



# Connect at Central

God • Each Other • Community

February 18<sup>th</sup>  
Newsletter

Welcome this morning! We are glad you are here! Remember to fill out your **Connect Card** and put in the offering plate!

## Pastor Lanny's Lyrics...

What do you treasure today? Did you know that you are treasured by Christ? We are beginning a journey here at Central United Methodist Church; it's a journey called Lent, the 40 days leading up to the wonderful celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. That journey began this past Wednesday at our Ash Wednesday service in the Chapel. During the Sundays of this season of Lent, we are going to be considering the depths of Christ's love for us and we are going to be invited to sink our roots deeper and deeper into Christ love for us. I like to watch the trees through the seasons: the leaves develop in the spring and summer and soak up the sunshine and then in the fall they turn glorious colors as the tree begins to let go of that season and lean into the season of winter. In winter, the tree becomes bare and it looks like nothing is happening, But actually during this season very important things are happening that we can't see. The tree is sinking its roots deeper and deeper into the good earth where it can receive the nutrients it needs. This season of lent is a chance for us to sink our roots deeper and deeper in Christ and I hope you'll join us on this journey at 8:45 or 11 each Sunday on our campus or online. Today may you know that you are treasured by Christ in the depths of his love!

*Pastor Lanny*



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## Central's Own Souper Sunday Luncheon

What: General United Women in Faith (UWF)  
Fundraising Soup/Sandwich/Dessert Luncheon  
When: TODAY-10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Why: To Gather our Church Family for Fellowship and Raise Money for Missions  
Where: Family Life Center  
Cost: Adults-\$10, Children (under 10) \$5.

The ladies of UWF will be preparing 6 different soups and 4 different sandwiches for this event and we hope you will support our efforts by attending and bringing your family and friends. You might try eating as Sunday School Classes, Circle groups, or just those buddies you sit with at church. Fun and fellowship always happens when we gather around the table.

We are asking that you make reservations so that we will be sure to have plenty for everyone.

Thanks in advance for your support!



## Central Kids Spring Consignment Sale

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am to

2:30 pm



Our website is [www.centralkidsconsignment.org](http://www.centralkidsconsignment.org)

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Donna Young @ 704.226.5954

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Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for YOU!

## Celebration Singers

For children from 4 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Wednesdays

at 6:00 pm

in the Choir Room

Contact Barbara Pfau at 704.282.6770 with questions or for more information.

## Sanctuary Counseling Group

Here at Central

Specializing in  
Marriage  
& Family  
Therapy



Promoting the Healing of Heart, Mind, & Soul

Todd R. Matson, D. Min., LMFT

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## February Shareback



Immediate day to day needs:

Laundry detergent

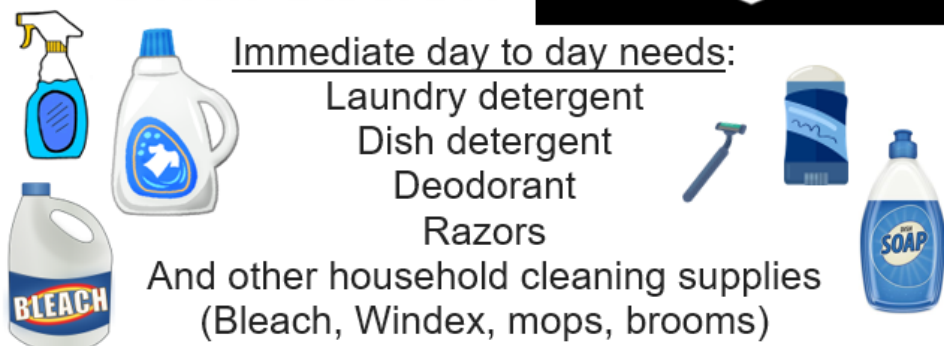
Dish detergent

Deodorant

Razors

And other household cleaning supplies  
(Bleach, Windex, mops, brooms)

More long term needs would be remodeling assistance,  
i.e. Lowes or Home Depot gift cards



Ground 40 helps men transition back into the community from homelessness, addiction, and incarceration. Facilitated through discipleship, and educating them on strong biblical principles, through a practical process.

## Easter Lily Orders

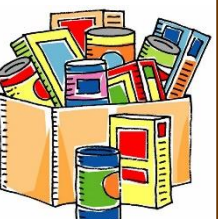
start next  
Sunday,  
February 25.  
They will be  
\$15 each.



## Anson/Union Missional Network Food Pantry 2/07/2024

Held at Wingate UMC, the Mobile Food Pantry served 60 families. 33 children 0-18, 68 adults 19-64, 27 adults 65 plus. Second Harvest provided 11,491 pounds of food for distribution. Anson crisis took 3,188 pounds for distribution.

The next Food Pantry is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Peachland UMC.





