

# Wishing you a blessed summer!

My presence will go with you,  
and I will give you rest.

**CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
276 W. First Street, Denton, NC



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## The Vital Connection

*JULY & AUGUST  
BI-MONTHLY ISSUE*

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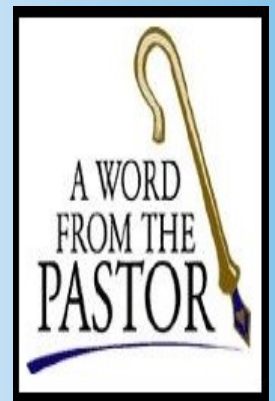
Praise & Worship

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

My sisters and brothers I want to applaud the work of Central United Methodist Church in facing the challenging, frustrating and every changing situation our country and the world has found itself in during these last three months. You have adjusted the Community Dinners to Drive-by food distribution. During Spring Break we handed out 150 bags of food to children in need in our community. We have learned to use Zoom and Facebook live to worship online and to complete our Disciple II Bible study, and our Confirmation class. One of our Sunday School classes is even meeting by Zoom. Thank you. From the bottom of my heart thank you for your willingness to learn and grow to meet this challenge.

It is July 2<sup>nd</sup> as I write this for the newsletter, and you the church have played a great first half. However, the challenges are mounting ever higher. The number of Covid-19 cases are on the rise. There are calls to stop federal funding of the police departments. We are again confronted with our privilege and neglectfulness with regard to the issue of racism in America. We still cannot worship in our sanctuary, and to top it all off the cleaning lady Eva Sewell and I discovered there are honey bees in the attic of the church. It is enough to leave us all feeling overwhelmed and tired.

However, as we sang just two Sundays ago, "I am the Church. You are the Church. We are the Church together." In these days when calamity seems to be all around us it is more important than ever that we be the church. Now is not the time to argue over facemasks, or social distancing. Now it is more important than ever that we be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Our community needs Central United Methodist Church to be the Church. How might we better serve our community? How might we better display our love for God by the way we love the people in our community? The year is not over. We are just starting the second half. Please prayerfully consider how God is tugging and pulling on your heart to creatively partner with the town, the schools, and other churches to show our town of Denton God has not forsaken them. God has not abandoned them. Now is the time to trade our sorrows for the joy of the Lord.



**NOTE:**  
**September / October Newsletter**  
Deadline for News & Pictures  
August 26, 2020  
email to [cumcdenton@gmail.com](mailto:cumcdenton@gmail.com)

By God's Good Grace,  
Pastor Richard Blount



# Celebrating OUR GRADUATES



Mattie Elizabeth Luther, Graduating from Lake Norman Charter. Daughter of Blair Luther and the late David Luther. Granddaughter of LeRoy & Betty Hinesley



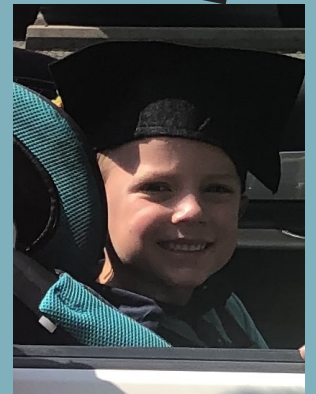
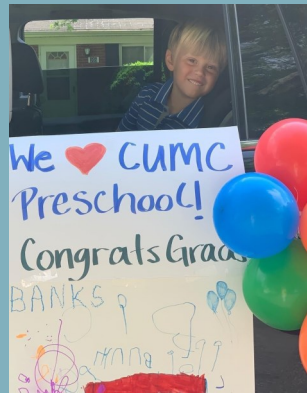
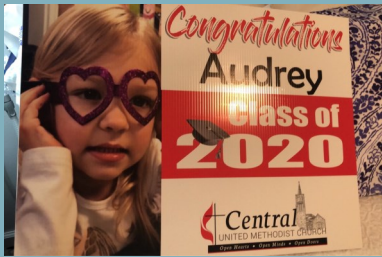
Allyn Vivian Morris, Granddaughter of Wilson Carter. Graduating from New York Medical College.

*Graduation Sunday honoring Summer Cook, Samantha Ingold & Hunter Sigmon will be held on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at our outdoor service.*



Will Collins, Graduating from NC Central University School of Law. Son of Joe & Lynn Collins.









## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

***Reminder: Our next food drive is set for July 30, 2020***




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, church office or in the grocery cart located in the narthex.

**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 !

**FREE**  **Food Pantry**

**Thursday, July 30, 2020**  
**5-6:30 pm**  
 (or until all bags are given out)

**Central UMC Fellowship Hut**  
 276 West First Street, Denton

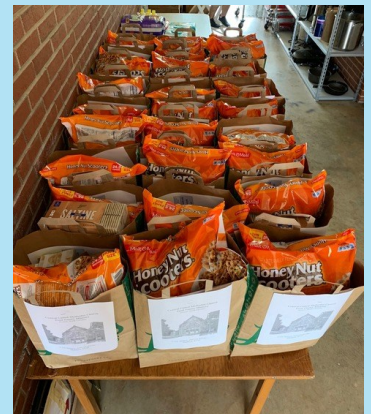
**1 BAG per FAMILY OF 4,**  
**2 BAGS per FAMILY OF MORE THAN 4.**

NOTE: FUTURE COMMUNITY DINNER DATES: 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.



