

The Vital Connection

Bi-Monthly Newsletter For
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

276 W. First Street, Denton, NC

September/October 2019

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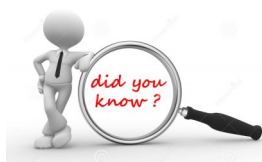
Words from Richard...

I want to thank Central United Methodist Church for the outpouring of love and support following my mother's death. It has been hard to take and I really appreciate the plant, the cards and gift cards my family has received. Thank you so very much.

Thank you also for your patience as I grieve the death of my mother. I am aware things have been a little rocky in worship with regards to when do we sit, and when do we stand. I am sorry. I am working on it. Worship is a place where I need to do a better job of having all of the "i"s dotted and the "t"s crossed so to speak. I am working on it and I appreciate your patience.

By God's Good Grace, Pastor Richard

Throughout this issue you will find this little guy giving helpful **DID YOU KNOW?** information. We hope you will read each one to better understand



any questions you may have, such as Changes to the Order of Worship. Much thought has been given to changing up a bit our order of worship, such as the offering coming after the sermon. There a couple of reasons for this change: 1) the offering should be an opportunity to respond to

the morning's message by asking ourselves, "How will my giving help to support this cause or fight that injustice? How will my giving help reach more people for Jesus? Am I doing my part; giving the full tithe, so that ministries of this church can do the work I expect them to do?" and 2) the offertory music after the sermon provides the choir a break between the anthem and the offertory, which can be a little tough to sing the selections when they fall back to back. Plus, change can be good sometimes, so why shouldn't we give it a try... (Isaiah 43:19)

NOTE:

November / December

Deadline for News & Pictures

October 27, 2019

email to cumc@triad.twcbc.com

Sunday Undies



in SEPTEMBER

The campaign "SUNDAY UN-DIES" in September will provide newly purchased items and will be distributed to Denton Elementary

School. Please donate only new items.

"Sunday Undies" will be collected throughout the month of September!

Monetary donations are also accepted: checks may be made payable to Central UMW "Sunday Undies" in memo. For more info, contact any UMW member or call the church office.

FALL INTO SOCKTOBER!



Gearing up for SOCKTOBER Month in October!

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

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



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

UWHARRIE DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Several UMW ladies represented Central UMC at the Annual Conference held in August at Bethany UMC in Lexington. Uwharrie President did a fabulous job as well as all of the Uwharrie District officers. Central UMW donated 19 Agape shoe-boxes, a ministry to the children of Armenia, as

part of the mission to support underprivileged children in other countries.

Mark your calendar for the next meeting to be held on September 3rd 7pm in the UMW room and October 1st at 6:30pm at Mt. Vista for our Outreach October meeting with members and guests residing at Mt. Vista. Everyone is encouraged to bring a refreshment to be shared among those in attendance.

The UMW and UMM joined together to present Rev. Blount with liturgical stoles in August in celebration of his ordainment into the Methodist ministry. Congratulations Rev. Richard.



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!



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

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.

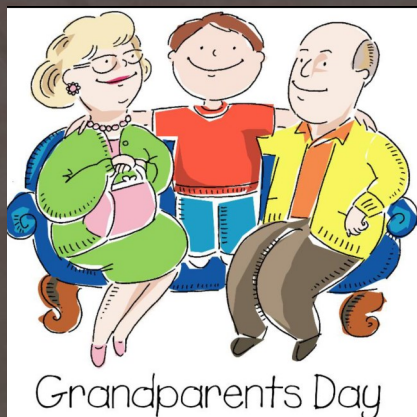


Central UMM will meet on September 8th and October 13th for their monthly UMM Breakfast and fellowship meetings. All men of the church are invited for this fellowship gathering.

Why does the choir enter down the aisles at the beginning of worship every Sunday?

The hour of worship should never be a spectator sport; it is important that everyone in the pews take part in worship and that includes singing! When the choir enters from the back, more people in the pews are joining in to raise their voices to sing praises to God. How glorious is that? The choir enters by way of the side aisles to the back prior to the announcements as it is easier than walking outside around the building or walking underneath. Let us all join together and rejoice as one! (Psalm 81:1-2)





Celebrate
Grandparents Day
by bringing them to
Church on
Sunday, September 8

Admin Council
& Charge
Conference
Sunday,
September 29
12:15 pm in Youth Room



You're Invited....Bring the family!!!

Central UMC, Denton

COMMUNITY DINNER

Hamburgers, with fix-
ings, drinks & home-
made deserts!!!!

Don't miss out!



Food Pantry Bags for families will be available!

Thursday, September 5, 2019

Meals served from 5-7 pm

Central UMC Fellowship Hut

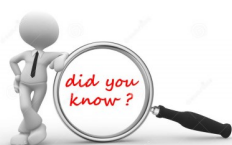
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*All members of the community are invited to
enjoy food and fellowship!*

Future Event: Pre-Thanksgiving Meal—Thursday, November 21—
Central UMC Hut

DENTON STREET FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 7—DOWNTOWN DENTON

Bi-Weekly Staff Meetings are conducted every two weeks between your pastor, lay leader, choir director, children's ministry director and the church secretary. In addition to reviewing past events and planning for future events, like Order of Service, it is priority to them that the prayer list be reviewed and updates be discussed on each person listed. Lastly, they pray for each person listed on the prayer list...one by one. (James 5:15)



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 2, 2019!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

October 7
1—6:00pm
Central UMC Hut



Wednesday
October 23
12:00—1:00
Central Hut

Police Chief
Mark Sink

Safety during the holidays!



DON'T FORGET
Fall Back on
November 3, 2019



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.