# Prayer Requests

The John Rabon Family (Brenda Atchley's cousin) | Jonathan Mackay | Gail Klein | My children to accept Jesus | Edie Anderson  
Pamela & Jerry Snare | Drew Mead & Family | Sam & Marilyn Keesler (Shannon's in-laws) | Brenda Murray (Shannon's mom)  
Kim & John Cattie | Carolyn Kindley | Our Church | Bill Kohler | Shan Reeder | Carol Reeder | Beverly Carnes | Virginia Mills  
Kate Wester | Kevin & Linda Davis | Charles Magee | Bill Phifer | Mike Taylor | Melony Cordero | Mark & John Patrus  
Matthew Burnette & Family | Jodie & Family | Children of Shriners & St. Jude Hospitals  
Victims of War/Disasters | | Our Leadership | Frances Hunley | Wisdom as we navigate through this season  
Dinner Church | Ruth Perry | Marion & Frank | Lynda Moore | Cynthia Smith | Elaine Davis | Marty Charo  
Public education-leaders, teachers, students, influence of parents  
Ron Holliday (Neal Lauber's cousin) | Anne Barber (Neal Lauber's sister)  
(Prayer Request's stay on the above list for 2 weeks unless requested to be put on the "ongoing prayer requests")

## Ongoing Prayer Requests

Roman Zavaleta | Judy & Charlie Sanders | Carol Whelchel | Pat Stewart | Barbara Horack (Shelley Loberger's mother)  
Eldoris Loberger (Dale's mother) | Betsy Griffin | Betty Lathan | Phyllis Matthews | Linda Burris | Glenda Moon  
Donna Cranford | Carolyn Kindley | Addie Laney | Barbara Pfau | Shauna Leonard (Kallie Clement's sister) | Nancy Snyder  
The Matson Family | Martha Rollins | Betty Harkness | Margaret Furr | Barbara Klutz (Elaine Hall's sister) | Elaine Lambert  
Andrew Lanier | Brian Outen | Kelli Whitaker | Dixon & Elaine Hall | Rosey Olsen | Mary Jones | Joel Kurtz | Kappy Giblin  
Chris Wiggins | Ruth Mackay | Mitchell Taylor (Carolyn Kindley's nephew) | Vanessa Deese & Family (Linda's daughter in law)  
Jimmie Hargett | Darlene Childers (Doris Campbell's sister) | Our President | Our Governor | Our Military | Our Country  
Bishop Ken Carter | District Superintendent Rev. Beth Crissman | Central 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).

### Attendance

Week of 2/11/24-498  
8:45 am Service-48  
Sunday School-57  
11:00 am Service-65  
11:00 am Online-200  
UWF Heart to Heart  
Luncheon-35  
Dinner Church-48  
Ash Wednesday-45

### Worship Leader/Psalm Reader



2/18-David Paschal  
2/25-Eric Shupe  
3/3-Mary Ann Burns

### February

Linda & Robert Hinson



### ADDRESS UPDATE:

Betty Lathan  
740 Pavilion View Drive  
Room 312  
Matthews, NC 28105

**Soul Food Bible Study** meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in the Hospitality Room. Everyone is invited, so come join us!

UPDATE on studies:

February 29-March 21<sup>st</sup> we are studying *The Case for Easter* by Lee Strobel. We will start *Luke Gut-Level Compassion* the week after Easter.

## CENTRAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY 2/18

8:45 am Contemporary-Central Hall  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am UWF Souper Luncheon Fundraiser until 1 pm  
10:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room  
11:00 am Traditional Worship-Sanctuary  
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online  
3:30 pm Sanctuary reserved

### MONDAY 2/19

6:00 pm New Beginnings Circle-Hospitality Room  
5:00 pm Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline  
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting-Hospitality

### TUESDAY 2/20

11:00 am Staff Meeting  
4:00 pm Knitting Girls-Library  
6:00 pm Dinner Church (Team 1)-FLC

### WEDNESDAY 2/21

11:30 am WCM Meeting/Fire Safety Training-Hospitality  
6:00 pm Celebration Singers-Choir Room  
6:30 pm SPPRC Meeting-Library

### THURSDAY 2/22

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group-The Derby  
10:00 am Soul Food-Hospitality Room  
6:30 pm SPPRC Meeting-Library  
7:00 pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut

### FRIDAY 2/23

ALL DAY Pastor Lanny's Sabbath/Rev. Hinson on-call

### SATURDAY 2/24

9:00 am Family Life Center Reserved until Noon

### SUNDAY 2/25

8:45 am Contemporary-Central Hall  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room  
11:00 am Traditional Worship-Sanctuary  
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online  
3:30 pm Sanctuary reserved  
3:30 pm Central Youth-FLC  
4:00 pm Jr. Youth-Children's Hall

### MONDAY 2/26

5:00 pm Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline  
6:30 pm SPPRC Meeting-Library



### USHERS

### 8:45 am Service

2/18-Denise Rumley & Amy Garrison  
2/25-Cheri Barker & Erica Kirby  
3/3-Cheri Barker & Rena McGee-Helms

### 11:00 am Service

2/18-David & Kalli Clements and  
David & Amy Paschal  
2/25-David English & David Clements  
and Jack Hargett & Hank Baucom  
3/3-Ken Neese & Jimmy Parker  
and Dale & Shelley Loberger

\*if you change Sundays with someone please let Shannon in the church office know so the info in the bulletin is correct.  
Thank you! 704.289.3186 [skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org)

Thank  
you!



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This seems like an inadequate expression of the feeling I had after the UWF Heart to Heart event on Saturday. The participants who assembled health kits, the speaker who was informative and uplifting, the music which reminded us of the value of a smile, and the general willingness to do whatever was needed made the day a success. It was indeed wonderful to have guests comment on the friendliness and welcoming attitude of Central UMC. Together we can transform the world (or at least our corner)!-Cheri

**New Beginnings Circle** will meet tomorrow night, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Call/text Linda Deese at 704.219.7199 for more information.  
**Grace & Mercy Circle** contact Donna Young 704.226.5954 for more information.

**Lessie Anne Circle** meet next on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Library. For more info call Mary Engel 704.226.1176.

**Faith, Hope & Charity Circle** will meet again on Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. For more information contact Nancy Gustafson (call/text) 704.733.8686.