

The *Vital* Connection

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

276 W. First Street, Denton, NC
November/December 2021



***Happy Thanksgiving
and Merry Christmas***

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For
unto
you is
born this
day in the
city of David
a Savior which
is Christ the Lord
Luke
2:11

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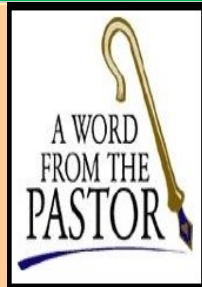
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"The Importance of Trying"

My wife and I used to watch a lot of rerun episodes of the Golden Girls. In one episode Dorothy gives Rose this advice. "The bottom line is if you take a chance in life sometimes good things happen, sometimes bad things happen but, honey, if you don't take a chance nothing happens" The same is true of ministry. In John 10:10 Jesus said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Jesus came into this world to free us from the thief and to give us abundant life. We will never have abundant life if we just sit around waiting for the good stuff to come to us. The good things in life always come from putting in the effort. We have to be willing to take a chance. Sometimes those chances work out. Sometimes they don't and we have an opportunity to grow. For example, I had hoped to be able to have a pumpkin sale at the church as a fundraiser. Mike and Tina Lanier donated about 30 pumpkins and they were placed in the youth room with the air conditioning on low to preserve them. However, somehow the air was turned off and several of the pumpkins rotted. At the same time, Mike planted pumpkins in the field where we had the community garden. These are the only pumpkins we had this year because of pickleworms. Okay, so this idea didn't turn out the way we had hoped, but I learned from it and maybe next year things will be better.



I also took a chance at building relationships with the preschool kids. I created a sheet of paper where each preschool kid could make a series of selections about a monster of their very own to color for Halloween. Then I drew each of their own individual monsters. The kids loved it and were able to practice their coloring in preparation for Kindergarten. These are the black and white drawings before they were colored.
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*Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth
peace among those
with whom he is
pleased!*

Luke 2:14

Reminder:
Sunday,
November 7
Church Council
Meeting
12:10 p.m.
Fellowship Hut



Veterans Day Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 11 from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. at the Southern Theater and Event Center. All veterans and their families are encouraged and invited to attend this special event.



Red Cross Blood Drive in October was very successful with 33 pints collected!

Next blood drive will be Monday, December 6 with Betty Morris being the honoree as the eldest female Church Member. Come out and support this important effort.



DON'T WAIT TO VACCINATE

*** FREE Vaccines / Boosters for Age 65+ ***

** NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED **

* NO INSURANCE REQUIRED *

CENTRAL UNITED
 METHODIST CHURCH
 276 West 1st St., Denton

Wednesday, November 3

12 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Refreshments provided.



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

OPERATION CHRISTMAS DUE NOVEMBER 21, 2021

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!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW meets each month and all women are invited to attend. The next meeting will be held on November 9th at 6 pm in the hut. The Christmas Dinner Fellowship will be held on December 7th at 6 pm at Southern Event Center. All are welcomed to attend with prior notice for adequate planning.

As always the UMW have been extremely busy on projects and mission outreach. Recently they filled 6 flood buckets for UMCOR (and UMM paid 50% of the cost for the bucket contents). Nearly \$3,000 in new children's clothing was donated to the AGAPE project.

In addition, 18 baskets with blankets and stuffed animals were given to The Dragonfly House in Mocksville for abused children from Davidson and Davie Counties along with a generous monetary donation.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM joined efforts with UMW to donate 6 UMCOR flood buckets. Pictured here are Richard Wilson, Conrad Harrold and Bill Sigmon. Thanks UMM for helping with this important outreach.



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Central United Methodist Church

27 West 1st Street, Denton

DRIVE-BY

COMMUNITY DINNER

(All are Invited!)

MENU: HAM, GREEN BEANS AND CORN, POTATO SALAD, ROLLS, AND PRE-PACKAGED DESSERTS

Thursday, November 18, 2021

4:30—6:30 pm

Central UMC Fellowship Hut

276 West First Street, Denton

(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.)

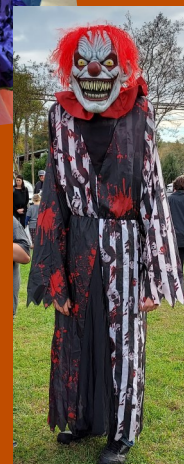
In addition, Food Bags are available once per week during regular office hours Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am—12:00 noon. Contact Church Office if necessary for more information at 336-859-3502.