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)**



Get involved with Scouting Programs at Central UMC!

Girl Scouts—Contact Carol Boice @ 252-670-4341
Cub Scouts—Sunday, September 8 at 2:00
Boy Scouts—Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00

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Believers Learning and Sharing Together

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!

The Central UMC Youth had an awesome time at Blue Water Pool in August.....what better way than to end the summer than a splash in the pool one last time before school starts! See Page 7 for more fun pictures!



EXCITING NEWS!!!

**Children's Ministry Intern
Coming Soon!**



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.**



CONFIRMATION CLASS 2019—Central UMC and First/Canaan UMC



This year's confirmation class includes eager students ready to learn more about Christ and how to live and grow in Christian faith and love. Look for their new shirts expected to arrive soon...wish them lots of luck and encouragement on their journey!



Welcome to Preschool!

**Preschool
Open
House
Popsicles
on the
Play-
ground**

**August
27!**



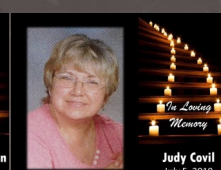
Central UMC Preschool opened on Tuesday, September 3, for the new school year. This year there are 14 eager students excited to be a part of Ms. Crouse and Ms. Talbert's class! Be on the look out for the appearance of the preschool's scarecrows on the walking trail near the end of September!



Members of the Church Council and Preschool Committee are looking into a grant to help us get new playground equipment in the coming months? God's work is happening behind the scenes even when we may not realize it! Let's work together! (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

HOMECOMING 2019—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 25, 2019.



Sunday Worship Leaders — September and October

USHERS & GREETERS

SEPTEMBER

Bill and Debbie Sigmon

OCTOBER

Wilson Carter & Randall King

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sept. 1: Pastor Blount

Sept. 8: Rick Phillips

Sept. 15: Beth Ligon

Sept. 22: Andy Morris

Sept. 29: Bill Sigmon

Oct. 6: Pastor Blount

Oct. 13: Beth Ligon

Oct. 20:

Oct. 27: Cathy Ward

LAY READERS

Sept. 1: Richard Wilson

Sept. 8: Randall King

Sept. 15: Nancy Sexton

Sept. 22: Rick Phillips

Sept. 29: Tina Lanier

Oct. 6: Debbie Sigmon

Oct. 13: Carter Burns

Oct. 20: Brenda James

Oct. 27: Kathy Baum

ACOLYTES

Sept. 1: Olivia Parker

Sept. 8: Caris Baldwin

Sept. 15: Landon Lester

Sept. 22: Karsyn Layne

Sept. 29: Noah Smith

Oct. 6: Deacon Jones

Oct. 13: Hayden

Chapman

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept. 1: Beanblossom Family

Sept. 8: Wilson Carter

Sept. 15: OPEN

Sept. 22: Andy and Sarah Morris

Sept. 29: Tom and Barbara Reebel

Oct. 6: Chuck and Debbie Crouch

Oct. 13: Scott Morris

Oct. 20: Ann and Austin Cook

Oct. 27: OPEN

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

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

July 7: \$3,331.00

July 14: 3,058.67

July 21: 3,211.27

July 28: 3,505.00

Aug. 4: 3,052.00

Aug. 11: 5,359.00

Aug. 18: 2,396.00

Aug. 25: 5,143.46

NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

Scholarship \$ 150.00

Budget \$ 500.00

Pre-School \$ 380.00

Food Pantry \$ 100.00

Choir \$ 650.00

Missions \$ 200.00

BLAST \$275.00

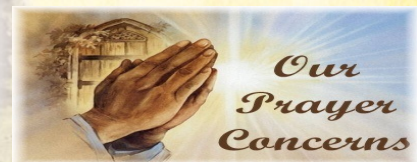


The Trustees Committee and volunteers have made several improvements within our church: cleaned carpets in parlor and pre-school, installed new bulbs

throughout the church and youth room, and relocated pews within sanctuary to allow for ADA needs. (Ephesians 2:19-22)

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>SS</u>
July 7	82	28
July 14	84	26
July 21	87	22
July 28	81	29
Aug. 4	77	15
Aug. 11	94	27
Aug. 18	76	29
Aug. 25	159	28



CHURCH MEMBERS

DeLisa Garner, Dick Getz, Ginger

Martin, Addie Phillips, Ed

Roberson, Craig Sigmon

MOUNTAIN VISTA

Bob Craven Rm #68

Margaret Hunt Rm #108

George Tillotson Rm #89

Peggy Wilkins Rm #76

PIEDMONT CROSSING

Ramona M. Cranford

TAYLOR GLENN, CONCORD

Jerrie Lomax

Abbott's Creek, Lexington

Betty Gobble

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
- 27—Margaret Harris, Genie Russell
- 29—Taylor Bean
- 30—Jay Stone

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

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 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
Larry and Cathy
Ward
on their
50th Wedding
Anniversary

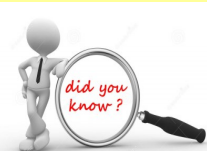


If you have a Celebration or Praise you'd like to share with your church family, whether it is an engagement, wedding, birth announcement or special event, let us hear from you! Simply email church secretary at cumc@triad.twcba.com

Summer Highlights



God encourages us to take care of our brethren while following the word of the Lord. Let us remember the importance of maintaining the connection with our fellow man to ensure a thriving community.



(1 Corinthians 1:10)



Central UMC Welcomes YOU!



For everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose
under the heaven:

Ecclesiastes 3:1

**Visit us
today!**

**You'll be
glad you
did...and
so will
GOD!**

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