

The Vital Connection

Bi-Monthly Newsletter For
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Words from Richard...

Word from the Pastor

According to Mary Poppins a pie crust promise is a promise easily made and easily broken (Mary Poppins 1964). When we are Baptized we make promises to God, and to one another. The congregation makes promises to the Baptized and new members. Are we keeping our promises, or did we just make pie crust promises?

When we are saved we are to accept Jesus Christ as both our Lord and Savior. Savior is nice because it is rescue from sin and death. However, accepting Christ as Lord is harder because we have to keep our promises and do what God commands.

In our Scripture Jeremiah holds Israel accountable for their pie crust promises. Israel refused to walk in God's ways. Israel refused to listen. Israel rejected the Law. Israel would not pay attention to the Word of God so God allowed destruction to fall upon them.

Are we keeping our promises? Will we suffer Israel's fate? Will our church be closed because we failed to keep our promises? John Wesley once said, 'I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out.' ('Thoughts Upon Methodism,' 1786.) This will be the case when we make a habit of breaking our promises to love God and love one another, and by failing to do no harm, do good, and attend to the ordinances of God.

By God's Good Grace,
Pastor Richard Blount

NOTE:

November / December

Deadline for News & Pictures

October 24, 2021

email to cumcdenton@gmail.com



OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Highlights from the UMW include donating items to the Mt. Vista residents during the Covid/Delta crisis, donating to the Dragonfly House and donating blankets to them for the children, donating to the American Children's Home, and many other outreach endeavors for those who are sick, experiencing a loss, or need prayers in the community. Want to learn more about our unit? Come to our next meeting on



The UMW are collecting clothes for AGAPE. This year it will be for children sizes 2-14, especially boys. You may drop off your new with tags at the church.



There is a form on the side pew. You may also give a monetary donation to Ann Cook or Vickie Brown. Deadline to drop off is Sept 26, 2021.

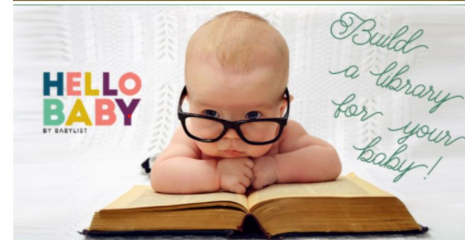


FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Please remember to continue to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Food Pantry for filling bags to be distributed to those in need during office hours at the church office (Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon). Volunteers are always welcome to help stock shelves and fill bags. Special Thanks to all who continue to help in this local outreach program.

BOOKS FOR BABIES

CENTRAL UMW OUTREACH



PLACE BOOKS IN TUB FOR DISTRIBUTING WITH DIAPERS AND SUPPLIES AT NEXT "SHARING GOD'S ABUNDANCE" FOOD DISTRIBUTION OR FOOD PANTRY

Reading Program

CENTRAL UMW

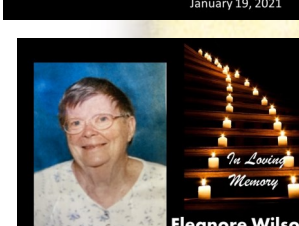
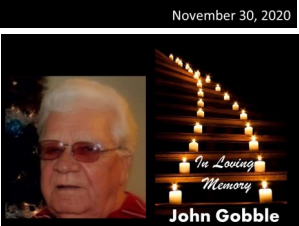
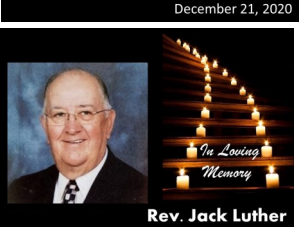
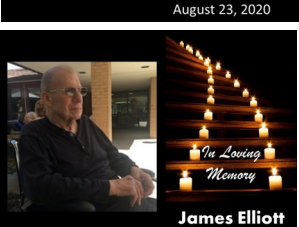
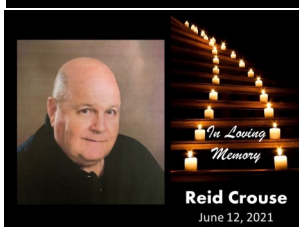
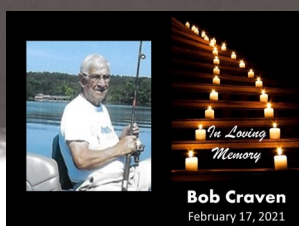


Do you enjoy reading? Central UMW has a great collection of spiritual and uplifting books for you to check out. The books are in the hut and are available for checking out.

SELECT ANY BOOK AND PLACE YOUR NAME IN THE REGISTRY. ENJOY!

HOMEcoming 2021—FELLOWSHIP & REMEMBRANCE

Each year Central UMC gathers for Homecoming when families come “home” together for fellowship, with a wonderful service filled with a special message from Dr. Rev. Norman Hubbard and uplifting hymns from the Church Choir, Holy Communion and a Special Dedication of Wall Art, designed by Kitty King. Several members attended lunch at The Classic following the morning worship. We remembered those who are no longer with us. Their love shined upon us from their eternal “home” on Sunday, August 22, 2021.



