



# Connect at Central

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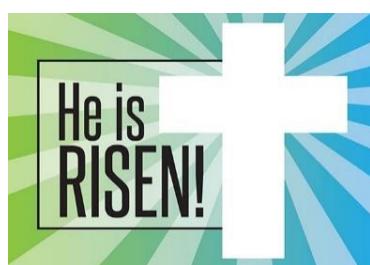
Starting Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

## Fullness of Joy

A LIVING HOPE WORSHIP SERIES



The church office will be closed on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.



PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD TODAY AND PUT IN THE OFFERING PLATE

(LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE SEAT/PEW IN FRONT OF YOU)



### United Women in Faith Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

10:15 am-12:15 pm  
Registration and light breakfast  
starts at 9:30 am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Laura Auten  
Uwharrie District Superintendent

Registration deadline is Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
Cost is \$7.00

Register with your circle president, from the online email blast link or  
by calling the church office 704.289.3186.



### Most needed items:

Chicken or beef bouillon

Canned vegetables

Canned or dried beans

Sugar

Syrup

Pancake mix

Spices

Kosher salt

Oats

Grits

Vinegar



Amazon wishlist link is on the main email blast page

Cleaning supplies

Trash bags 25 gallon & 50 gallon

Laundry detergent



Dish soap

Glass cleaner

Shower shoes (cheap flip flops)

Paper towels

Toilet paper



### Scholarships

applications now being accepted

Sally Shirley Bivens Scholarship

Application due date 5/1

centralumcmonroe.org/bivensscholarship

Jane Neese 704.776.3227 | Jneese773@gmail.com

Starnes Scholarship

Application due date 5/09

centralumcmonroe.org/starnesscholarship

Please email your intent to apply to Julie Miles  
at jmiles@centralumcmonroe.org



### DINNER CHURCH

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

Tuesday nights at 6 pm

in the Family Life Center

Come join us as we CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY by sharing a meal and worship. To sign-up to serve, or if you have any questions contact 704.289.3186 or skeeler@centralumcmonroe.org.



### Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina



Central's Youth and Jr. Youth are planting a Pinwheel Garden to help support Child Abuse Prevention.

You can purchase a pinwheel for \$3 from the youth each Sunday in April at the Crossroads & Narthex. This organization works throughout the year advocating for the prevention of child abuse. All money raised will go to support their efforts in raising awareness. Prevent Child Abuse NC ensures that prevention is a priority in North Carolina and that all communities have the knowledge, skills, and resources to prevent child abuse and neglect at the local level.



For more information please visit <https://preventchildabusenc.org/>

## 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

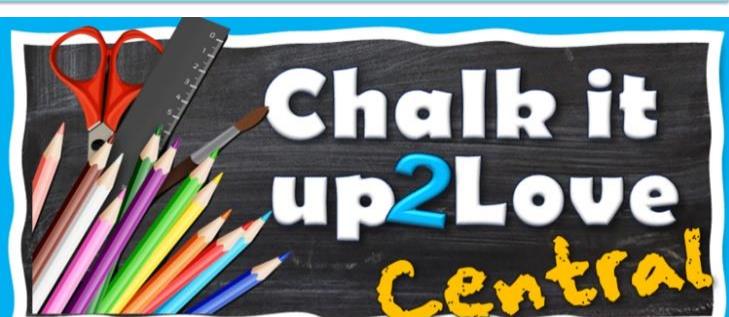
Crackers/granola bars/protein bars

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

Christ is Risen!



**Weekday Children's Ministries**  
**NC PreK**  
Prekinder de Carolina Del Norte  
**704-289-5244**

**GRATIS FREE**

Do you have a 4-year-old who would like to attend FREE Pre-K? Please call Erica for more information 704.290.4607.

Applications can be picked up downstairs at the Weekday Children's office or you can print at <https://theallianceforchildren.org/#APPLICATIONS>

NEXT BLOOD MOBILE IS SUNDAY, MAY 7<sup>th</sup>



9:30 am  
to  
1:30 pm

Give Blood. Give Life.

Contact Irene Ward with questions 980.328.0520

**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

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## Attendance

### Week of 4/2-556

8:45 am Service-92  
Sunday School-63  
11:00 am Service-89  
Online Service-220  
Dinner Church-35  
Youth/Jr. Youth-23  
Clements Concert-34

## Lay Reader

4/9-Janet Lancaster  
4/16-Eric Shupe  
4/23-Nathan Clements  
4/30-Janet Lancaster

## Altar Guild

April  
Annette Ratliff &  
Susan McInnis

## Ushers

### 8:45 am Contemporary Service

4/16-Denise Rumley & Cheri Barker  
4/23-Amy Garrison & Denise Rumley  
4/30-Cheri Barker & Amy Garrison

### 11:00 am Traditional Service

4/16-Jack & Jackson Hargett and  
Ken Neese & Jimmy Parker  
4/23-Davey & Dale Ann Plyler and  
Sean Daly & Roy Wade  
4/30-David, Kalli, James  
& Grace Clements

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

Your Stephen Minister will walk with you, listen to you as you search through the pieces of your heart. To connect with a Stephen Minister call or text Pastor Sigrid Mottram 980.240.2370 or you can email her smottram@centralumcmonroe.org.



Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for YOU!

## Soul Food Bible Study

Soul Food will meet this coming Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. We are continuing the study by Laura Story "When God Doesn't Fix It." Women of all ages are invited to join!

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

Thursday mornings  
8:00 am

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



## Marriage & Family Therapy

Here at Central

Todd R. Matson, D. Min., LMFT  
704.375.5354, ext.407 | 704.242.3694



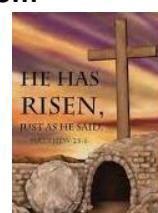
## Central Squares Men's Group

Central Squares Men's Group will meet next on April 15<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.

## Central UMC Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY 4/9 Easter Sunday

9:00 am Easter Service-Prayer Garden  
Fellowship Breakfast-Hospitality Room  
10:30 am Traditional Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room  
11:00 am Easter Service-Sanctuary  
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online  
No Jr. Youth or **CENTRAL YOUTH**



### MONDAY 4/10 Easter Monday

ALL DAY Church office closed  
12 pm Civitans-Scout Hut  
1:00 pm Anne Morris Visitation-Central Hall  
1:30 pm Faith, Hope & Charity Circle-Hospitality Room  
2:00 pm Anne Morris Celebration of Life-Sanctuary

### TUESDAY 4/11

2:00 pm Knitting Girls-Library  
6:00 pm Dinner Church-FLC  
NO Central Ringers

### WEDNESDAY 4/12

NO Celebration Singers  
NO InnerChange  
NO Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY 4/13

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

### FRIDAY 4/14

ALL DAY Pastor Sigrid on call/Pastor Lanny's Sabbath

### SATURDAY 4/15

8:00 am Central Squares-Hospitality & upstairs kitchen

### SUNDAY 4/16

8:45 am Contemporary Service-Central Hall  
10:30 am Traditional Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room  
11:00 am Traditional Service-Sanctuary  
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online  
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**NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE-MONDAYS AT 5 PM**

## CANCER



## GROUP

Are you interested in joining a Cancer Support Group? If so, please contact Jean Semken by call/text 704.301.0435 or email at [jsemken@twc.com](mailto:jsemken@twc.com).

## BIRTHDAY CLUB

Birthday Club will meet at 11:30 am on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Mac's Restaurant. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Gustafson at 704.733.8686.