

The Vital Connection

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

276 W. First Street, Denton, NC

January/February 2022

Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11

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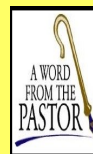
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Getting Connected

Word from the Pastor

Louis Armstrong once sang, "Dream a little dream for me." This is the start of a new year so let's dream a little bit together? Better yet, let's dream a lot together. Once upon a time I did a residency as a hospital chaplain. One of the most heartbreaking things I saw again and again was the family of people on life support when it was time to turn off the machines. What was heartbreaking was the split extremes of the people within the family. There were those who were so sad because they had lost a loved one. Then there were those who were so angry because they were still holding on to hope their loved one was going to live. They were living in denial and unwilling to face their current reality, and because they could not face their current situation they could not deal with the grief and move on toward the future. Their ideas about what was going to happen to their loved one was more important than their future. It absolutely broke my heart every time. Congregations make this same mistake today. We chase after our former glory all the time. We want church the way it used to be. We want worship the way it used to be. We want Sunday school to be the way it used to be. If Covid-19 has taught us anything, "Nothing is the way it used to be." I am not saying church is dead. I am saying even before Covid what a church looks like was changing. Covid sped that up and it has made the church dangerous. Every pastor knows each congregation has sacred cows they are unwilling to kill. Those sacred cows can be anything from the color of the carpet, someone's favorite pew, to a specific song sung during Advent. Don't touch those things because if you do then it won't be church, it won't be Christmas, I won't be fed as a Christian. Then the people of the church behave in some pretty unsavory ways because they are willing to sacrifice their sacred cow. Thanks to Covid-19 for many of us it feels like our herd of cows is dead. I think it is important for our future to face our reality. Things may not go back the way they were. That does not mean our church cannot still be great. If things do not go back exactly as they were, that does not mean our church is not great today. I invite you to dream with me. Dream about Central's future. Won't you dream a little dream for me?



In the name of Jesus Christ,
Amen

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

OPEN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN IN THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY!

The UMW of Central United meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Hut. ALL Women are invited to come fellowship as women with a purpose in our church and community.



The UMW had their Christmas party at Larry Furr's Event Center on Dec. 7 2021. Even though the power was out to begin with, we all had a great time of fellowship and great food catered by Rick's after the power came back on.

The Methodist women collected toys for the town as part of their mission outreach.





March 20, 2022
12:15 In Hut

Shrove Tuesday, March 1, 2022
Drive-by 4:30-6:30



March 13, 2022



Bare Altar Sunday.
We received food donations for our food pantry.



Thank you to all that donated Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We collected 40 boxes!



The Rose and Bible was presented by the UMW in honor of August Noelle Burns, born on October 11, 2021 to Carter & Blair Burns. Grandparents are Tim & Janice Coleman, Norman & Susie Hubbard, & John Burns. She is the great granddaughter of Wilson Carter.



The UMW collected for World Thank Offering



The preschoolers held their Christmas program outside on December 20, 2021.



Preschoolers have been busy studying winter, snow, & snowmen.



Praises: Nick Brewster is doing better! DeLisa Garner is recovering well from surgery!

Concerns: Bailey Grace Baldwin, Eric Barbee, Janeth Bean, Ed Blount, Nick Brewster, Jack & Joan Briggs, Misty Carrick, Linda Carroll, Larry & LaRue Cook, Pamela Earnshaw, Nancy Futrell, Sherri Gallimore, DeLisa Garner, Dick Getz, Ann Hamilton, Conrad & JoAnne Harrold, Ralph Hill, Gayle Hilton, LeRoy & Betty Hinesley, Jeremy Hughes, Bernie Johnson, Lynda Kearns, Peggy Marshall, Ginger Martin, Caitlyn McAlhany, Darin & Abigail McGonigle, Sylvia Morris (starting treatments), Mountain Vista Staff & Patients, Claudie Peele, Bobbie Ridge, Phillip Seavey, Jackie Sexton, George & Dottie Spencer, Henry & Jennifer Vaughn, Steve Vestal, Debbie De Garde Wilson, Covid patients, Youth, First Responders, Medical Personnel, Teachers, Tornado Victims, Our Nation, State, & Community,.

Families of: Todd Behrens, Marie Baum, Steve Shuskey, & Luther Pierce.

