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NEW! *and* **IMPROVED!**

a new teaching series on God's promises for the New Year...coming up! 1.1.23



1/1/23-Epiphany services will at our regular scheduled times with Contemporary at 8:45 am in Central Hall, Sunday School at 9:45 am, and Traditional at 11 am in the Sanctuary

December's Shareback is the Chuck Wagon Blessing Box!



Suggested items needed for the Shareback table (located outside the Choir Room):

Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Ham, Vienna Sausages, etc.)
Canned soups, Beanie Weenies, Chili
Canned pasta with meat (ravioli, spaghetti, etc.)
Peanut butter and alternatives (any type of nut butter)
Beans (baked, pinto, great northern)
Rice, white or brown (1 lb. bags)
Single-use individual cereal boxes or bowls
Instant grit packets
Crackers/granola bars/protein bars
Jelly (plastic jar)
Single-serve microwave meals
To-go meals and shelf-stable meal kits
Individual serving size items
Single-serve dried fruit/trail mix/nuts
Pre-packaged takeout silverware



****Please try to get easy open/pop-tops if available**

Questions or concerns? Please call:
Cheri Barker 704.242.4851, Jean Semken 704.301.0435, Elaine Davis 704.254.5951

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS DAY AND ON MONDAY JANUARY 2ND IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY.



The 2023 Sign-up for the Chuck Wagon is on the wall at the Crossroads



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Thank you to all that have donated, stocked and prayed for the Chuck Wagon Ministry in 2022! What a wonderful way to honor Chuck!

Do be sure to see the artwork by our own Joel Ferguson. His beautiful collages are displayed on the hall wall just outside Pastor Lanny's office. As you view the intricate, precise works, do let them move in your spirit. Joel adds much to our church with his talents in audio/visual endeavors and his collages. Thank you Joel!-Barbara Funderburk

2023 DATES FOR OUR BLOOD DRIVE



January 9th
March 12th
May 7th
July 9th
September 10th
November 12th

Give Blood. Give Life.



Any questions please contact Irene Ward at 980.328.0520



Celebration Singers
Children's Choir | 1st - 5th Graders Welcome
Make a... joyful noise
Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Choir Room
Contact Barbara Pfau at 704.282.6770 with any questions



DINNER CHURCH

TUESDAYS at 6 pm
in the Family Life Center

Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me food."
(Matthew 25:35 NRSV)

Come join us as we CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY by sharing a meal and worship. To sign-up to serve, contact the church office by calling the office at 704.289.3186 or email skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org.

Central Kids KIDS Worship
It's Worship Just for Kids
Children's Time follow-up & review, scripture memorization, prayers and praises, God sightings, singing and dancing.

Merry Christmas from your Central Staff!

In Christ's love from
Pastor Lanny, Pastor Sigrid,
Sylvia, Shannon, Debbie,
Erica, Julie & Jamie



Prayer Requests

Persecuted Christians | The homeless | Those who do not know Jesus | Family of Ivan Moon | John & Kim Cattie
Barbara Sedergran's Family | Lisa Edison Carroll | Shannon Keesler || Cindy Tucker | The Tucker Family | Nancy Moore
Family of Polly Adcock Daniel Mackay | Steven Mackay | Gail Klein | David Prophit | Barbara Pfau | Pat Stewart | Sickness | Jim Gordon
Bill Phifer | Mike Taylor | Melony Cordero | Jodie & Family | Sam Robinson Victims of War | Children of St. Jude | Shriner's Hospital
(Prayer Request's stay on the above list for 2 weeks unless requested to be put on the "ongoing prayer requests")

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Chris Wiggins | Kix Soderblom | Tatum Purser | Barbara Horack (Shelley Loberger's mother) | Eldoris Loberger (Dale's mother) Carolyn Kindley
Elaine Davis | Karen Dyer (Lisa Kania's sister-in-law) | Elie Walden | Martha Rollins | Meghan Broome | Lynda Moore | Joel Kurtz
Elaine & Dennis Lord | Missy Elliott Ellen Lancaster | Ronnie Haigler | Paula Russell | Kappy Giblin | Doris Wheeler | Virginia Bjorlin
Marlene McCain (Lynda Moore's sister) | Robert Rylander | Maxine Wally | Mary Jones | Dillon Brantley | John Tice | Jean Semken
Don Gardner (Debi Patton's brother) | Sue Mangum (Susan McInnis' mother) | Bob Sullivan | Jason Hill | Jonathan Mackay | Gareth Simpson
Jack Harper III | Darlene Childers (Doris Campbell's sister) | Our President | Our Governor | Our Military | Our Country
Bishop Ken Carter | District Superintendent Laura Auten | Pastor Lanny | Pastor Sigrid
Please call the Church Office at 704.289.3186 or email skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org to add your prayer requests. If you have confidential prayer request, please email llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org or smottram@centralumcmonroe.org.

