

The Vital Connection

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

276 W. First Street, Denton, NC

January/February 2020

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11

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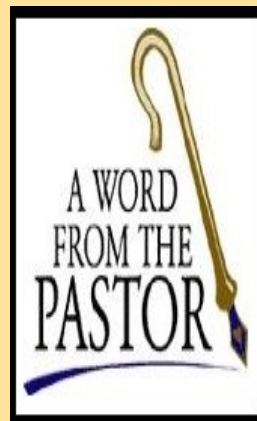
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Christmas 2019
Highlights

Let's All Be "Somebody" in 2020

Have you ever felt like a nobody? Have you ever felt like the least likely person in the room to be asked to do something great or important? Have you ever been told you are too young? Have you ever been told you are too old? Have you ever been told you are just a Nobody, and you ought to sit down and be quiet? I have, and I have come to take it as a compliment. The reason I can take it as a compliment is because when we read Scripture it is exactly the nobodies God used to do great and wonderful things. David was the least of his father's children (1 Samuel 16:1-13). Jeremiah was too young to be a prophet (Jeremiah 1:4-10). The elders of Israel deemed Samuel to be too old to be of use any more (1 Samuel 8:1-9). John the Baptist was just a crazy guy living out in the woods (Matthew 3:1-12). However, God used these Nobodies, to raise Israel up into a God honoring nation, to correct Israel when she had gone astray, to serve Israel as her prophet and Judge, and to proclaim to the world about the Somebody who would save us all. God uses nobodies to tell the world to focus on the only Somebody who really matters. Do you feel like a nobody? Don't worry. You are in good company. By God's Good Grace, *Pastor Richard*



*'Cause I'm just a nobody trying to tell everybody
All about Somebody who saved my soul
Ever since You rescued me, You gave my heart a song to sing
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus!*

Source: LyricFind

Songwriters: Mark John Hall / Bernie Herms / Matthew Joseph West

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Community Dinners—Huge Success in 2019!



**Next Community
Dinner Event
Thursday
January 30th
5:00—7:00 pm**

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



**OPEN INVITATION
TO ALL WOMEN
IN THE CHURCH AND
COMMUNITY!**

The UMW of Central United meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the UMW Room downstairs. ALL Women are invited to come fellowship as women with a purpose in our church and community. Each month UMW provides desserts to the Open Hands Ministry, fills food bags for the Central Food Pantry, and in December collected over 50 toys for Toys for Town. Great fellowship was had by all who attended the UMW Christmas party in December. Join us today, you're sure to feel spiritually uplifted. (Meetings may be held at a member's home if they choose to host, but not required.) Join us, bring a friend.



**Bare Altar
Sunday 2019—**

Great Thanks to all who donated food to the Church Pantry. Items are collected throughout the year and may be placed at the Pantry Door, or church office.



Jingle Jeans & Holiday Hoodies 2019

2019 Mission Gifts received totaled \$2,010 to be divided between the Denton Elementary School (Lunch program) and the Community Dinner.

CHRISMAS FELLOWSHIP 2019

Women with a Purpose...faith, hope, and love in action!



UNITED METHODIST MEN
All Men are invited to attend UMM Meetings held on the Second Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the hut. January 12th and February 9th

Great fellowship with one another!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

January 12—Take down decorations following worship. Volunteers are needed

January 13—Safe Sanctuary training at 6:30 p.m.



Girl Scouts Meet Every Other Saturday at 3:00 p.m. in Downstairs Fellowship Hall. Contact Church Office for exact dates.



January 19- - Special Recognition Sunday

Join us for a special recognition service honoring a special member of our congregation. The Choir and congregation will be singing some of

this person's "old time" favorite hymns. Be sure to join us for this Special Recognition Sunday!

Shrove Tuesday, February 25

Ash Wednesday, February 26



ACOLYTE TRAINING

Contact Beth Ligon if interested in learning more about this young servant leadership!



UMW Blood Drive

Monday—February 3 from 2:00—6:30 pm

In celebration of Heart Month, donors will be able to donate in memory or in Honor of family members affected by the heart complications. Give e the Gift!



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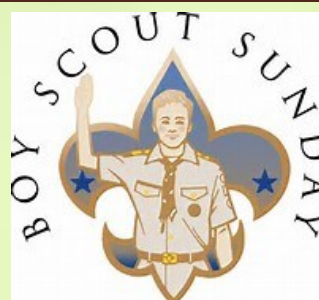
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Next Lunch and Learn will be in February - Heart Month. Watch the bulletin for the date.



Next Meeting Sunday, February 2, 12:15 p.m. in Youth Room



Join us for
SCOUT SUNDAY

**Sunday, February 9
11:00 a.m.
Morning Worship**



If you or someone you know is interested in working 17.5 hours per week from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00—Monday through Friday, this may be an opportunity for you!

