

The Vital Connection

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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NOTE: July & August Newsletter

Deadline for News & Pictures

June 29, 2020

Psalms 116:12 says, “What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?”

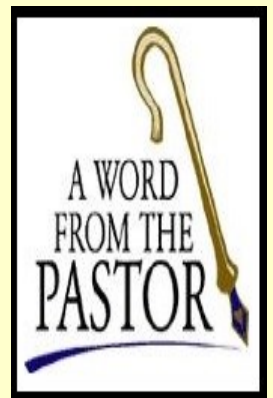
Aint nothin' over till it's over

Rocky Balboa once said, “Aint nothin' over till it's over.” With the news about states starting to reopen their economies and Governor Roy Cooper easing out a plan for North Carolina to reopen in phases, I am wondering if the same can be said about the Corona virus. Is Covid-19 really over? Has the outbreak really crested here in North Carolina? Will this respiratory pandemic be back in the fall even worse than it is now because of our active flu seasons? I keep hearing the medical professionals say the threat of Covid-19 will not be over until we have a vaccine. So maybe Rocky was right; “Aint nothin' over till it's over.”

In our staff devotion we recently read Exodus 14:21-31. It is the story of the parting of the Red Sea, and the defeat of the Egyptian army. Our God truly is an awesome God. Our God is not a parent who spares their children from all harm so as to spoil them. Our God rescues us from harm because God has a plan and a purpose for our lives. When the Israelites were sent into exile, God sent this message through the prophet Jeremiah, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11). God has a plan for us. God has a plan for our church.

I wonder if God is using this time in the spring as test and preparation for the time to come in the fall. I believe we are meant to use the time we have today to prepare for heaven everlasting. How are we doing the same with our time of social distancing today? How might our social distancing today prepare us for what is to come this fall? How is the work we are doing today preparing us for God's purpose for our church in the future? Perhaps it is simply to remind us of this, “The Church is in the world to save the world. It is a tool of God for that purpose; not a comfortable religious club established in fine historical premises.” (Evelyn Underhill, Selections from the Writings of Evelyn Underhill).

By God's Good Grace, *Pastor Richard Blount*





Special Thanks to all who helped make the Spring Break Food for Children such a huge successful Church Family outreach! By the end of the week, 250 food bags had been distributed, along with extra food, and of course more than 70 bags of school supplies. Special thanks to Daniel Gillis (Lowe's Foods assistant manager) and Rick Helms (manager) for partnering with us to procure the essential food items and placing the items in bags for us each morning. Thank you Lowe's Foods of Denton for stepping up to feed the hungry in our area.



OUTREACH MINISTRIES



UMW CONTINUES TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE THROUGH THEIR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTFULNESS!



Due to Covid-19, the

UMW at CUMC was unable to meet during the months of April and May. But Covid-19 hasn't stopped them and their mission to help others.



COVID-19 DOESN'T STOP CENTRAL UMC FROM SERVING OTHERS!

CENTRAL UMC REACHES OUT AGAIN AND AGAIN!



The UMW Sisters joined the South Davidson Missional Network in remembering the staff and patients at Mt. Vista Health Park by supplying baskets filled with treats that will be refilled weekly. Central UMW was asked to provide snacks for the staff and without hesitation, they were flocked with volunteers.

Special thanks to Glenda Futrell for donating the baskets to be refilled each week and to all of the ladies who have volunteered to help with this much needed recognition.

Congratulations to Nancy Sexton won the white elephant for 2020! The ladies had a great time while raising funds for local missions.

The UMW also recognized Linda Davis for her many years of service with a basket of flowers and gift card delivered to her on her last day. Best wishes, on your retirement!



Last but certainly not least, the UMW ladies ordered flowers to be delivered to each of the lovely ladies at Mt. Vista for Mother's Day. Special thanks to Margaret Harris and Glenda Futrell for overseeing this recognition again this year!



WE'RE HERE TO HELP DURING COVID-19

Central UMC, Denton

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD PANTRY BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THOSE IN NEED !



Thursday, May 14, 2020

from 5-7 pm (or until all bags are given out)

Central UMC Fellowship Hut

276 West First Street, Denton

1 BAG per FAMILY OF 4,

2 BAGS per FAMILY OF MORE THAN 4.

NOTE: FUTURE COMMUNITY DINNER DATES:
July 30
September 24
November 17

Vehicles should enter from Bingham Street and drive to front of church hut, volunteers will be present to help you. All health and safety precautions will be adhered to.

