

# The Vital Connection

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

CENTRAL UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

*Bi-Monthly  
Newsletter*

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276 W. First Street, Denton, NC

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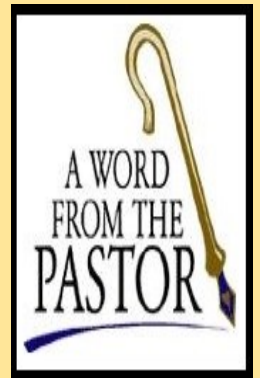
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It is the season of Lent. Lent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord; the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Beginning with Ash Wednesday we look for ways to leave behind all of the burdens and chains which hinder us from drawing closer to the Lord. Deuteronomy 6:5 tells us to, "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." This is true all year round, but it is especially true during the season of Lent.

During the season of Lent we will be spending time on Sunday morning's talking about what it means to be in God's presence and to spend time in holy spaces. Why are the symbols of our worship so important and how do they help us to draw closer to the Lord? I invite you to join me in spending some time between now and Easter morning considering what keeps us from drawing closer to the Lord on a more regular basis. If you are feeling far from God, then perhaps it is time to ask the question, "which one of you moved?"



*By God's Good Grace, Pastor Richard*

## NOTE:

**May & June Newsletter**

Deadline for News & Pictures

April 28, 2020

email to [cumc@triad.twcbc.com](mailto:cumc@triad.twcbc.com)



## COMMUNITY DINNERS 2020



### Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, March 26  
Thursday, May 14  
Thursday, July 30  
Thursday, September 24  
Tuesday, November 17



All dinners will be held from 5 to 7 pm

## 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. All women are invited to attend this fun event. This fundraiser will substitute for the program. Who will be the lucky winner of the UMW White Elephant? We look forward to seeing new faces in 2020. Join us!

### NEW AND RETURNING OFFICERS INDUCTED FOR 2020

Tina Lanier—President; Debbie Sigmon-Vice President; Margaret Harris-Secretary; Glenda Futrell-Vice Secretary; Ann Cook-Treasurer; Member, Nurture, and Outreach—Peggy Marshall; Communications—Tina Lanier; Mission Education and Interpretation Report—Mary Skeen; Program Resources and District Updates—Cathy Ward; Social Action Adalyn Nopanen; Spiritual Growth—Joann Harrold; Nominations Committee - Vicky Brown. Congratulations to all of these dedicated members. **Next Meetings: March 3 & April 7**



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.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was held on February 25. Special thanks to all cooks and volunteers who assisted in this traditional fun event.



### UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m. Join In...March 8th and April 12th.



Lunch N Learn held in February for Heart Month. Stay tuned for future announcements for the next event.



### Church Family Recognition

Conrad Harrold was recognized by his church family and Sunday School class for many years of dedication to his Church (UMM, Sunday Class and Choir)! Shown here with his personalized afghan. Blessings to you, Conrad!





THE SOUTH DAVIDSON MISSIONAL NETWORK  
WELCOMES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO JOIN US!

## 2020 Lenten Services

Hosted by the South Davidson Missional Network

### Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday At Noon - FUMC

Rev. Richard Gould To Preach

Wednesday Evening - Pleasant Grove UMC

Rev. Sandy Young To Preach

#### - DONATIONS ACCEPTED -

All the proceeds from the collection plate will go to provide food to the poor and working poor in Denton and Silver Valley.

**ALL Lenten Lunches will be held at First United Methodist Church.**

#### 2020 Lenten Lunches

Ash Wednesday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

#### Preacher

Richard Gould (Sandy)  
Richard Blount  
Steve Phillipi  
Richard Smith  
Cathy Ward  
Dennis Sheppard  
Brad Treece

#### Scripture

Father Forgive Them  
Verify I Say, Thou Shall Be In Paradise  
Women Behold Thy Son, Thy Mother  
My God, My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken  
I Thirst  
It Is Finished  
Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit

SUNDAY, MARCH 8



Next Meeting  
12:15 p.m.  
Sunday, April 5  
In the Youth  
Room



April 9 - Noon at First UMC



April 10— 7pm Central UMC

Sunday, April 5—11:00 Palm Sunday and Palming of the Cross  
Friday, April 10—12:00 Noon Good Friday Cross Walk  
Sunday, April 12—7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Town Cemetery  
Sunday, April 12—10:30 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 12. Price is \$16.00  
each. Order deadline—Monday, April 6.

