



**BLESSED IS THE NATION  
WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD**  
—— PSALM 33:12 ——

## CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



# The *Vital* Connection

**JULY & AUGUST, 2019 — BI-MONTHLY ISSUE**

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**September / October Newsletter**  
Deadline for News & Pictures  
August 25, 2019

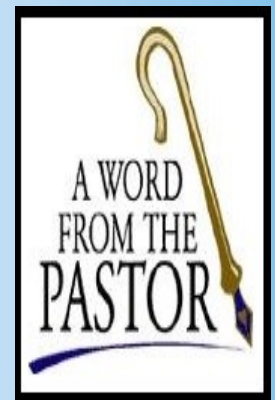
### ***Words from Richard...***

The summer is in full bloom, and every day I see our little family garden grow. Every day the plants stretch toward the sun, and every day they get a little bit bigger. One summer while I was in seminary I worked at the Asbury University Challenge course. While there I worked with Col. Bill Hogan. Bill was retired from the U.S. Air Force where he flew B1 bombers. At the start of every day out on the challenge course, Bill would begin by saying, "Everything that is alive stretches to grow—from the plants to the dogs and cats, they all stretch to grow. The only things that do not stretch are dead. Rocks don't stretch." I think the same is true of Christians, and the Church. If we are not stretching, we are either dying or we are already dead. Consider the caterpillar for a moment. It starts as an egg, then a tee-tiny caterpillar. The caterpillar stretches with every step and is always hungry. Then it makes a nice place to take a nap before turning into a beautiful butterfly. If we are to be



like the butterfly, we ought to consider how we might grow with every step? We should think about how hungry we are for the things of God. Do we have the same hunger for the things of God that a caterpillar has for green leaves? If we want to become God's beautiful butterfly, then we have to ask the questions, Am I stretching and willing to be stretched? How hungry am I for the things of God? How badly do I really want to be changed into God's beautiful butterfly?

*By God's Good Grace, Rev. Richard Blount*





**Another Successful Community Dinner hosted by Central UMC...  
mark your calendars for the next event to be held at the  
Farmers Market in downtown Denton on  
Monday, September 2, 2019 from 5 to 7 pm**



## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

**OPEN INVITATION  
TO ALL WOMEN**

The United Methodist Women of Central Church meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the UMW Room. No meeting in July. ALL women are invited to fellowship as women with a purpose in our church and community.



**JoAnne Harrold**, accompanied by her husband **Conrad**, **Vicky Brown** and **Cathy Ward** attended the UMW Spiritual Retreat at Lake Junaluska in June. Thank you Joanne, Cathy and Vicky for representing Central's UMW.

**Glenda Futrell** and other **UMW ladies** delivered carnations to the lady residents at Mt. Vista for Mothers Day.

A UMW Mother's Day event was held in May for moms, sisters, daughters, grand-daughters and friends. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of fun and fellowship hosted by UMW and directed by **Debbie Sigmon** and **Lisa Smith**.



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.

### UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m. Join In...  
July 14 & August 11.



**Richard Wilson** delivered daily essential treat bags to the male residents at Mt. Vista for Father's Day in June from the UMM.

### **The Crops Are Coming In.....**

Special Thanks to all volunteers who have helped to create another harvest of fresh vegetables this year for the South Davidson Family Resource Center and Senior Citizens/Meals on Wheels...and thanks to all of the "pickers" and "waterers"!!





## Believers Learning and Sharing Together

**B.L.A.S.T. blasts off to Carowinds in June!!!!**

Debbie Sigmon and Candace Smith set out with the Central Youth to an awesome Christian Concert at Carowinds! They had a great time together. Join the group on Sundays at 10:00 in the Youth Room. Ages are rising middle school and high school students.

*Bring a friend and join them for a Blast as they learn all*



Central UMC Boy Scout Troop 101 participated in the Memorial Day Service at Harrison Park in May, led by Paul Mitchell and Sam Fouts.



## K- 5TH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join Sarah Morris and Kitty King's Class  
Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.



There's always snacks, crafts, and a bible lesson.

