



# Connect at Central

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**PLEASE FILL OUT A  
CONNECT CARD TODAY AND  
PUT IN THE OFFERING PLATE**

Summer Hymn Sing  
Scheduled for tonight  
is cancelled

**central Kids KIDS Worship**  
**It's Worship Just for Kids**

During  
both  
services!

Toddlers and children through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message for a time of follow-up & review, scripture memorization, prayers & praises, God sightings, singing & dancing.

**Back to school blessing  
& Promotion Sunday**

**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

during both  
services



**July/August  
September  
Shareback**



- Cow Print Notebooks (Wide & College)
- Notebook Paper (Wide & College)
- 1 Inch 3 Ring Binders
- 1 Subject Spiral Notebooks (Wide & College)
- 24 Count Crayons
- Colored Markers (Jumbo & Fine)
- Colored Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers (Black)
- Child Scissors (Blunt & Pointed Tip)
- 3 x 3 Post-It Notes
- Ear Buds/Headphones
- #2 Yellow Pencils
- Backpacks

Our Amazon Wish List link to purchase items  
is [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/KOEPQNX7ZFUU?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/KOEPQNX7ZFUU?ref=wl_share)  
You can put the above link in your search box  
or click the link on the main eblast page!

The Shareback table is in the hall  
To the left of the choir room

If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Duncan at 704.231.8623 or [fduncan7119@gmail.com](mailto:fduncan7119@gmail.com) OR Linda Deese at 704.219.7199 or [linda.deese@gmail.com](mailto:linda.deese@gmail.com) OR you can contact the church office at 704.289.3186.

**UWF UWHARRIE DISTRICT ANNUAL CELEBRATION  
BETHLEHEM UMC – WAXHAW, NC**



Catherine Ritch



Celebration Time

Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> - 5300 Nesbit Road, Waxhaw, NC 28173  
Registration: 9:30 am & Meeting 10:15 am - 12:15 pm  
Registration deadline is today, August 13<sup>th</sup>

A sign-up sheet, registration forms and payment envelopes are at the Crossroads (please put payment and registration form in envelope and put in UWF Folder labeled for Annual Celebration). If you leave cash, please put your name on the envelope.

*Bethlehem supported us at the Prayer Breakfast, please support them at the Annual Celebration*



**BIRTHDAY  
CLUB** at **Chick-fil-A**

The Birthday Club will meet this  
Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. We  
will meet at Chick-fil-A in the Monroe  
Mall. Hostesses are Missy Elliott and  
Nancy Gustafson.



Could we call you to make a  
dish from our recipe? Then  
you can deliver it to the church  
Tuesday at 4-5:30 pm and stay  
to help serve if you wish.

**Please join our Dinner Church  
Teams as we serve the hungry!**



Call Jean Semken (Team 1 Leader) 704.301.0435,  
Rena McGee-Helms (Team 2 Leader) 704.221.3106,  
or Grace Snelgrove (Team 3 Leader) 910.693.1019.

**The Chuck Wagon**  
**Blessing Box**

**Most needed items:**

- Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Ham, Vienna Sausages, etc.)
- Canned soups, Beanie Weenies or Chili
- Canned pasta with meat (ravioli, spaghetti, etc.)
- Peanut butter and alternatives (any type of nut butter)
- Jelly (plastic jar)
- Instant grit or oatmeal packets
- Crackers/granola bars/protein bars
- Individual serving size items
- Single-serve dried fruit/trail mix/nuts



For questions or more information, please call  
Cheri Barker 704.242.4851 or Jean Semken 704.301.0435

**HELP  
HOPE  
HEALING** **stephen  
MINISTRY.**

Your Stephen Minister will talk with you and  
listen to you as you search through the pieces of  
your heart. To connect with a Stephen Minister,  
contact Rev. Sigrid Mottram at 980.240.2370 or  
[smottram@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:smottram@centralumcmonroe.org).