Lay Reader

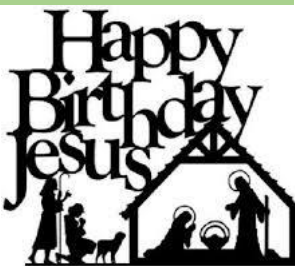
12/25-Janet Lancaster
1/1-Nathan Clements

Altar Guild

December & January
Beth Hargett & Libby Helms

Attendance for week of 12/18/22-473

Sunday School-55
Lessons & Carols Service-175
11 am Online Service-202
Dinner Church-41



Chuck Wagon Stockers

Month of December
Parlor Sunday School Class

SOUL FOOD BIBLE STUDY

Soul Food will not meet again until Thursday, January 5th at 10:00 am in the Hospitality Room. We are doing a study on the *Twelve Women of the Bible*. Women of all ages are invited to the study so please join us for the Bible Study and fellowship!

Sanctuary Counseling Group

Specializing in
Marriage
& Family
Therapy



Promoting the Healing of Heart, Mind, & Soul
Todd R. Matson, D. Min., LMFT
704-375-5354, ext.407 - www.mccsvs.org



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 by calling the church office at 704.289.3186 or you can call her at 980.240.2370.

FREE ONE-ON-ONE CONFIDENTIAL CARE
PROVIDED BY TRAINED CAREGIVERS

Central Squares MEN'S GROUP

Central Squares Men's Group will meet next on Saturday, January 7th. We start cooking breakfast at 7:30 am with the devotion at 8:00 am. Come join us for breakfast fellowship, and devotion. Central Squares meets on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month. For more information or questions please contact Eric Shupe 803.370.3693 or Gabe Febus 704.774.0342.

Ushers

12/24 Christmas Eve at 7 pm
David & Kalli Clements and
David & Amy Paschal
12/25-Christmas Day One Service
at 10 am Robert & Linda Hinson
1/1 Epiphany Sunday
8:45 am Contemporary Service
Cheri Barker & Denise Rumley
11:00 am Traditional Service TBD

United Women in Faith

Lessie Anne Circle will meet in the Library on Tuesday, January 3rd at 10:00 am. It's time to make your pledge! Contact Mary Engel with any questions at 704.226.1176.

Faith, Hope & Charity Circle will not meet in December. We will meet again on Monday, January 9th at 11:30 am for a luncheon at the home of Nancy Gustafson. Contact Nancy Gustafson with questions at 704.733.8686.

Lessie Anne Circle meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the Church Library.

Faith, Hope & Charity Circle meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Hospitality Room.

New Beginnings Circle meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Hospitality Room.

Men's Breakfast Group meets at the Derby Restaurant



Thursday mornings
8:00 am

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

Central's Calendar



SUNDAY 12/25 Merry CHRISTmas!

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
10:00 am Christmas Day Service-Chapel (**ONE SERVICE**)
10:00 am Livestream Worship-Online
NO **CENTRAL YOUTH** or Jr. Youth

MONDAY 12/26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY 12/27

8:30 am Church office open
9:00 am Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline
6:00 pm Dinner Church-FLC
6:30 pm Central Ringers-Sanctuary

THURSDAY 12/29

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group-Derby
7:00 pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut

FRIDAY 12/30

7:00 pm Learning to Live-Scout Hut

SATURDAY New Year's Eve

SUNDAY 01/01 Happy New Year!

8:45 am Contemporary Service-Central Hall
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Traditional Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online

MONDAY 01/02 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY 01/03

8:30 am Church office reopens
9:00 am Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline
9:30 am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's Office
10:00 am Lessie Anne Circle-Library

11:00 am Staff Meeting-Hospitality Room
2:00 pm Knitting Girls-Library
6:00 pm Dinner Church-FLC

WEDNESDAY 01/04

6:00 pm Celebration Singers-Choir Room
6:00 pm InnerChange (vocals)-Central Hall
6:30 pm SPRC Meeting-Pathfinders
7:15 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

THURSDAY 01/05

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group-Derby
10:00 am Soul Food-Hospitality Room
7:00 pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut

FRIDAY 12/30

7:00 pm Learning to Live-Scout Hut

SATURDAY

8:00 am Central Squares-Upstairs Kitchen/Hospitality
SUNDAY 01/08

8:45 am Contemporary Service-Central Hall
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Traditional Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online
4:00 pm **CENTRAL YOUTH** & Jr. Youth

Central Ringers & Trinity will start later in January