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Prayer Vigil Sept. 12 2021

Praises: Lee Bowden returning home! Chuck & Debbie Crouch feeling better.

Concerns: Tony Argo, Dinah Askew, Ed Blount, Jack & Joan Briggs, Misty Carrick, Linda Carroll, Wilson Carter, Rev. Benny Clodfelter, Austin Cook, LaRue Cook, Dawn Daniel, Jackie Furr, Nancy Futrell, DeLisa Garner, Dick Getz, Sonja Grubb, Ann Hamilton, Conrad Harold, LeRoy Hinesley, Bernie Johnson, James & Lynda Kearns, Dana Morgan, Mountain Vista & Patients, Shirley Nance, Esko Nopanen, Phillip Pierce, Kimberly Plummer, Bobbie Ridge, Emily Sechrist, Lib Sexton, George & Dottie Spencer, Carolyn Lanier Stead, Jimbo Step, Julia Willis, Confirmants, First Responders, Medical Personnel, Teachers, Our Nation, State, & Community.

Families of: Cameron Morrison, Chris Harwell, & Scotty Horne.



Betty Morris celebrated her 95th birthday on August 23, 2021. Happy Birthday Betty!



Admin Council & Charge Conference
Sunday, September 26
12:15
In the Hut
(B.Y.O. Lunch)



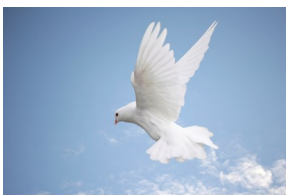
MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION
Vickie Brown



Owen Graham Rust

May 30, 2021
6 lb. 5 oz.

Parents: Paul & Heather Rust
Sister: McKenna Rust
Grandparents: Teresa Brewer
Lisa Biondo



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**Don't forget to reset
your clocks on Sunday
November 7, 2021.**

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

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

September Birthdays

- 1—Debbie Sigmon
- 2—Scott Davis, Louise Caulder, Tre Skeen
- 4—Marianne Bowman
- 7—Mason Reece Crouse
- 9—John Parker
- 11—Samuel Parker
- 12—Lisa H. Merritt, Logan Lester
- 13—Sam Whitlock, Patrick O'Hara, Noah Smith
- 14—Debbie Johnson, Laura Futrell, Stacy Crouse
- 15—Ed Roberson
- 17—Robbie Lanier
- 18—Jocelyn Beyeler, Sarah Skeen, David Garrison
- 20—Dan Sexton
- 21—Courtney Howard, Don Esposito
- 22—Buddy Sexton, Sandra Davis
- 25—Wilson Carter, Jimmy Futrell
- 26—William Sigmon III, Kelly Whitlock
- 27—Margaret Harris, Genie Russell
- 29—Taylor Bean
- 30—Trish Walker, Jay Stone

September Anniversaries

- 1—Jon and Ginger Johnson
- 13—Gabriel and Kelly Whitlock
- 15—Robbie and Sherri Lanier
- 16—Jason and Carmen Harris
- 21—Andy and Sarah Morris
- 25—Tremaine and Yuliya Skeen
- 26—David and Marsha Gaither

October Birthdays

- 2—Denese M. O'Hara
- 3—Tremaine Skeen, Gladys Decker, Miranda Morris
- 6—Lanette Tysinger
- 7—Danny Burton, Pastor Richard Blount, Pasha Skeen
- 8—Ryan O'Hara, Gabrielle Blount
- 9—Gracie Morris Lee
- 10—Brandon Killmyer, Evan Blount
- 11—Austin Calhoun
- 16—Colby Garrison, Sylvia Morris, Megan Caulder
- 17—Dale Futrell
- 19—Trean Ellis
- 20—Russell Davis
- 21—Virginia Luther
- 23—Sharon Hinesley
- 24—Dan Briggs, Nancy Sexton
- 25—Laura Gorno, Alex Zeitany
- 26—Benji Cook
- 29—Caroline Hinesley, Laura Sexton
- 31—John Tysinger, Kelly Dockham

October Anniversaries

- 3—Mike and Genie Russell
- 4—Don and Lori Jones
- 8—Chuck and Debbie Crouch
- 10—Roger and Beth Ligon
- 11—Billy and Kelly Weaver
- 18—Eddie and Betty Richey
Ronnie and Libby Hall



Steve & Margaret Harris celebrated 50 glorious years of marriage!



Leroy & Betty Hinesley celebrated 67 wonderful years of marriage!

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

Central UMC Welcomes YOU!



For everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose
under the heaven:

Ecclesiastes 3:1

**Visit us
today!**

**You'll be
glad you
did...and
so will
GOD!**

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