Administrative Assistant/Secretary

Contact Church Office for more information or to pick up a copy of the Job Description

Nursery Worker position also available for Sunday mornings— Contact Ann Crouse for more information



Believers Learning and Sharing Together

B.L.A.S.T. Youth between the ages of 6th—12th are encouraged to attend Sunday School. 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!*

Christmas Parade 2019—Central UMC Youth Gingerbread House!



2019 Central UMC Confirmands



Outreach Stocking Campaign

Little Miss Denton and Miss Denton—2019

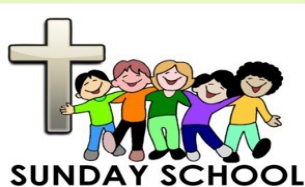
109 Stockings were filled for the Residents of Mt. Vista! Way to go girls!



K- 5TH NEWS

Children ages Kindergarten to 5th Grade meet each Sunday morning at 10:00 There's always snacks, crafts, and a bible lesson.

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



Central Preschool had a joyful Christmas party.

This bunch of cute 3,4, and 5 year olds entertained their parents and grandparents on December 19th followed by cookies and punch. Pre-School resumes on Tuesday, January 7th.

Special thanks to Ms. Crouse and Ms. Talbert for all of their love during the Christmas Season.

Sunday Worship Leaders — January and February, 2020

GREETERS & USHERS

JANUARY

Curt and Amy Richey
Hailey Calhoun

FEBRUARY

Dale and Glenda Futrell

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jan. 5: Rev. Blount
Jan. 12: Tina Lanier
Jan. 17: Beth Ligon
Jan. 24: Rick Phillips
Feb. 2: Rev. Blount
Feb. 9: Larry Ward
Feb. 16: Debbie Sigmon
Feb. 23: Ann Crouse

LAY READERS

Jan. 5: Cathy Ward
Jan. 12: Youth
Jan. 19: Richard Wilson
Jan. 26: Addie Nopanen
Feb. 2: Randall King
Feb. 9: Stewart Sexton
Feb. 16: Brenda James
Feb. 23: Andy Morris

ACOLYTES

Jan. 5: Deacon Jones
Jan. 12: Hayden Chapman
Jan. 19: Ellie Baldwin
Jan. 26: Olivia Parker
Feb. 2: Joseph Calhoun
Feb. 9: Deena Chapman
Feb. 16: Zach Lester
Feb. 23: Jayda Rocchi

CROSS BEARER

Jan. 5: Carter Burns
Jan. 12: Joseph Smith
Jan. 19: Randall King
Jan. 26: Richard Wilson
Feb. 2: Casey Calhoun
Feb. 9: Bill Sigmon
Feb. 16: Logan Lester
Feb. 23: Austin Calhoun

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan. 5: Larry & LaRue Cook
Jan. 12: OPEN
Jan. 19: OPEN
Jan. 26: Janice Baldwin
Feb. 2: Wilson Carter
Feb. 9: Gilbert & Nancy Futrell
Feb. 16: Gladys Decker
Feb. 23: OPEN

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

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Nov 3	\$6,105.00
Nov. 10	\$4,685.76
Nov. 17	\$5,295.00
Nov. 24	\$2,221.00
Dec. 1	\$6,477.00
Dec. 8	\$4,471.00
Dec. 15	\$2,153.00
Dec. 22	\$4,271.00
Dec. 29	\$8,284.00

NON BUDGET RECEIVED

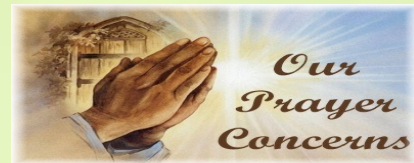
Poinsettias	\$119.00
BBQ	\$575.00
Choir Fund	\$135.00
Mission Wreath	\$2,010.00
BLAST	\$700.00
Harris Class Child	\$114.00
Jeans & Hoodies	\$250.00
Local Missions	\$200.00
Heifer Project	\$200.00
Pre-School	\$100.00

Lead Apostles' Creed

Jan. 5: Margaret Harris
Jan. 12:
Jan. 19: Vickie Brown
Jan. 26: Addie Nopanen
Feb. 2: Randall King
Feb. 9: Carter Burns
Feb. 16: Mike James
Feb. 23: Buddy Sexton

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>SS</u>
Nov. 3	91	18
Nov. 10	80	19
Nov. 17	110	19
Nov. 24	75	22
Dec. 1	102	27
Dec. 8	85	26
Dec. 15	96	23
Dec. 22	124	7
Dec. 29	61	20



CHURCH MEMBERS

Danny Burton, DeLisa Garner,
Dick Getz, Betty Hinesley, LeRoy
and Betty Hinesley, Edith
Johnson, James Kearns, Ginger
Martin, Rick and Addie Phillips,
Craig Sigmon, Ava Lee Surratt,
Richard Wilson

MOUNTAIN VISTA

Joan Briggs	RM #206
Bob Craven	Rm #68
Margaret Hunt	Rm #108
George Tillotson	Rm #89
Peggy Wilkins	Rm #109