*"Don't forget to bring your new bible to class — this will help you learn more about God's Holy Word!"*

## Central Preschool GRADUATION DAY!



## PRESCHOOL GRADUATION



Best of  
Luck....  
CLASS of  
2019

Star Fire—Graduation Sunday

2019-2020  
Preschool Opening Day  
September 3, 2019

Popsicles on the Playground  
August 27—6:30 p.m.  
Central UMC

Mrs. Crouse's  
Preschool Supplies Campaign  
will be kicking off in August.  
Stay tuned for items needed.

# Sunday Worship Leaders — JULY and AUGUST, 2019

## USHERS & GREETERS

### July

Mike & Tina Lanier

### August

Scott Morris & Teresa Brewer

## CHILDREN'S TIME

JULY 7: Rev. Blount

JULY 14: Beth Ligon

JULY 21: Addie Nopanen

JULY 28:

AUGUST 4: Rev. Blount

AUGUST 11: Rick Phillips

AUGUST 18: Tina Lanier

AUGUST 25: Debbie Sigmon

## LAY READERS

JULY 7: Sarah Morris

JULY 14: Stewart Sexton

JULY 21: Buddy Sexton

JULY 28: Addie Nopanen

AUGUST 4: Margaret Harris

AUGUST 11: Glenda Futrell

AUGUST 18: Debbie Crouch

AUGUST 25: Andy Morris

## ACOLYTES

JULY 7: Karsyn Layne

JULY 14: Deacon Jones

JULY 21: Zach Lester

JULY 28: Hayden Chapman

AUGUST 4: Sam Parker

AUGUST 11: Jayda Rocchi

AUGUST 18: Deena Chapman

AUGUST 25: Ellie Baldwin

## Apostles Creed

JULY 7: Randall King

JULY 14: Richard Wilson

JULY 21: Bill Sigmon

JULY 28: Cathy Ward

AUGUST 4: Brenda Wilson

AUGUST 11: Addie Nopanen

AUGUST 18: Andy Morris

AUGUST 25: Richard Wilson

## ALTAR FLOWERS

JULY 7: Kitty King

JULY 14: Jim and Lou Barr

JULY 21: OPEN

JULY 28: Sigmon Family

AUGUST 4: Cathy Ward

AUGUST 11: Joan and Jack Briggs

AUGUST 18: Dick and Diane Getz

AUGUST 25: OPEN

*To place flowers on the altar, call  
Brenda Wilson at 336.250-9234.*

## OFFERINGS RECEIVED

May 5 \$ 5,705.76

May 12 \$ 5,403.00

May 19 \$ 820.00

May 26 \$ 2,678.64

June 2 \$ 4,916.00

June 9 \$ 3,371.35

June 16 \$ 2,545.00

June 23 \$11,144.00

June 30 \$ 4,816.62

## NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

Community Dinner \$ 100.00

Local Missions \$ 200.00

Pastor's Stole \$ 394.21

Harris Class Child \$ 67.00

Community Dinner \$100.00

BLAST Youth \$100.00

Choir Fund \$ 50.00

Scholarship Fund \$100.00

## Cross Bearer

JULY 7: Chase Cross

JULY 14: Bill Sigmon

JULY 21: Landon Lester

JULY 28: Randall King

AUGUST 4: Carter Burns

AUGUST 11: Richard Wilson

AUGUST 18: Randall King

AUGUST 25: Bill Sigmon

## ATTENDANCE

### Worship SS

May 5 73 22

May 12 128 28

May 19 Worship in Park

May 26 65 23

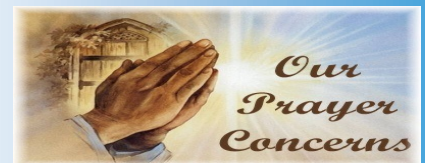
June 2 61 Mt. Ebal

June 9 83 29

June 16 76 26

June 23 58 10

June 30 101 24



## CHURCH MEMBERS

Danny & Brenda Burton, Judy Covil, DeLisa Garner, Dick Getz, LeRoy & Betty Hinesley, Edith Johnson, James Kearns, Ginger Martin, Addie Phillips, Craig Sigmon, Brenda Wilson

## MOUNTAIN VISTA

Bob Craven Rm #68

Margaret Hunt Rm #108

Diza Morris Rm #71

George Tillotson Rm #89

Peggy Wilkins Rm #76

## PIEDMONT CROSSING

Ramona M. Cranford

### TAYLOR GLEN, CONCORD

Jerrie Lomax

### MILITARY

Matt Beanblossom,

Brian Sexton,

Ryan Smithling

### *In Loving Memory of Johnnie Sigmon...*

a devoted church member, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, teacher, UMW member, friend, and loved by so many!