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), Betty Morris (82), Lawrence Ridge (87), Louise Rogers (78), Carole Snider (84), Jeanette Stratas (64-1), Lucille Surratt (94), Geneva Swaringen (52-1), George Tillotson (89), Peggy Wilkins (109)

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Confirmation Sunday January 30, 2022



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

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

January Birthdays

2-Dick Johnson, Jean Bulakowski,
Chad Montgomery
3-Hannah Parker, Jody Futrell
4-Barbara Hogan, Wendy Caudle,
Miranda Snider, Crissie Cabrera
5-Cathy Calhoun, Austin Pleasants,
Beverly Poist, Dylan Gallimore, Trey Hammond
6-Hayden Morris, Tyler Simpson
7-Carter Terrell
8-Wes Taylor
10-Shannan Rieger, Sam Nelson, Chuck Crouch
11-Kevin Ingold, Camden Stone,
12-Fletcher Gallimore, Keith Jackson, Daniel Sexton,
David Gaither
13-Gavin Walton, Cindy Lomax, She Woodard,
Johnathon Skeen, Deborah Behrens
14-Nan Parker
15-Joan Briggs, Angie Loftin
17-Danny Carroll, Joseph Smith
19-Betty Hinesley
20-Anna Somers, Amber Crouch, Makayla Crouch
21-Richard Good, Celia Sexton
22-Save Harris
23-Trey Baldwin, McKay Luther
24-Vickie Mitchell, Ginger Somers
25-Amy Conner
26-Ashley McKinney, Harper Ligon, William Clark,
Norman Hubbard
27-Koby Markham, Madelyn Bircher
28-Georgianna Bircher
29-Branson O'Hara
30-Yuliya Skeen, Summer Bivens
31-Connie Sexton, Ava Mitchell, Cameron Ligon



February Birthdays

1-Louise Dockham, Emma Bivens, Adam Crouch,
Christina Gentile
2-Blair Luther, Paul Mitchell, Kaitlin Morris
3-Ben Futrell, Elwood Calhoun
4-Sandi Johnson, Ashlyn Futrell
5-John Alexander, Josh Smith
6-Scotty Morris, Butch Poist, Amber Conner,
Landon Harris
7-Kimberly Sexton
8-Barbara Judy, Michelle Whitlock, Matt Baldwin
9-Emalyn Kiser, Savannah Spencer, Robyn Loftin
10-David Skeen, Debbie Morris, Katie Clark
11-Kathy Baum, Jacob Ellis
12-Monnie Frank, Lib Sexton, Will Mitchell
13-Joanna Stone, Tonya Sullins,
Debbie McKinney, Andrew Everhart
14-Lynn Morris, Sharon Beal, Carmen Everhart,
Lily Alexander, Isabella Ellis, Jessa & Joey
Caberera
15-Roger Calhoun, Krystan Terrell, Nicholas Sofia,
Cindy Baldwin. Allen Johnson
16-Curt Richey, Shirley Baucom, Stephanie
Lomax, Page Harrison, Caroline Clark
17-Abbey Bowman, Molly Linker, Roger Blake,
Andrea Linthicum
19-Joan Hammond, Paige Terrell, Carol Beck
20-Amy Everhart, Jeremy Morris, Colton Terrell,
Kirsten Watkins
21-Lynnsay Sexton, David May, Haven Rocchi,
Theresa Munyon, Landon Lester
22-Carter Burns, Courtney Behrens, Sara Lanier
23-Gatlin Crouch, Carrie Crouse,
Elizabeth Russell, Tom Beanblossom
24-Teresa Brewer, Ginger Morris, Debbie Kennedy
25-Charles Rowell, Erin Joyce
26-Marsha Gaither, Gary Lanier, Addie Futrell
27-Isaiah Lawson, Emmitt Crouch
28-Chip Futrell, Jodie Briggs, Addie Grubb

January Anniversaries

3-Charles & Sherry Garner
9-Johnathon & Melissa Skeen
13-Austin & Ann Cook
19-Nathan & Amanda Crouch



February Anniversaries

6-David & Courtney Hedrick
13-Kim & Gay Markham
19-Mike & Jamie Ferrell
25-Lawrence & Bobbie Ridge
26-Earl & Louise Caulder

PRAISES AND CELEBRATIONS



**Congratulations to Darin & Abigail
McGonigle on their wedding!**

***If you have a Celebration or Praise you'd
like to share with your church family, wheth-
er it is an engagement, wedding, birth an-
nouncement or special event, let us hear
from you!***

Simply email cumcdenton@gmail.com

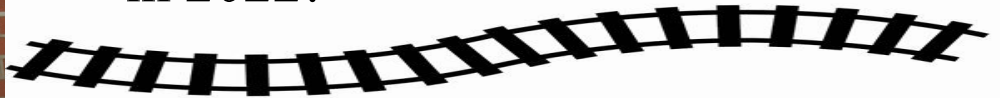


Start your year
off on the
right
TRACK . . .
in church!
Stop in for a
visit at
Central UMC
in 2022!

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