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ Amt \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Bring your little ones to the  
**ANNUAL EASTER EGG  
HUNT—APRIL 12**  
9:45—10:30  
**CHURCH GROUNDS**



## Easter Egg-stravaganza

When: **Saturday, April 4**

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)**







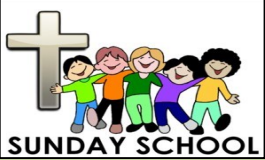
## Believers Learning and Sharing Together

### 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!*



## K- 5TH CLASS

Join the Children's SS Class (ages from K-5 grades) as they learn about Jesus.  
Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Central UMC Preschool Class loves having a parent or grandparent come to read to the class on their birthdays! Ricky G read to class for Audrey's birthday on February 27th! Happy Birthday, Audrey!



## Upcoming Easter Activities

### Church Cake Walk at Harrison Park

Sat., April 4 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 12 at 9:45 am on church grounds.

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



## Mark Your Calendars!

VBS 2020

Saturday, August 1 from 10-2



# Sunday Worship Leaders — March and April, 2020

## USHERS

### MARCH

Roger and Beth Ligon

### APRIL

Tom & Jeanette Beanblossom

## CHILDREN'S TIME

March 1: Rev. Blount

March 8: Debbie Sigmon

March 15: Beth Ligon

March 22: Larry Ward

March 29: Laura Walton

April 5: Rev. Blount

April 12: Ann Crouse

April 19: Vickie Brown

April 26: Rick Phillips

## LAY READERS

March 1: Carter Burns

March 8: Addie Futrell

March 15: Debbie Crouch

March 22: Cathy Ward

March 29: Margaret Harris

April 5: Randall King

April 12: Mike James

April 19: Debbie Sigmon

April 26: Tina Lanier

## ACOLYTES

March 1: Karsyn Layne

March 18: Noah Smith

March 15: Caris Baldwin

March 22: UMW Sunday

March 29: Deacon Jones

April 5: Hayden Chapman

April 12: Karsyn Layne

April 19: Jayda Rocchi

April 26: Zach Lester

## ALTAR FLOWERS

March 1: OPEN

March 8: OPEN

March 15: Margaret Harris

March 22: UMWomen

March 29: Chuck Crouch

April 5: Palms

April 12: Easter Lilies

April 19: JoAnn Harrold

April 26: OPEN

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

## OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Jan. 5 \$5,413.00

Jan. 12 \$4,572.00

Jan. 19 \$2,433.00

Jan. 26 \$2,302.00

Feb. 2 \$6,604.00

Feb. 9 \$4,933.81

Feb. 16 \$2,762.25

Feb. 26 \$3,043.00

## NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

Harris Class Child \$ 34.00

Local Missions \$200.00

Choir Fund \$ 50.00

Food Pantry \$775.00

BLAST Youth \$ 25.00

Scholarship \$100.00

DES Field Trips \$100.00

## ATTENDANCE

### Worship

### SS

Jan. 5 94 26

Jan. 12 82 25

Jan. 19 93 24

Jan. 26 83 16

Feb. 2 97 30

Feb. 9 127 28

Feb. 16 82 20

Feb. 23 86 23



## CHURCH

### MEMBERS

Danny Burton, Nancy Futrell, DeLisa Garner, Dick Getz, Conrad & JoAnne Harrold, LeRoy and Betty Hinesley, Edith Johnson, Ginger Martin, Addie Phillips, Craig Sigmon, Ava Lee Surratt

### MOUNTAIN VISTA

Joan Briggs Rm #206

Bob Craven Rm #68

George Tillotson Rm #89

Peggy Wilkins Rm #82

### Taylor Glen, Concord

Jerrie Lomax

## LEAD APOSTLES' CREED

March 1: Richard Wilson

March 8: Bill Sigmon

March 15: Randall King

March 22: Cathy Ward

March 29: Debbie Sigmon

April 5: Cathy Ward

April 12: Brenda James

April 19: Tom Beanblossom

April 26: Andy Morris

## CROSS BEARER

March 1: Randall King

March 8: Joseph Smith

March 15: Carter Burns

March 22: Richard Wilson

March 29: Casey Calhoun

April 5: Bill Sigmon

April 12: Carter Burns

April 19: Austin Calhoun

April 26: Logan Lester

## 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-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
- 25-Laura Walton, Steven Clark
- 26-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
- 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

## JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 2020



### **PRaises AND CELEBRATIONS**



### **New Staff at Central UMC WELCOME**

Nickolas Brewster, Central UMC Accompanist, joined us in November, 2019. Nick graduated from the NC School of Arts in 2019 and is currently enrolled in graduate school.

Tonya Marion, Central UMC Administrative Assistant/Secretary joined us March 2, 2020. Tonya resides in Denton and is a CPR First Responder, former Asheboro Police Officer/Detective, and more recently drove a school bus for Denton Elementary for 6 years.

Welcome Nick and Tonya to our Church family!



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*For information on church calendar events, visit  
Central's website at [www.centralumcdenton.com](http://www.centralumcdenton.com)*

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