Sunday Worship Leaders — May and June, 2020

USHERS & GREETERS -TBD

CHILDREN'S TIME -TBD

LAY READERS-TBD

ACOLYTES-TBD

APOSTLES CREED-TBD

ALTAR FLOWERS-TBD

CROSS BEARER-TBD

ALTAR FLOWERS-TBD

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

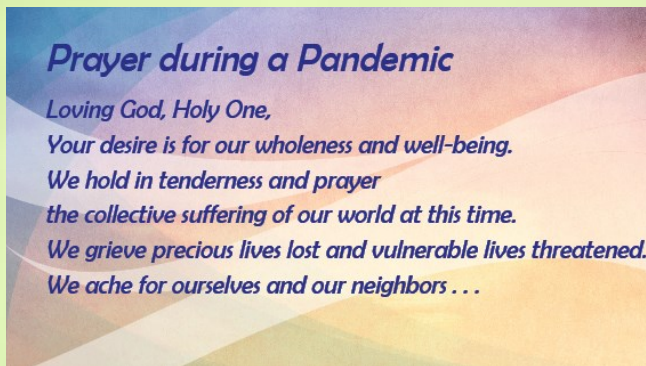
Mar. 1	\$6,869.00
Mar. 8	\$3,902.00
Mar. 15	\$1,260.00
Mar. 22	\$1,840.00
Mar. 29	\$4,191.00
Apr. 5	\$5,225.00
Apr. 12	\$13,520.00
Apr. 19	\$2,450.00
Apr. 26	\$3,170.00

NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

Harris Class Child—\$46.00
Local Missions-\$200.00

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>SS</u>
Mar. 1	88	26
Mar. 8	90	23



MOUNTAIN VISTA

Bob Craven	Rm #68
George Tillotson	Rm #89
Peggy Wilkins	Rm #82
Betty Gobble	Rm#76
Louise Rogers	Rm#78
Edith Sigmon	Rm#79
Helen Loftin	Rm#94
Pat Nicolia	Rm#101
Evelyn Lewis	Rm#65-2
Geneva Swaringen	Rm#52-1
Genevieve Jackson	Rm#108-2
Jeanette Stratas	Rm#64-1

PIEDMONT CROSSING

Ramona M. Cranford

TAYLOR GLEN, CONCORD

Jerrie Lomax

MILITARY

Brian Sexton, Ryan Smithling
Vernon Tysinger

Through It All...
...He Lives!!!
Easter Sunday 2020



Special Thanks to Andy and Sarah Morris for decorating the altar and flowering the cross in remembrance of Jesus Christ's resurrection on this sacred Easter Sunday. Also, special thanks to Blair Burns for capturing a beautiful picture of the church and cross while walking on Easter Sunday evening.
Our doors may temporarily be closed, but our hearts are always open!



And just like that...they're off to Kindergarten!



"For I know the PLANS
I have for you"
declares the LORD
"plans to PROSPER you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE."
Jeremiah 29:11



Samantha Ingold—Class of 2020 South Davidson High School. Parents Kevin & Shane Ingold. Grandparents Mike & Genie Russell.



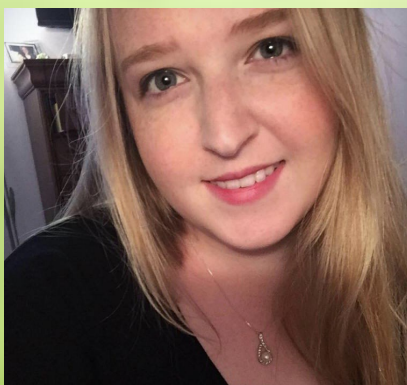
Summer Cook— Class of 2020, Hickory Ridge High School. Grandparents are Austin & Ann Cook.



Hunter Sigmon—Master of Architecture. UNC-Charlotte. Daughter of Bill & Debbie Sigmon.



Cylie Cabrera—Class of 2020, Voyager Academy, Durham, NC. Grandparents Esko & Adalyn Nopanen.



Lena Hageman—University of Central Florida. Summa Cum Laude. Grandparents Esko & Adalyn Nopanen.



Madelyn Bircher—Class of 2020, The Epiphany School of Global Studies. Grandparents Terry & Judy Bowman.

