



# Connect at Central

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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-Epipany 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

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



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



If you have any questions or concerns? Please call Cheri Barker 704.242.4851, Jean Semken 704.301.0435, or Elaine Davis 704.254.5951

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

## 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

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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 9<sup>th</sup>  
March 12<sup>th</sup>  
May 7<sup>th</sup>  
July 9<sup>th</sup>  
September 10<sup>th</sup>  
November 12<sup>th</sup>

Give Blood. Give Life.



Any questions please contact Irene Ward at 980.328.0520



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Celebration Singers

Children's Choir | 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> 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

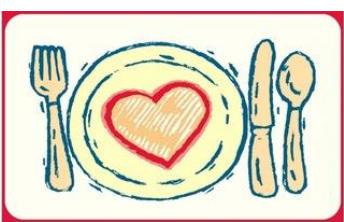


During both services!  
Starting back on January 1<sup>st</sup>

KIDS Worship

It's Worship Just for Kids

Children's Time follow-up & review, scripture memorization, prayers and praises, God sightings, singing and dancing.



## 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.

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](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org) to add your 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).

## Lay Reader

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

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

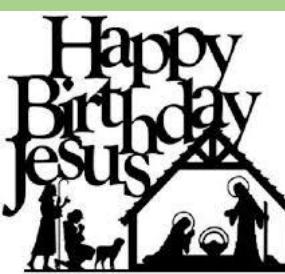
## Sanctuary Counseling Group

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](http://www.mccsvs.org)

AAMFT  
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

## Altar Guild

December & January  
Beth Hargett & Libby Helms



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the Church Library.

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

New Beginnings Circle meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
NO **CENTRAL YOUTH** or Jr. Youth

### 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

## Central Squares MEN'S GROUP

Central Squares Men's Group will meet next on Saturday, January 7<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. Central Squares meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month. For more information or questions please contact Eric Shupe 803.370.3693 or Gabe Febus 704.774.0342.