You will be missed, Johnnie!

(Picture taken by one of her many dear friends,  
**Glenda Futrell**—Mother's Day May 2019)



# UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

Church Council  
Sunday, August 4  
12:15 pm



Youth Room

bluegrass gospel  
**Free Gospel Concert**  
*J&F Furr Family Band*  
**Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.**  
Location: Pleasant Grove UMC  
Through South Davidson Mission Network

Donations to Help Local Davidson County Schools & Youth  
8138 E Old US Hwy 64 Lexington 27292  
(At Davidson/Randolph County Line)  
GPS: 475 Hailton Rd. Lexington NC 27292



Monday, September 30

9 AM – 4 PM

Central UMC Hut

Watch a short video on how important this event will be for you and your family!  
Visit our church Facebook page for more information.



CONGRATS

REV. RICHARD  
BLOUNT

Best Wishes  
to the  
BLOUNT  
FAMILY!!



to Blair Burns  
for designing our  
new Church Logo



Sunday, August 25 at 11 am  
Guest Speaker - Rev. Joe Collins  
Covered dish lunch following service

Congratulations Disciple I Graduates



Lexi Baum—Uwharrie Charter Academy &  
Davidson County Community College  
Casey Calhoun—South Davidson HS  
Steven Bray—South Davidson HS  
Chance Daquila—Mount Pleasant HS  
Bethany Tugwell—Gaston Christian HS  
Emma Kate Futrell—Clemson University  
Hunter Sigmon—UNC Charlotte  
Sarah Lanier—Duke University



**CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019!!!**

*May the Glory of God Bless Each of You on the Celebration of Your Special Day!*  
**Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations**

**JULY Birthdays**

1-Renato Barbosa, Ellen Carroll, Mike Morris, Claudia Gentile  
2-Laken Sullins, Dale Spencer, Eddie Gallimore  
3-Ginger Johnson  
4-Colby Terrell  
5-Chuck Merritt  
6-Gail Walker, Jason Walton, Lindsey Clark  
7-Carmen Harris, David Hill, Gene Baucom  
8-Eric Clark  
9-Sherri Lanier  
10-Gentry Grubb, Kamber Skeen  
11-Doug Lanier, Johnathon Hilton  
12-Mark Morris, Debbie Bivens, Carrie Brothers, Randall King  
13-Andy Morris, Sally Alvis, Rhonda King  
15-Gayle Hilton  
17-Davis Sexton, Adalyn Nopanen, Carey Cabrera, Thomas Woodard, Denny Brown  
18-Jason Harris, Branson Smith, Virginia Harrison  
19-Karen Blount  
20-Brandon Shore, Lin Gallimore, Hollan Kennedy, Kelly Young, Julie Sexton  
21-Michelle Surratt, Kaleb Harrison  
22-Crystal Sexton  
23-Tanya Futrell-Gallimore, Stephen Garner, Haven Sofia  
24-Kim Martin, Denise Lanier, Christina Meredith, Katie Crouse, Cora Irene Cabrera -Chandler  
25-Allison Sexton  
26-Elizabeth Loftin, Chris Linthicum  
27-Sue Morris Frederick, Glenn Luther, Phil Floyd  
28-Jordan Whitlock, Zack Pleasants  
29-Pansy Frank, James Bowman, Mattie Elizabeth Luther  
30-Jerry Beal, Mary Rieger Brown  
31-Amber Bean, Gabriel Whitlock, Joseph Ligon



**JULY Anniversaries**

2-John & Leigh Parker  
4-Wayne & Bonnie Shuler  
5-Ronnie & Sharon McRae  
8-Mark & Heather Morris  
9-Aaron & Katie Crouse  
14-Gilbert & Nancy Futrell  
16-David & Mary Skeen, Kristi & Bo Chitwood  
18-Tom & Laura Gorno  
20-Mike & Tina Lanier  
21-Denver & Janet Moses  
22-James & Lynda Kearns  
23-Don & Janice Esposito, David & Gail Walker  
25-Steve & Margaret Harris  
29-Bill & Debbie Sigmon, Matthew & Amanda Beanblossom  
30-Cleve & Stacy Crouse  
31-Scott & Beth Davis, Curtis & Sharon Beal, Craig & Johnnie Sigmon