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

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

MAY Birthdays

1-Cori Floyd, Laura Hearn
2-Brenda Wilson
3-Mike Lanier, Addilyn Crouch
4-Thelma Luther
5-Ashleigh Kiser, Thomas Critcher
6-Michelle Conner
7-Eric Morris, Brandon Marshall, Jillian Gorno, Boone Hinesley, Emily Lovell, Lauren Moses
8-Kim Smith, Janice Baldwin, Thomas Sexton, David Garrison
9-Madelyn Daniel, Morgan Pleasants
10-Janice Sigmon, Hadley Briggs, Bill Deerhake, Madison Pleasants, David Hedrick, Shane Ingold
11-Meredith Sexton, Ashley Pleasants, Jack Briggs
12-Poppy Watkins, Katie Brower, Andrew Allen, Bobbie Ridge
13-Olivia Carter, Anna Morris
14-Joseph Calhoun, Danny Smith
15-Sonja Grubb, Laurie Briggs
16-Simon Ostrander, Jackson Whitlock, Te Baldwin, Rickie Workman
17-Lori Rayburn, Lauren Hulin, Dawn English
18-Mendy Tucker, Michelle Sexton, Daelyn Bean, Summer Cook
19-Hannah Baldwin, Brandon Garner, Anna Garner
20-Daniel Smith, Bailey Baldwin
21-Ronnie Steed, William Hinesley
22-Will Barbee, Nathan Kinley
23-Al Penry, John Pleasants, Reid Crouse
24-Richard Everhart
25-Cathy Jackson, Nathan Crouch, Tracey Marshall
26-Tina Lanier, Shawn Crouch, Deacon Jones, Jack Briggs II
27-Kimber Ostrander, Martha Beyeler, Jason Hilton
28-Brian Sexton
29-Alan Rudisill
30-Anne Crouse
31-Libby Hall

MAY Anniversaries

5-Brandon & Candace Shore
11-John & Lanette Tysinger
13-Curtis & Peggy Marshall
14-Sandy & Kelly Young
15-Ronnie & Tonya Haneline
Dick & Sandi Johnson
16-Joel & Katie Clark
Randall & Kitty King
19-Bo & Debbie Johnson
20-Ronnie & Virginia Harrison,
Lee & Jennifer Hinesley
24-Norman & Susie Hubbard
25-Robert & Teresa Stevenson
26-Wes & Jordan Taylor
27-Dennis & Wendy Cagle
29-Shad & Sylvia Morris



JUNE Birthdays

1-SaraTugwell, Aron Naponen, Isabella Carroll
2-Rodney Nance
3-Kim Bivens, Nancy Futrell, Larry Morris, Ben Rivenbark
4-Jacob Rudisill, Matthew Morris
5-Randy Lawson, Rhonda Workman
6-Daniel Parker Jr., Chris Simpson, Bo Johnson
7-Roger Ligon
8-Leann Hamilton, Noah Wood, Cathy Ward, Casey Calhoun, Alex Kirkman, Marvene Surratt
9-Tommy Frazier, Cindy Calhoun
10-Leann Parker, Charles Garner
11-Polly Hedrick, Linsey Steed
12-Evelyn Bircher, Diza Morris, Allyn Morris
13-Bonnie Lanier, Candace Smith, Katheryn Tysinger
14-Matthew Lanier, Karen Argo, Eddie Jackson
15-Keith Kirkman
16-Jessica Baum, Ava Lee Surratt, Jamie Surratt, Justin Morris, Alex Montgomery
18-Julie Layne, Angie Nelson, David Hearn
19-Ken Beck
20-Stewart Grubb, Rick Phillips, Paul Sexton
21-Danielle Lawson
22-Jackson Sommers
23-Andy Dockham, Ellrie Kiser
24-Jake Jones, Thomas May
26-Jake Baldwin, Braxton Coleman, Joe Harrold
27-Aaron Smith, Conrad Harrold
28-Anna Frazier
29-Ann Wolford, Heather Hedrick
30-Kevin Kiser, Phoebe Gallimore

JUNE Anniversaries

1-Gene and Amelia McIntyre
3-Michael and Amy Rowell
6-Anthony & Ashley Pleasants
7-Steven & Lisa Grubb
8-Ronnie & Louise Newsom
10-Dale & Rhonda Spencer
14-Jay & Joanna Stone, Steve & Julie Sexton
Chris & Andrea Linthicum
16-Danny & Brenda Burton, John & Celie Sexton
19-Thompson & Sarah Skeen
20-Will & Jana Sigmon
21-Tony & Karen Argo
23-Terry & Judy Bowman
24-Robbie & Dawn English, Patrick & Denese OHara,
Matt & Courtney Howard
25-Roger & Vickie Smith
26-Arnold & Emily Lovell
28-Ben & Addie Futrell
29-Tom & Jeanette Beanblossom
30-Joseph & Cameron Ligon



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