Special thanks to Kitty King for the beautiful Renaissance Laudian altar covering. The Laud-in contains the four liturgical colors of the Christian Year – (white, green, purple, red) Kitty designed it from the paraments that have been given to the church through the years by various families.

HALLOWEEN

2021 Cake Walk and Monster Mash



"The Importance of Trying"

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Words from the Pastor

I believe in the importance of trying things to see what works and what does not. That is the only way we grow. That is the only way to have abundant life in Christ. No, we cannot earn salvation, but we can do our part to join in sharing the Gospel and through Christ gain more abundance in our lives along the way.

By God's Good Grace, Pastor Richard



Preschool "Scare"-crows adorn the walking trail !!



Spook-tacular Preschool Trick-or-Treaters!!!!



Happy Fall Ya'll



Dima and Pasha Skeen visited the
Trunk or Treat Festivities!!!
Grandsons of David and Mary Skeen

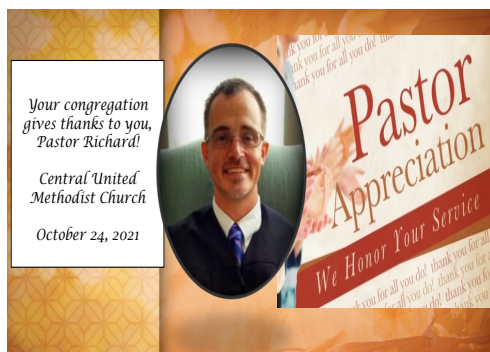
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 7—Church Council Admin Meeting—12:15 p.m.—Fellowship Hut
 Nov. 9—UMW—6:00 p.m. –Fellowship Hut
 Nov. 18—Sharing God's Abundance To-Go Dinner Plates—4:30-6:30 – Fellowship Hut
 Nov. 21 – Bare Altar Sunday and Decorate church after service
 Nov. 28 – Lighting of Advent Wreath #1
 Dec. 6– Red Cross Bloodmobile honoring Betty Morris
 Dec. 5 – Lighting of Advent Wreath #2 – Mission Wreath Sunday
 Dec. 7—UMW Christmas Party—6:00– Southern Event Center—Toys for Town
 Dec. 12 – Lighting of Advent Wreath #3– Mission Wreath Sunday
 Dec. 19 – Lighting of Advent Wreath #4
 Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service – 11:00 pm (Friday)
 Dec. 26 – Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sunday Worship Leaders — November and December



Central UMC Confirmands 2021
take active part in All Saints Sunday
on October 31, 2021!



Your congregation
gives thanks to you,
Pastor Richard!

Central United
Methodist Church
October 24, 2021

ALTAR FLOWERS

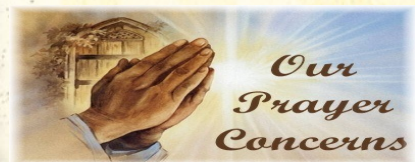
Nov. 7: Vickie Brown
 Nov. 14: Veterans Day Memorial
 Nov. 21: Bare Altar
 Nov. 28: Tina Lanier
 Dec. 5:
 Dec. 12:
 Dec. 19:
 Dec. 26: Poinsettias

*To place flowers on the altar
for a special occasion or remembrance,
please call Church office at 336-859-
3502.*

ATTENDANCE

Worship

Sept. 5	46	Oct. 3	53
Sept. 12	43	Oct. 10	43
Sept. 19	45	Oct. 17	47
Sept. 26	67	Oct. 24	76
		Oct. 31	81



OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Sept. 5	\$6,180.50
Sept. 12	\$2,997.00
Sept. 19	\$3997.00
Sept. 26	\$5,783.50
Oct. 3	\$4,911.50
Oct. 10	\$5,679.76
Oct. 17	\$4,543.00
Oct. 24	\$4,816.80
Oct. 31	\$3,738.60

CONCERNS:

Tony Argo, Kennie Troutman Beal, Benny's daughter, Sherri, Ed Blount, Jack & Joan Briggs, Misty Carrick, Linda Carroll, LaRue Cook, Nancy Futrell, DeLisa Garner, Dick Getz, Ann Hamilton, Conrad Harrold, LeRoy Hinesley, Bernie Johnson, James & Lynda Kearns, Beth Ligon, Darin McGonigal, Betty Morris, Mountain Vista Staff & Patients, Esko Nopanen, Kenny Pierce, Phillip Pierce, Kimberly Plummer, Bobbie Ridge, Rev. Selena Scott, Carolyn Lanier Steed, Jimbo Step, Julia Willis, Confirmants, First Responders, Medical Personnel, Teachers, Our Nation, State, & Community.