Piedmont Crossing, Thomasville

Ramona M. Cranford

Taylor Glen, Concord

Jerrie Lomax

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

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

January Birthdays

2-Dick Johnson, Jean Bulakowski,
Chad Montgomery
3-Hannah Parker, Jody Futrell
4-Barbara Hogan, Wendy Caudle,
Miranda Snider, Crissie Cabrera
5-Cathy Calhoun, Austin Pleasants,
Beverly Poist, Dylan Gallimore, Trey Hammond
6-Hayden Morris, Tyler Simpson
7-Carter Terrell
8-Wes Taylor
10-Shannan Rieger, Sam Nelson, Chuck Crouch
11-Kevin Ingold, Camden Stone,
12-Fletcher Gallimore, Keith Jackson, Daniel Sexton,
David Gaither
13-Gavin Walton, Cindy Lomax, She Woodard,
Johnathon Skeen, Deborah Behrens
14-Nan Parker
15-Joan Briggs, Angie Loftin
17-Danny Carroll, Joseph Smith
19-Betty Hinesley
20-Anna Somers, Amber Crouch, Makayla Crouch
21-Richard Good, Celia Sexton
22-Save Harris
23-Trey Baldwin, McKay Luther
24-Vickie Mitchell, Ginger Somers
25-Amy Conner
26-Ashley McKinney, Harper Ligon, William Clark,
Norman Hubbard
27-Koby Markham, Madelyn Bircher
28-Georgianna Bircher
29-Branson O'Hara
30-Yuliya Skeen, Summer Bivens
31-Connie Sexton, Ava Mitchell, Cameron Ligon



February Birthdays

1-Louise Dockham, Emma Bivens, Adam Crouch,
Christina Gentile
2-Blair Luther, Paul Mitchell, Kaitlin Morris
3-Ben Futrell, Elwood Calhoun
4-Sandi Johnson, Ashlyn Futrell
5-John Alexander, Josh Smith
6-Scotty Morris, Butch Poist, Amber Conner,
Landon Harris
7-Kimberly Sexton
8-Barbara Judy, Michelle Whitlock, Matt Baldwin
9-Emalyn Kiser, Savannah Spencer, Robyn Loftin
10-David Skeen, Debbie Morris, Katie Clark
11-Kathy Baum, Jacob Ellis
12-Monnie Frank, Lib Sexton, Will Mitchell
13-Joanna Stone, Tonya Sullins,
Debbie McKinney, Andrew Everhart
14-Lynn Morris, Sharon Beal, Carmen Everhart,
Lily Alexander, Isabella Ellis, Jessa & Joey
Caberera
15-Roger Calhoun, Krystan Terrell, Nicholas Sofia,
Cindy Baldwin. Allen Johnson
16-Curt Richey, Shirley Baucom, Stephanie
Lomax, Page Harrison, Caroline Clark
17-Bob Craven, Abbey Bowman, Molly Linker,
Roger Blake, Andrea Linthicum
19-Joan Hammond, Paige Terrell, Carol Beck
20-Amy Everhart, Jeremy Morris, Colton Terrell,
Kirsten Watkins
21-Lynnsay Sexton, David May, Haven Rocchi,
Theresa Munyon, Jerrie Lomax, Landon Lester
22-Carter Burns, Courtney Behrens, Sara Lanier
23-Gatlin Crouch, Carrie Crouse,
Elizabeth Russell, Tom Beanblossom
24-Teresa Brewer, Ginger Morris, Debbie Kennedy
25-Charles Rowell, Erin Joyce
26-Marsha Gaither, Gary Lanier, Addie Futrell
27-Isaiah Lawson, Emmitt Crouch
28-Chip Futrell, Jodie Briggs, Addie Grubb

January Anniversaries

3-Charles & Sherry Garner
9-Johnathon & Melissa Skeen
13-Austin & Ann Cook
19-Nathan & Amanda Crouch



February Anniversaries

6-David & Courtney Hedrick
13-Kim & Gay Markham
19-Mike & Jamie Ferrell
20-Nathan & Shawna Kinley
25-Lawrence & Bobbie Ridge
26-Earl & Louise Caulder

PRAISES AND CELEBRATIONS



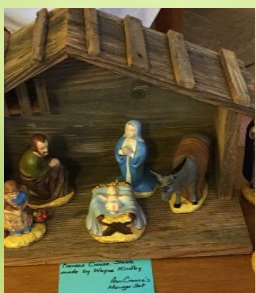
Congratulations to Cathy Ward on receiving the 2019 Laity Servant Award for Central UMC!

Cathy's accomplishments will be reviewed by the District Laity Award Committee. Congratulations Cathy!

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 newsletter information to centralumcdenton@triad.twcbc.com

Christmas 2019 Highlights





Start your year
off on the
right
TRACK . . .
in church!
Stop in for a
visit at
Central UMC
in 2020!

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