**AUGUST Anniversaries**

1-Larry & Cathy Ward, Tony & Laura Vazquez, Richard & Karen Blount  
2-Paul & Vickie Mitchell  
4-Dan & Kim Sexton  
7-Page & Peggy Harrison  
8-Othell & Ava Lee Surratt, Craig & Gretchen Crouse, Dan & Laurie Briggs

**AUGUST Birthdays**

1-Lee Hinesley, Corby Steed, LaRue Cook, Emma Hinesley  
2-Gilbert Futrell, Melody Allen, DeLisa Garner  
3-Alana Zeitany, Jeanette Beanblossom, Hunter, Larsen and Madison Sigmon, James Sexton, Amanda Crouch, Steven Pleasants, Christy Simpson  
5-Zachary Lawson  
6-Khody Haneline, Carly Crouch, David Brookbank  
7-Jamie Ferrell  
8-Bobby Talbert, Stewart Grubb  
9-Lisa Cranford, Sarah Morris  
10-Anthony Pleasants, Lexi Baum, Camden Weaver, Joseph Johnson  
11-Janet Hill, Larry Ward  
12-Sawyer Surratt, Andrew Sexton, Jack Somers, Jennifer Beanblossom, Joann Bean  
13-Kitty King, Lily Everhart, Madison Ferrell, Daniel Tysinger, Chad Johnson  
14-Peggy Wilkins  
15-Laura Condrey, Camden Layne, Amanda Snider  
16-Louise Newsom, Eric Barbee  
17-Edward Myers, Lanie Hulin, Amy Richey  
18-Sherra Tysinger, Luke Richey, Cleve Crouse  
19-Mark Smith, Calvin Gallimore, Rachel Parker  
20-Donna Morris, Ashley Brower, Ray Kiser, Patricia May  
21-Reid Taylor  
22-Doug Everhart  
23-Savannah Stevenson, Thompson Skeen, Margaret Rowell, Betty Morris, Brantley Garner, Baxter Surratt, Jamie Flowers  
24-Brenda Burton, Renee Barbee, Daniel Whitlock, Curtis Alexander III, Ellie Baldwin, Jon Johnson  
25-Emma May Bean, Maci Draughn  
26-Jackie Smith, Leesa Kiser  
28-Jessica Bivens, Asher Ellis  
29-Susie Hubbard, Wayne Shuler  
30-Ginger Martin, David Walker, Teresa Stevenson, Maurice Rayburn  
31-Candace Shore, Stephen Johnson, Linda Davis, Sheila Nopanen, Zachary Lester  
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**AUGUST Anniversaries (contd.)**

9-Eric & Ginger Morris, Kelly & Gail Smith, Jack & Joan Briggs  
10-Al & Marie Penry  
11-Kevin & Shane Ingold  
13-Matthew & Ashley Kiser, Jeff & Susan Hulin  
14-Debbi & Sean Kennedy  
15-Jerry & Louise Dockham  
16-Doug & Pansy Hunt, Jim & Jody Futrell  
17-Mike & Donna Morris  
18-Jay & Denise Lanier, Dennis & Cheree Loflin  
20-Dason & Heather Hill  
21-Leroy & Betty Hinesley  
23-Kerry & Tanya Futrell-Gallimore, Eddie & Cathy Jackson  
28-James & Marianne Bowman  
29-Mark & Katherine Morris



Best Wishes to **Laura Futrell**  
in Africa....we miss your  
musical talents back home at  
Central UMC!



## **PRAISES & CELEBRATIONS**



**Happy Birthday Conrad!!**

### **Peter William Grimm IV**



**Parents:**  
Dr. Alexandra Zeitany and  
Peter William Grimm III

**Grandparents:**  
Marsha and David Gaither  
Raja Zeitany  
Wendy and Keith Jackson  
Peter Grimm Jr.

**Great-Grandparents:**  
Johnnie and Craig Sigmon  
Ronald Thorson  
Nancy and Peter Grimm Sr.

**Great-Great-Grandmother:**  
Edith Sigmon

# CHURCH NEWS



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