**FREE ONE-ON-ONE CONFIDENTIAL CARE**  
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& Family  
Therapy



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Do you have a new phone number?  
Have you moved? Do you have a new  
email address? If your answer is yes  
to any of these questions please let  
us know in the church office so we  
can update your contact information.

**Weekday Children's Ministries**  
is hiring for the 23/24 School Year!

We are in need of:  
Lead Teachers  
Assistant Teachers  
Floater/Translator  
Bus Driver

If you are interested in applying call/text Erica  
704-290-4607 or email [weekday@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:weekday@centralumcmonroe.org).



# Prayer Requests

Deese/Kiker Family | Family of Jennifer Flowe (Nikki Hargett’s mother) | Nita Williamson | Edie Anderson | Addie Laney | Jim Gordon  
Judy & Charles Sanders | WCM staring | Youth retreat | Katie Mackay | Charles Brock | Country leaders | Charles Magee  
Ukraine | Janel Holden (Fred Duncan’s sister) | Alison Holden (Frend Duncan’s brother-in-law) | John & Kim Cattie | Bill Phifer | Mike Taylor  
Melony Cordero | Mark Patrus | Jodie & Family | Emily & Family | Ernie & Jackie Taylor | Children of St. Jude & Shriner’s Hospitals  
Jane Austin’s Family | Carol Reeder | Jonda Buchanan-Praise | College students | Will Lampe | Logan Blair || Kamber Matson  
Nancy Snyder | Cynthia Smith | Sandy Deskins | Jean Semken | Several Unspoken | Jean Burinsky | Strength, courage & guidance  
Jeff Stout & Family | Carolyn Witmore | Roberta Bostic | Robert Ward (Jean Semken’s nephew) | Jeanne Mackay-Praise  
Larry & Vicki Shupe | Paulette & Jimmy Pierce | Bob Alexander | Virginia Mills | Fay Hearne | Hiring for WCM | Praise  
For all teachers who started back to school | Alica Roberts | Family reconciliation

(Prayer Request’s stay on the above list for 2 weeks unless requested to be put on the “ongoing prayer requests”)

## Ongoing Prayer Requests

Robin Baucom | Tex Huffman | Lawson Holmes | Doris Wheeler | Betty Harkness | Margaret Furr | Barbara Pfau  
Elaine Lambert | Andrew Lanier | Mitchell Taylor (Carolyn Kindley’s nephew ) | Vanessa Deese & Family (Linda’s daughter in law)  
Brian Outen | Jeanne Mackay | Kelli Whitaker | Gail Klein | Ruth Mackay | Helen Scarpantoni (Ruth Wall’s sister) | Steve Engel  
Betty Lathan | Linda Deese | Paula Russell | Rosey Olsen | John Tice | Dixon & Elaine Hall | Jimmie Hargett | Chris Wiggins  
Maeson Sutton & Family | Martha Rollins | Elaine & Dennis Lord | Joel Kurtz | Mary Jones | Meghan Broome  
Barbara Horack (Shelley Loberger’s mother) | Eldoris Loberger (Dale’s mother) | Karen Dyer (Lisa Kania’s sister-in-law) | Kappy Giblin  
Maxine Wally | Jack Harper III | Dillon Brantley | Jason Hill | Bob Sullivan | Gareth Simpson | Ronnie Haigler  
Darlene Childers (Doris Campbell’s sister) | Our President | Our Governor | Our Military | Our Country  
Bishop Ken Carter | District Superintendent Rev. Beth Crissman | Central UMC Staff

Please call the Church Office at 704.289.3186 or email [skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org) to add or remove prayer requests.  
If you have confidential prayer request, please email [llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org) or [smottram@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:smottram@centralumcmonroe.org).