**Lowes Foods managers, Rick Helms & Daniel Gillis helping to load the food for our food drive. Special thanks to all that organized the bags and helped with distribution.**



**Our new sign directing people to our Food Pantry will be located outside the church within a few weeks.**

# Sunday Worship Services — May & June, 2020

## OFFERINGS RECEIVED

May 3	\$3,775.00
May 10	\$2,955.00
May 17	\$1,980.00
May 24	\$5,045.00
May 31	\$3,320.00
June 7	\$5,990.00
June 14	\$2,775.00
June 28	\$2,878.00

We are currently looking to hire another pre-school assistant. If you, or if you know of anyone that would be interested, please have them contact the church office @ 336-859-3502.

Opening day for pre-school is August 19th & 20th. The preschoolers will be staggered in on those dates and then start all together on August 25th.

For the month of July, we are planning on expanding our worship service to our lawn area. Please remember to bring your own chairs, and wear a mask.

## 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 Nicola	Rm#101
Evelyn Lewis	Rm#65-2
Geneva Swaringen	Rm#52-1
Genevieve Jackson	Rm#108-2
Jeanette Stratus	Rm#64-1

## PIEDMONT CROSSING

Ramona M. Cranford

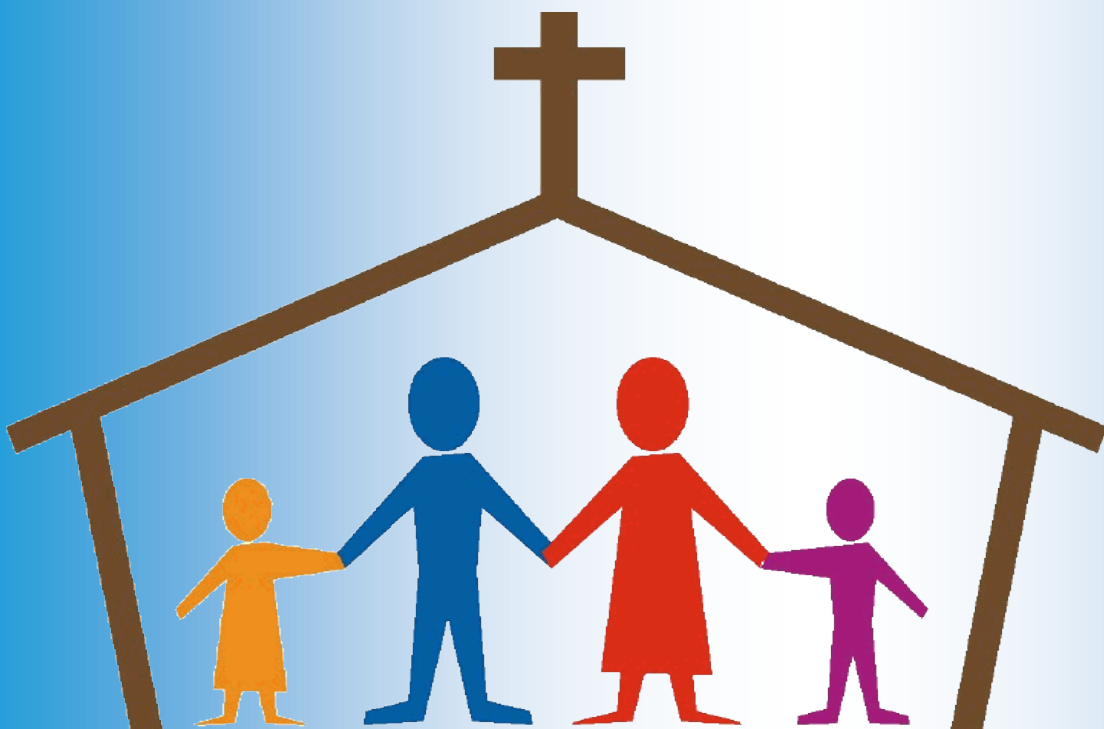
## TAYLOR GLEN, CONCORD

Jerrie Lomax

## MILITARY

Matt Beanblossom,  
Brian Sexton, Ryan Smithling

*Just a reminder that we have the Upper Room books available outside of the church office on the table. If you do not feel comfortable coming by the church, you can access the book online as well! Go to [www.upperroom.org/standingorderchurches](http://www.upperroom.org/standingorderchurches) and you can read it online.*





*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 Pleasantsbh  
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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8-Dan & Laurie Briggs  
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-Debby & 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





*Where have you seen Jesus during Covid-19?*



*No matter what we do, no matter where we are, we are created to be worshippers.*

***The Conrad Harrold Sunday School Class worshipping by Zoom***





# CHURCH NEWS

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