NARTHEX)

Bring your little ones to the
**ANNUAL EASTER EGG
HUNT—APRIL 21**
9:45—10:30
CHURCH GROUNDS





Believers Learning and Sharing Together

B.L.A.S.T.

BLAST meets every Sunday at 10:00 in the Youth room.

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

Recent outings included bowling and JamFest!



K- 5TH CLASS

Join Sarah Morris and Kitty King's Class
as they teach our children
ages from K-5 grades

Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

*There's always snacks, crafts, and
a bible lesson...plus lots of fun!*

Central UMC Preschool Class attended the Charity League Play "That's Princess...with a Pea" in Lexington on Thursday February 21. The Charity League is celebrating 65 years of bringing a free, live theatre production to the children of Davidson County. It was a great time enjoyed by all!

The children were excited to meet the Princess!



Upcoming Easter Activities

Church Cake Walk at Harrison Park

Sat., April 13 at
12:00 until 2:00 pm

**Need wrapped
cupcakes, cookies,
brownies, etc. or prizes
(books, etc.)**

Drop off items

Saturday morning at 11:00 at hut
or bring to Harrison Park by Noon.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Church Easter Egg Hunt

Sun., April 21 at 9:45 am
on church grounds.

**Need Prize or
Candy-Filled
Eggs!**



Drop off down-
stairs or at
church office prior to
Easter Sunday.



Sunday Worship Leaders — March and April, 2019

USHERS

MARCH

Roger and Beth Ligon

APRIL

Dale & Glenda Futrell

CHILDREN'S TIME

March 3: Rev. Blount

March 10: Andy Morris

March 17: Beth Ligon

March 24: Cathy Ward &

Vicky Brown

March 31: Larry Ward

April 7: Rev. Blount

April 14: Ann Crouse

April 21: Addie Nopanen

April 28: Rick Phillips

LAY READERS

March 3: Carter Burns

March 10: Glenda Futrell

March 17: Debbie Crouch

March 24: UMW Speaker

March 31: Margaret Harris

April 7: Randall King

April 14: Mike James

April 21: Debbie Sigmon

April 28: Tina Lanier

ACOLYTES

March 3: Zach Lester

March 10: Olivia Parker

March 17: Emma Walton

March 24: UMW Member

Debbie Sigmon

March 31: Karsyn Layne

April 7: Ellie Baldwin

April 14: Noah Smith

April 21: Karsyn Layne

April 28: Sam Parker

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 3: Randall and Kitty King

March 10: Esko and Addie Nopanen

March 17: Margaret Harris

March 24: UMW

March 31: Chuck Crouch

April 7: Conrad Harrold

April 14: Palms

April 21: Easter Lilies

April 28: Gilda Morris

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

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Jan. 6 \$6,874.00

Jan. 13 \$5,668.92

Jan. 20 \$3,004.50

Jan. 27 \$2,906.00

Feb. 3 \$6,029.00

Feb. 10 \$5,062.51

Feb. 17 \$3,327.00

Feb. 24 \$1,492.00

NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

Harris Class Child \$56.00

Local Missions \$200.00

Choir Fund \$100.00

BLAST Youth \$100.00

ATTENDANCE

Worship

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Jan. 6 66 24

Jan. 13 113 25

Jan. 20 73 24

Jan. 27 85 26

Feb. 3 123 31

Feb. 10 78 19

Feb. 17 82 27

Feb. 24 71 25



CHURCH MEMBERS

Judy Covil, DeLisa Garner, Dick Getz, Conrad & JoAnne Harrold, LeRoy and Betty Hinesley, Ginger Martin, Addie Phillips, Lawrence Ridge, Craig Sigmon, Ava Lee Surratt

MOUNTAIN VISTA

Bob Craven	Rm #68
Margaret Hunt	Rm #108
Diza Morris	Rm #84
Johnnie Sigmon	Rm #55
George Tillotson	Rm #89

