

# The Vital Connection

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

276 W. First Street, Denton, NC

*November/December 2020*



***Happy Thanksgiving  
and Merry Christmas***



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*Glory to God in the  
highest, and on earth  
peace among those  
with whom he is  
pleased!*

*Luke 2:14*

### **Word from the Pastor**

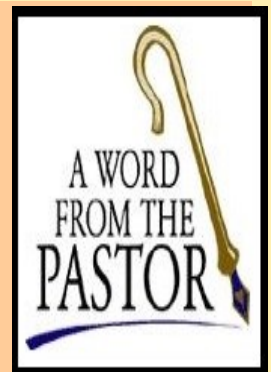
**“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord” (Leviticus 19:17,18).**

We have just had an election during a very polarizing time in our country. We have experienced the hurt and division over racial inequality this summer. We have been confined because of restrictions around the global pandemic, Covid-19. For many this has been like a powder keg of emotions just waiting to explode. How do we reconcile the differences among us when there are those who think so differently than we do? I think we have to start by recognizing God is the King, and God has to be our King. When we accepted the saving grace of Jesus Christ, we also accepted God's lordship over us. That means we must do what God says and we have to be willing to give some things to God. We must be willing to give our grudges to God. We have to be willing to give our frustrations to God. We must be willing to give our heart to God. In the end that's what really matters. God is in control. God is what matters. The only thing left is to figure out how we will respond.

There was once a baby born in poverty to parents who were travelers in a distant city. They had very little money and there was no room for them in the hotels. Now it did not matter if they were Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative. They were a young family with a newborn baby and they were in need of support. All of the political stuff is garbage. What really matters is God is King and we have a responsibility to take care of those in need. In that way others will know we are Christians by our love, and we will find ourselves like a little drummer boy serving the King of kings.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Reverend Blount

Amen



**Reminder:**  
Sunday, December 6  
Church Council  
Meeting 1p.m.



*Please remember our Veteran's on November 11, 2020. Thank you to all that have served or who are currently serving. There will be a lunch at Larry Furrs Event Center at 12:00 noon. Veterans eat free..guests are \$12.00. For more information contact Barbara Hogan.*



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**  
**DUE NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

Again this year Central UMC will join together to collect shoeboxes for children for Christmas. Our goal is 100 Shoeboxes! Help us reach our goal!



**Food Pantry**

Remember to bring canned goods during the upcoming Holidays for those in need. The Food Pantry has an increase in requests during the holiday season and winter months. Let us remember those in need as we experience the holiday season. Non-perishable food donations are always welcomed especially canned meat products. Items may be left at the door or in the grocery cart located in the narthex. Special Thanks to all you help continue this local outreach program. Our food pantry gives out food to families once a week.

**Food Pantry:** Items that are presently needed are: Beef Stew, Cereal, Crackers, Canned Corn, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Jell-O, Fruit, Spaghetti Sauce, Evaporated Milk, Pork n Beans, men's & women's deodorants, shampoo/conditioner. Boxed instant potatoes or scalloped, Soups - Chunky type are good for the fall but any will do, Bagged Rice, Bagged Dried Beans, Toilet Paper, Any hygiene products.

- \* All bags get a roll of toilet tissue and a bar of soap
- \* Make sure to check the expiration dates. We cannot give out expired food.
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## UMW October Outreach



*The UMW made treat bags for the teachers at Denton Elementary School to show support through the Covid-19 pandemic. They also gave a check to Denton Elementary for their back-pack program!*

*The UMW participated in the AGAPE donation led by Vicky Brown, who raised funds to donate over \$3,000.00 retail value.*



### AGAPE CLOTHING DONATION - 2020

CHURCH: CENTRAL - DENTON

UNIT: UWHARRIE

TOTAL: 10 BOXES

TOTAL: 116 ITEMS

TOTAL RETAIL VALUE: \$3,282.50

- 24 BOYS T-SHIRTS
- 14 JEANS 8-GIRLS 6- BOYS
- 14 PKS UNDERWEAR 7-GIRL 7-BOY
- 20 GIRL TOPS
- 11 GIRL DRESSES
- 18 BOYS DRESS SHIRTS
- 6 GIRL FLEECE JACKETS
- 3 GIRL TIGHTS
- 5 GIRL SHORTS





# Happy Fall Ya'll



Special thanks to the children of Central UMC Preschool for adorning the church trail with such beautiful scarecrow creations to welcome trail walkers and visitors!

