

# The Vital Connection

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

*Bi-Monthly  
Newsletter*

March / April 2022

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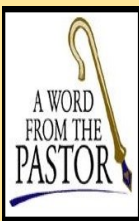
## Word from the Pastor

To my brothers and sisters in Christ. There is a lot going on. Central UMC has adopted a new mission statement.

**“Providing opportunities for families and children of our community to grow and develop a relationship with Jesus Christ.”**

This powerful mission statement is where our focus needs to be. Now is the time to put our focus on the upward call of God in Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:14). However, to do this means taking a serious look at the ministries we love and the money we spend in service to God. Do you want to see children in our church again? Do you want to see young families in our church again? Do you feel God's pull on your life to spread the Gospel? If not, hear the call right now. God loves you. God has created you for a purpose, and there is no retirement from ministry. On the day you were Baptized you became a minister to the Gospel. There is work to be done right here and right now. Won't you please prayerfully consider how you will support our God given vision for our church?

By God's Good Grace,  
Richard



## NOTE:

May & June Newsletter

Deadline for News & Pictures

April 30, 2022

email to [cumcdenton@gmail.com](mailto:cumcdenton@gmail.com)

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES

**OPEN INVITATION  
TO ALL WOMEN  
IN THE CHURCH AND  
COMMUNITY!**



The food pantry is open on Tuesday's & Thursday's 8:30-noon.



The UMW of Central United meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. ALL Women are invited to come fellowship as women with a purpose in our church and community. Our next meeting is April 5th @6pm in the Hut.

*UMW Sunday was held March 13, 2022 with guest speaker Tonya Lanier.*



The UMW had their white elephant sale on March 8th. Fellowship, fun, food were enjoyed by all. Tonya Lanier was special guest.

The UMW recognition pin was awarded to Genie Russell. Congratulations!



“Bearing witness in the Kin-Dom”

UMW ladies, Ann Cook, Vickie Brown, Cathy Ward, & Tina Lanier attended the District Mission U meeting in Monroe on March 12.



The Shrove Tuesday pancake drive-by dinner was held on March 1, 2022

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS



**Next Meeting, Sunday  
March 20, 2022  
12:15 in the Hut,**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13**



**April 17, 2022**



**April 9th @ Harrison Park  
12-2pm**



**Mission Walk 2022 will be  
held at CUMC on May 7,  
2022 from 10am-noon.**

**Praises:** Infant, Harris Lanier is home doing well!

**Concerns:** Eric Barbee, Steve Barnhart, Janeth Bean, Tommy & Susan Blake, Ed Blount, Jack & Joan Briggs, Misty Carrick, Linda Carroll, Larry & LaRue Cook, Becky Fine, Glenda Futrell (eye surgery 3/17), Nancy Futrell, Sherri Gallimore, DeLisa Garner, Dick Getz, Jimmy Goins (Nancy Futrell's brother), Ann Hamilton, Conrad & JoAnne Harrold, LeRoy & Betty Hinesley, Jeremy Hughes, Pat Jarvis, Bernie Johnson, Lynda Kearns, Ginger Martin, Darin & Abigail McGonigle, Benny Montgomery, Sylvia Morris, Mountain Vista, Claudie Peele, Bobbie Ridge, Lib Sexton, George & Dottie Spencer, Analynn Williams, Miranda Williams, Children's Worship, Covid patients, First Responders, Medical Personnel, Teachers, Our Nation, State, & Community, Ukraine conflict, Unspoken, Youth.



**The bloodmobile will  
be at the Hut on  
April 4, 2022 from  
2pm-6:30pm.**

**Families of:** Charles George, & Henleigh Gilmer.

**Mt: Vista:** Ella Mae Beck (83), Donald Bisher (201), Bobby Buie (100), Barbara Carrick (109), Wilson Carter (202), 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)

**Tony Argo:** 400 Forsythe Street—Room 114—Fayetteville, NC 28303

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

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

**Sherri Gallimore**  
2930 S. Buchanan Street  
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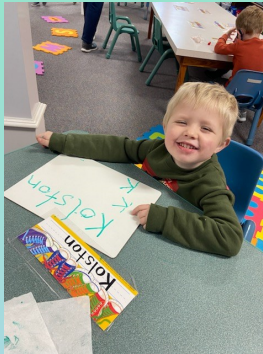
# PreSchool News



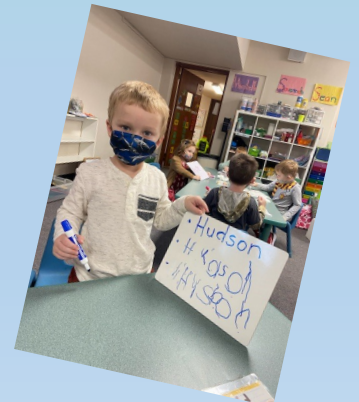
**Pastor Richard telling the loaves and fishes story. The preschoolers were given a baggie with props to go home and tell their parents. (Hopefully before they ate the props)**