Mt: Vista: Ella Mae Beck (83), Donald Bisher (201), Bobby Buie (100), Barbara Carrick (109), Linda Dobbins (98), Betty Gobble (62), Virgie Goodwin (59), James Hopkins (72), Betty Jones (106), Pat Nicolai (101), Lawrence Ridge (87), Louise Rogers (78), Carole Snider (84), Jeanette Stratas (64-1), Geneva Swaringen (52-1), George Tillotson (89), Peggy Wilkins (109)

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

Sandy Ridge Homes: Ava Lea Surratt 326 Bowman
Road, Candor, NC 27229



2021 Laity Award Recipients
Mr. and Mrs. Esko Nopanen
 Thank you for your devoted services!

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

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

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, Lane Bivens, David Allen
13-Nicholas Behrens
14-Keesha Kearns, Kanan Cook, Sidney Briggs, Eva Sewell
16-Betty Richey, Edith Kearns,
17-Payne Caulder, Matt Beanblossom, Rylee Tucker, Jennifer Gallimore,
Robert Stevenson, Andy Moses
18-Tai Moses, Emma Futrell 20-Jessica Smith
21-Bethany Tugwell, Matthew McKinney 22-Alisa May
23-Steven Bray, Bradley Surratt 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

November Anniversaries

1-Mereth & Curtis Alexander
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

December Birthdays

1-Earl Caulder, Peggy Harrison, Ronne Newsom
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 Vestal

December Anniversaries

3-Daniel & Kathryn Tysinger
6-Greg & Angie Loflin
10-Rick & Addie Phillips
14-Todd & Deborah Behrens
18-Joey & Julie Layne
19-Joseph & Laura Hildebrand
25-Kurt & Joycelyn Beyeler
27-Jim & Judi Boggs

CELEBRATIONS & PRAISES

Waylon Michael Lee Payne

Born 10/14/2021
4lbs 14oz-18 3/4" long
Parents: Quinton & Lexi Payne
Colorado Springs, CO

Grandparents: Ken &
Jessica Smith
Great Grandparents: Michael &
Kathy Baum
Great Great Grandparents:
Shad & Sylvia Morris &
Marie Baum



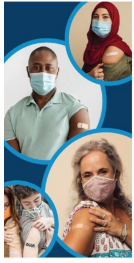
**Congratula-
tions to Nick
Brewster on
his 2nd Anni-
versary with
Central
UMC!!!!**

**We are
blessed to
have you!**



**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 spe-
cial event, let us hear from you!
Simply email church Admin. Asst. at
cumcdenton@gmail.com**

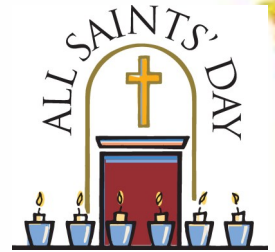
November Events – "Be Thankful"



Covid Clinic
November 3, 2021
in the Hut



October 31
11:00 a.m.
All Saints
Sunday



Community Supper To-Go
Thursday, November 18
4:30-6:30 pm

Volunteers
needed to
decorate
Church for
the Holidays
November 21
following
11:00 Service



November 21 - 11:00 a.m.
BARE ALTAR SUNDAY
Bring Non Perishable Food



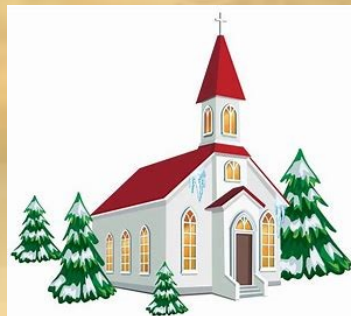
November 28—11:00 a.m.
Lighting of Advent Wreath

December Events – "Christ Is Born"

Seasonal Christmas Music
throughout the month of
December



Advent Wreath Lighting
December 5, 12 and 19
11:00 a.m.



Children's Christmas Play
TBA



December 5 and 12
Mission Wreath
Sunday



December 24
Christmas Eve Service
11:00 p.m.



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