The pumpkin patch came to CUMC this year. The preschoolers had a fun time picking their pumpkin.





## Announcements

November 10th—UMW —6:30 p.m.—The Hut

November 17th—Safe Sanctuary Training —6:30 p.m.—The Hut

November 19th—Food drive—4:30-6:00 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes need to be dropped off here at the church by November 22nd.

Children's worship will begin back on November 22nd

Bare Altar Sunday—November 22nd

The Preschool will observe the Thanksgiving holiday on Nov 25th & 26th.

Missional Network is in need of children's pants; preferably elastic waist, sizes 5,6,7,& 8.

Those need to be dropped off here at the church by Dec. 6th.



### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Sept. 6	\$7,706.55
Sept 13	\$2,688.15
Sept 20	\$3,333.00
Sept 27	\$4959.64

Oct. 4	\$5,155.00
Oct. 11	\$2,575.50



**Prayers & Concerns** William Bisher, Ed Blount, Joan Briggs, Christine Buie, Austin Cook, Larry Cook & LaRue Cook, First Responders, Nancy Futrell, Susan Hollister, Jerrie Lomax, Sylvia Morris, Parents, Addie Phillips, Roy Small, Rhonda Spencer, Students, Ava Lea Surratt, Bobby Talbert, Teachers, Taylor Smith, Wildfires, T.H. Williams, Hurricane victims.

**Mt: Vista** Ella Mae Beck (83), Bobby Buie (100), Barbara Carrick(84), Bob Craven (68), Linda Dobbins(98), Betty Gobble (76), Virgie Goodwin(92), Hilda Hedrick (204), James Hopkins(72), Helen Loftin (94), Pat Nicolia(101), Louise Rogers(78), Edith Sigmon(79), Jeanette Stratas(64-1), Geneva Swaringen(52-1), George Tillotson(89), Peggy Wilkins(82)

**Brookdale-South Charlotte:** Navahlia Quesenberry 5515 Rea Road, Charlotte NC 28226

**WE'RE HERE TO HELP**

**Central UMC, Denton**

**COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH  
FOOD BAG  
DISTRIBUTION**

**FREE**



**Thursday, November 19, 2020**

**4:30—6:00 pm**

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

*(diapers and wipes are available upon request)*

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.

In addition, Food Bags are available once per week during regular office hours Monday-Friday from 8:30 am—12:00 noon. Contact Church Office if necessary for more information at 336-859-3502.



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

## November Birthdays

2-Ryan Sullins, Tennille Sullins-Morris, Terry Bowman  
3-Bradley Marshall, Janice Esposito  
4-John Brewer, Dina Harrold  
5-Samantha Ingold  
6-Anne Bean, Ronnie Haneline, Brandon Haneline, Austin Cook, Addie Phillips  
7-Savannah Gallimore, Frankie Smith III, Daniel Walker  
8-Myra Flowers  
10-Michael Rowell  
11-Travis Morris, Lee Terrell, Caris Baldwin, Mereth Alexander  
12-Greg Kirkman, David Allen  
13-Nicholas Behrens  
14-Keesha Kearns, Kanan Cook, Sidney Briggs, Eva Sewell  
16-Betty Richey, Edith Kearn,  
17-Payne Caulder, Matt Beanblossom, Rylee Tucker, Jennifer Gallimore, Robert Stevenson, Andy Moses  
18-TaiMoses, EmmaFutrell  
20-Jessica Smith  
21-Bethany Tugwell Matthew McKinney  
22-Alisa May  
24-Don Jones, Tina Marshall  
26-Curtis Beal, Ashley Marshall, Levi Morris, Mike Morris  
27-Pam Harrison, Lynn & Tommy Woodard  
28-Keith Morris, Johnathon Jones,  
29-Jennifer Hinesley, Joel Clark, Holly J. Zadorian  
30-Arnold Lovell

## Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

### December Birthdays

1-Earl Caulder, Peggy Harrison,  
2-Jackson Walton, Aaron Crouse II, Karsyn Layne, Johnathon Gaither, Kim Smith  
3-Beth Davis, Mark Bivens, Nancy Morris  
4-Tyler Dunn, Lavonne Wright  
5-Todd Behrens  
6-Dina Critcher, Charlie Young  
7-Nicole Flowers, Richard Wilson  
8-Gilda Morris, Shad Morris  
9-Terry Gallimore, Bella Grace Tugwell  
10-Drake Russell, Beth Ligon, Tony Sullins  
11-Hannah Stone, Kim Ford, Emma Walton  
12-Lyndon Briggs, Vickie Smith, Tammy Johnson  
13-Bill Sigmon, Bo Bulakowski, Kelly Weaver, Brett Davis  
15-Tommy Frazier  
16-Olivia Parker, Laura Vazquez, Melissa Skeen  
17-Jayda Rocchi, Brenda Blake, Rhonda Spencer, Danny Hill, Steve Sexton, Saig Skeen  
18-Ben Hinesley, Kinfrey Marshall, Emma Garrison,  
19-Greg Loftin, Lisa Brewer, Rebecca Everhart  
20-Parker Crouse, Kelly Pleasants, Hannah Ferrell  
21-Neal Hammond, Jason Smith, Tony Argo, Chole Montgomery, Travis Baucom  
22-Lauren Boggs, Jaxson Snider, Melissa Harrison  
23-Robin Hedrick  
24-Mary Cadle  
25-Beverly Talbert, Robbie English  
26-Annette Barbee  
27-Edith Johnson, Tom Gorno, Martha Johnson, Candy Crouse  
28-Craig Sigmon  
29-Ann Cook, Leroy Hinesley, Dason Hill,  
30-Jerry Surratt, Christina Baldwin, Rick Everhart  
31-Marie Penry, Neil Bulakowski, Kaylan Vesta  
**December Anniversaries**  
3-Daniel & Kathryn Tysinger  
6-Greg & Angie Loflin  
10-Rick & Addie Phillips

### November Anniversaries

1-Mereth & Curtis Alexander  
4-Roger & Cathy Calhoun  
5-Michael & Erin Joyce  
6-Joey & Dena Harrold  
8-Chuck & Lisa Merritt  
14-Conrad & JoAnne Harrold  
15-Bobby & Beverly Talbert  
17-Jerry & Marvene Surratt  
19-Curt & Amy Richey, Donnie & Robin Hedrick  
20-Bradley & Tracie Marshall,  
21-David & Amanda Brookbank  
25-Mike & Kathy Baum  
28-John & Panthea Pleasants  
30-Asher & Trean Ellis,  
Tommy & Suzanne Frazier

## CELEBRATIONS & PRAISES



14-Todd &

The preschoolers came to surprise Pastor Richard for his birthday with a song and a new mask. They also drew pictures of him.

**Congratulations to Madison Sigmon on her recent engagement!**  
**Congratulations to Bill Sigmon on his new job!**



# **November Events—"Be Thankful"**

On November 1, 2020, we were able to return to the sanctuary for worship. We had 35 in attendance. We are thankful to be back in the house of the Lord!



November 22 - 11:00 a.m.  
**BARE ALTAR SUNDAY**  
Bring Non Perishable Food Items



# **December Events—"Christ Is Born"**



Nov. 29th—11:00 a.m.  
**Lighting of Advent  
Wreath**

*Dates and times for other December celebrations  
TBD*





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*To stay up-to-date on current Church events, visit [www.centralumcdenton.com](http://www.centralumcdenton.com)*

*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 [cumcdenton@gmail.com](mailto:cumcdenton@gmail.com)**

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