Taylor Glen, Concord

Jerrie Lomax

Brian Center, Lexington

Peggy Wilkins

LEAD APOSTLES' CREED

March 3: Richard Wilson

March 10: Bill Sigmon

March 17: Randall King

March 24: Tina Lanier

March 31: Debbie Sigmon

April 7: Cathy Ward

April 14: Brenda James

April 21: Brenda Wilson

April 28: Andy Morris

CROSS BEARER

March 3: Logan Lester

March 10: Bill Sigmon

March 17: Gavin Walton

March 24: Pastor Blount

March 31: Richard Wilson

April 7: Randall King

April 14: Joseph Smith

April 21: Bill Sigmon

April 28: Carter Burns

MILITARY

Matt Beanblossom,

Brian Sexton, Ryan Smithling

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

March Birthdays

- 1-Mike Russell
- 2-Terri Johnson Nolasco, Jacob Cabrera, Julie Carroll
- 3-Kurt Beyeler, Erin Bean, Kay Taylor
- 4-Lee Bowden, Gaye Markham, Dustin Graham
- 5-Cylie Cabrera, Tony Vazquez, Gabriel Crouch, Adeline Calhoun, Ann Morris Luck
- 6-Lori Jones, Madalyn Willet, JP Hamilton, Jr.
- 7-Cathy Morris, Shawna Kinley
- 8-Piper Vazquez, Alyssa Futrell, Mary Skeen, Bowman Carroll, Callan Loflin
- 9-Scott Hinesley, Roxie Rayburn
- 10-Piper Linthicum, Hunter Smith, Laura Ann Harrison
- 11-Rachel Davis, David Lanier
- 12-Sean Kennedy, Mya Lynn Simpson
- 13-Janet Moses
- 14-Kallie Gentile, Charlotte Dockham
- 15-Stewart Sexton, Lynda Kearns, Jerry Lanier, Jason Morris, Asher Crouse
- 17-Leah Hulin
- 18-Meagan Young, May Bisher, Emily Harrison
- 19-Matthew Dockham
- 20-John Lomax III, Susan May Bland, Nickolas Morris
- 21-Glenda Futrell, Stella Beth Sizemore
- 22-Edith Sigmon, Jerry Dockham, Robert Rieger, Jr, Bo Carroll, Matthew Kiser, Lisa Grubb, Carolyn Lovell
- 23-Linda Markham
- 24-Ryleigh Howard, Johnnie Sigmon
- 25-Laura Walton, Steven Clark
- 26-Judy Covil, Brock Blount
- 27-Katherine Morris, Dennis Cadle, Grace Garner
- 28-Irving Surratt, Johnathan Crouse, Annabelle Jones, Jody Jackson, Emily Smith Earle
- 29-Holly Berg
- 30-Eddie Richey, Suzanne Surratt, Bo Chitwood, River Trent, Jay Lanier, Johnathan Loftin
- 31-Debbie Crouch

March Anniversaries

- 11-Esko & Addie Nopanen
- 13-David & Colbey Garrison
- 16-Sam & Michelle Whitlock, James & Elizabeth Loftin
- 18-Richard & Brenda Wilson, Buddy & Nancy Sexton
- 19-Dale & Glenda Futrell, Brandon & Dianna Killmyer
- 20-Harvey & Doris Crenshaw
- 27-Eddie & Melissa Gallimore
- 31-Donald & Diane Hill



April Birthdays

- 1-David Davis,
- 2-Donna Dalton, Annabelle McIntyre
- 3-Dianna Kilmyer, John Mitchell
- 4-Matt Howard, Nicholas Glover, Dean Bulakowski
- 5-Kaci Markham, Elliott Chitwood
- 6-Joe Mitchell, Conner Earle
- 7-JoAnne Harrold, Colton Kennedy, Judi Boggs
- 8-Imelda Morris, Esko Nopanen, Joey Layne, Chrissy Hedrick
- 9-Kerry Gallimore, Drew Skeen, Ava Sexton
- 10-Lona Everhart, Samantha Sexton
- 11-Devon Smith, Bella Sexton, Briana Smith
- 12-Amy Rowell, Jim Boggs, Marsha Surratt
- 13-Jacob Clodfelter, Larry Fritts, Lee Ann Smith
- 14-Praxton Crouse, Penelope Crouse
- 15-Hailey Calhoun
- 16-Larry Cook, Marcia Everhart
- 17-Zachary Ligon, Tony Frank, Andy Flowers
- 19-Gretchen Crouse
- 20-Wright Wege
- 21-Ronnie Hall, Susan Allen, Ellie Hege, Sydney Morris, Bonnie Shuler
- 22-Dustin Marshall
- 23-Reedling Harris, Steve Davis
- 24-Peggy Marshall, Denver Moses, April Parker
- 25-Gina Grubb
- 28-Michael Baum, Baysden Harris, Sarah Parker,
- 29-Judith Bowman, Vickie Clark, Jeff Hulin
- 30-Lawrence Ridge, Savannah Surratt



April Anniversaries

- 5-Aaron & Candice Smith
- 7-Scott & Sharon Hinesley
- 10-Brantly & Jamie Surratt
- 14-Larry & LaRue Cook
- 17-Baxter & Marsha Surratt
- 21-Keith & Cathy Morris, Rob & Devona Dunn
- 26-Rick & Angie Nelson
- 27-Rickie & Rhonda Workman
- 28-Neil & Suzanne Bulakowski, Heath & Lisa Cranford, Wayne & Linda Markham
- 29-Roy & Pat King
- 30-Reid & Ann Crouse

Central UMC illustrating God's Good Grace

**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner**



Scout Presentation

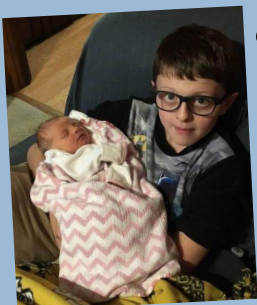


PRAISES AND CELEBRATIONS

Christening Cousins.....



First time ever three cousins christened together at Central UMC. Congratulations and special blessings to: **Holden Scott Morris**, son of Travis and Haley Morris; **Sloan Caroline Bowden**, daughter of Lee and Gracie Bowden; and **Wells Scott Shore**, son of Brandon & Candace Shore!



Congratulations to Cleve and Stacy Crouse, Grandparents Reid and Ann Crouse and Greg and Cathy McBride, on the birth of **Elaine Mae (Ellie) Crouse** on December 6, 2018. Shown here with big brother Mason!

CONGRATULATIONS to Pastor Richard Blount on successfully completing his ordination process. He will be officially ordained this summer at Lake Junaluska. Central UMC appreciates his service, both inside and outside of Central UMC!





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*For information on church calendar events, visit
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