### Attendance

#### Week of 8/6/23-373

8:45 am Service-55  
Sunday School-58  
11:00 am Service-83  
Online Service-121  
Dinner Church-55

 If you are interested in learning more about Central? Are you interested in becoming a member? Please see one of the pastors or contact the church office at 704.289.3186 or by email at [skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org).

### Alter Guild

August  
Amy Garrison  
& Libby Gordon

### Lay Reader

8/13-Janet Lancaster  
8/20-David Paschal  
8/27-Dale Loberger

### Ushers

#### 8:45 am Contemporary Service

8/13-Cheri Barker & Denise Rumley  
8/20-Denise Rumley & Amy Garrison  
8/27-Amy Garrison & Cheri Barker

#### 11:00 am Traditional Service

8/13-John & Mary Ann Burns  
and Davey & Dale Ann Plyler  
8/20-Ken Neese & Jimmy Parker  
and Sean Daly & Roy Wade  
8/27-Jack & Jackson Hargett

### United Women in Faith

UWF Annual Celebration Meeting will be next Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at Bethlehem UMC in Waxhaw. Please see front of newsletter for more information.

Circles will not meet during summer, they will start back in September. If you have any questions please contact your Circle Leader at their number below.

Lessie Anne Circle meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month (September-May) at 10:00 am in the Church Library. Contact Mary Engel for more information at 704.226.1176.

Faith, Hope & Charity Circle meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (September-May) at 1:30 pm in the Hospitality Room. Contact Nancy Gustafson for more information at 704.733.8686.

New Beginnings Circle meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month (September-May) at 6:30 pm in the Hospitality Room. Contact Linda Deese for more information at 704.219.7199.

Grace & Mercy Circle please contact Donna Young at 704.226.5954 if you have any questions or need information.

### Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am to 5 pm  
(closed for lunch from 1-2 pm daily)

### Newsletter Submission

#### Deadline


Mondays at 5 pm

## Central Weekly Calendar

#### SUNDAY 8/13

**CENTRAL YOUTH** at Caswell Retreat  
8:45 am Contemporary Service-Central Hall  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary  
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online  
**MONDAY 8/14**  
ALL DAY Pastor Lanny on call/Pastor Sigrid’s Sabbath  
12 pm Civitans-Scout Hut  
5:00 pm Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline  
**TUESDAY 8/15**  
9:30 am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny’s office  
11:30 am Staff Meeting  
4:00 pm Common Heart-Getting Ahead-Hospitality,  
Upstairs Kitchen, Rooms 108, 110, 111 & 114  
6:00 pm Dinner Church (Team 2)-FLC

#### WEDNESDAY 8/16

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**THURSDAY 8/17**  
8:00 am Men’s Breakfast Group-The Derby  
9:30 am Stephen Minister’s Meeting-Room 114  
11:30 am Birthday Club-  at Monroe Mall  
1:00 pm Dance Club-FLC  
4:00 pm Common Heart-Getting Ahead-Hospitality,  
Upstairs Kitchen, Rooms 108, 110, 111 & 114  
6:00 pm AAU Basketball-FLC  
7:00 pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut

#### FRIDAY 8/18

ALL DAY Pastor Sigrid on call/Pastor Lanny’s Sabbath  
ALL DAY FLC Reserved

#### SATURDAY 8/19

8:00 am Central Squares-Upstairs Kitchen/Hospitality  
9:00 am FLC Reserved until 3:00 pm

#### SUNDAY 8/20

8:45 am Contemporary Service-Central Hall  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary  
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online

### Central Squares Men’s Group

Central Squares Men’s Group will meet next on August 19<sup>th</sup>. We start cooking breakfast at 7:30 am with the devotion at 8:00 am. Come join us for breakfast, fellowship, and devotion. For any questions or for more information contact Eric Shupe 803.370.3693 or Gabe Febus 704.774.0342.

### Men’s Breakfast Group meets at the Derby Restaurant

 Thursday mornings  
8:00 am

Come join us for great food,  
fellowship & a devotion!