**Centers are so much fun at Preschool!**



**Writing your name is hard, especially if you have lots of letters! Practice makes perfect!**



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

**March Birthdays**

- 1-Mike Russell
- 2-Terri Johnson Nolasco, Jacob Cabrera, Julie Carroll
- 3-Erin Bean, KayTaylor
- 4-Lee Bowden, Gaye Markham, Dustin Graham
- 5-Cylie Cabrera, Tony Vazquez, Gabriel Crouch, Adeline Calhoun, Ann Morris Luck
- 6-Lori Jones, Madalyn Willet, JP Hamilton, Jr.
- 7-Cathy Morris, Shawna Kinley
- 8-Piper Vazquez, Alyssa Futrell, Mary Skeen, Bowman Carroll, Callan Loflin
- 9-Scott Hinesley, Roxie Rayburn
- 10-Piper Linthicum, Hunter Smith, Laura Ann Harrison
- 11-Rachel Davis, David Lanier
- 12-Sean Kennedy, Mya Lynn Simpson
- 13-Janet Moses
- 14-Kallie Gentile, Charlotte Dockham
- 15-Stewart Sexton, Lynda Kearns, Jerry Lanier, Jason Morris, Asher Crouse
- 17-Leah Hulin
- 18-Meagan Young, May Bisher, Emily Harrison
- 19-Matthew Dockham
- 20-John Lomax III, Susan May Bland, Nickolas Morris
- 21-Glenda Futrell, Stella Beth Sizemore
- 22-Edith Sigmon, Jerry Dockham, Robert Rieger, Jr, Bo Carroll, Matthew Kiser, Lisa Grubb, Carolyn Lovell
- 23-Linda Markham
- 24-Ryleigh Howard
- 25-Laura Walton, Steven Clark
- 26-Brock Blount
- 27-Katherine Morris, Dennis Cadle, Grace Garner
- 28-Irving Surratt, Johnathan Crouse, Annabelle Jones, Jody Jackson, Emily Smith Earle
- 29-Holly Berg
- 30-Suzanne Surratt, Bo Chitwood, River Trent, Jay Lanier, Johnathan Loftin
- 31-Debbie Crouch

**March Anniversaries**

- 11-Esko & Addie Nopanen
- 13-David & Colbey Garrison
- 16-Sam & Michelle Whitlock, James & Elizabeth Loftin
- 18-Richard & Brenda Wilson, Buddy & Nancy Sexton
- 19-Dale & Glenda Futrell, Brandon & Dianna Killmyer
- 20-Harvey & Doris Crenshaw
- 27-Eddie & Melissa Gallimore
- 31-Donald & Diane Hill



**April Birthdays**

- 1-David Davis,
- 2-Donna Dalton, Annabelle McIntyre
- 3-Dianna Kilmyer, John Mitchell
- 4-Matt Howard, Nicholas Glover, Dean Bulakowski
- 5-Kaci Markham, Elliott Chitwood
- 6-Joe Mitchell, Conner Earle
- 7-JoAnne Harrold, Colton Kennedy, Judi Boggs
- 8-Imelda Morris, Esko Nopanen, Joey Layne, Chrissy Hedrick
- 9-Kerry Gallimore, Drew Skeen, Ava Sexton
- 10-Lona Everhart, Samantha Sexton
- 11-Devon Smith, Bella Sexton, Briana Smith
- 12-Amy Rowell, Jim Boggs, Marsha Surratt
- 13-Jacob Clodfelter, Larry Fritts, Lee Ann Smith
- 14-Praxton Crouse, Penelope Crouse
- 15-Hailey Calhoun
- 16-Larry Cook, Marcia Everhart
- 17-Zachary Ligon, Tony Frank, Andy Flowers
- 19-Gretchen Crouse
- 20-Wright Wege
- 21-Ronnie Hall, Susan Allen, Ellie Hege Sydney Morris, Bonnie Shuler
- 22-Dustin Marshall
- 23-Reedling Harris
- 24-Peggy Marshall, Denver Moses, April Parker
- 25-Josh Swaringen, Gina Grubb
- 28-Michael Baum, Baysden Harris, Sarah Parker,
- 29-Judith Bowman, Vickie Clark, Jeff Hulin
- 30-Lawrence Ridge, Savannah Surratt

**April Anniversaries**

- 5-Aaron & Candice Smith
- 7-Scott & Sharon Hinesley
- 10-Brantly & Jamie Surratt
- 14-Larry & LaRue Cook
- 17-Baxter & Marsha Surratt
- 21-Keith & Cathy Morris
- 26-Rick & Angie Nelson
- 27-Rickie & Rhonda Workman
- 28-Neil & Suzanne Bulakowski Heath & Lisa Cranford Wayne & Linda Markham
- 29-Roy & Pat King





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