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Central United Methodist Church

Hark!
the
Herald
Angels Sing

Service of Lessons and Carols

Celebrating Charles Wesley's 315th Birthday

Sunday, December 18, 2022 | 11:00 a.m.

MERRY
Christmas

*Please note that the following services are **ONE SERVICE** on each of the dates for 2022

12/18-Service of Lessons & Carols will be **ONE SERVICE** at 11 am in the Sanctuary

12/24-Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be **ONE SERVICE** at 7 pm in the Sanctuary

12/25-Christmas Day will be **ONE SERVICE** at 10 am in the Chapel

1/1/23-Ephiphany services will be on our **regular schedule** with Contemporary at 8:45 am in Central Hall, Sunday School at 9:45 am, and Traditional at 11 am in the Sanctuary

Clements
Music

Presents

Noel! Noel!

Monday, December 19, 2022 at 7:00pm
Central United Methodist Church Chapel
Monroe, North Carolina

Featuring

Christmas Choral Music and Christmas Solo Piano Selections

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.

During both services!

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

Birthday Club will not meet in December. If you would like to be a hostess, contact Nancy Gustafson at 704.733.8686.

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



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.

Prayer Requests

Terry Byrum | Bob & Mary Alexander | John Cangeni | Those lonely this time of year | Ruth Perry | Anne Morris | Cindy & Tony Steen & Family
Elaine Davis | John & Kim Cattie | Chris Wiggins | David Cianelli & Regina McVeigh (Beth Abbott's brother) | Central's mission to be full-filled
Kix Soderblom | Sylvia Jenkins | Shannon Keesler | Frank Maynard | Floyd Boatwright | Claire | Miriam Smith & Family | College students-exams
Bobby Walker | Those who are homeless | Craig Carpenter | Those with chronic illness | Those who do not know Jesus | Tatum Purser
All those dealing with mental issues | Family of Lizzette | Mark Shore | Marianne King | Bill Phifer | Mike Taylor | Melony Cordero
Jodie & Family | Emily & Family | Sam Robinson | 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

Jim Gordon | Barbara Horack (Shelley Loberger's mother) | Eldoris Loberger (Dale's mother) | Karen Dyer (Lisa Kania's sister-in-law) | Elie Walden
Martha Rollins | Meghan Broome | Lynda Moore | Joel Kurtz | Pat Stewart | Elaine & Dennis Lord | Missy Elliott | Ellen Lancaster | Carolyn Kindley
Ronnie Haigler | Carrie Hargett | Paula Russell | Kappy Giblin | Doris Wheeler | Marlene McCain (Lynda Moore's sister) | Robert Rylander
Don Gardner (Debi Patton's brother) | Sue Mangum (Susan McInnis' mother) | Maxine Wally | Virginia BJORLIN | Dillon Brantley | John Tice | Mary Jones
Jean Semken | 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 | DS 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 (Traditional Service)

11-David Paschal
18-Nathan Clements
25-Janet Lancaster

Attendance for week of 12/04/22-1128

8:45 am Service-50
Sunday School-67
11:00 am Service-55
11 am Online Service-216
"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"-175
"Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Online -525
Dinner Church-40

SOUL FOOD BIBLE STUDY

Soul Food meets on Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Hospitality Room. We are doing a study on the *Twelve Women of the Bible*. This week we are studying about THE WOMAN AT THE WELL "Turning our Messes into Messages" (John 4:7-42 & Luke 17:11-19). All ages are invited to the study so please join us for the Bible Study and fellowship!

Sanctuary Counseling Group

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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
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Central Squares MEN'S GROUP

Central Squares Men's Group will meet again on Saturday, December 17th. 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.

Altar Guild for December

Beth Hargett & Libby Helms

December Ushers

Contemporary

11-Lisa Kania & Amy Garrison
18- One Service at 10 am using
Traditional Service Ushers
25-One Service at 10 am using
Traditional Service Ushers

Traditional

12/11-Ken Neese & Jimmy Parker and
John & Mary Ann Burns
12/18-Central Youth
12/24 Christmas Eve 7 pm
David & Kalli Clements and
David & Amy Paschal
12/25-Christmas Day One Service 10 am
Robert & Linda Hinson

Chuck Wagon Stockers

Month of December
Parlor Sunday School Class
2023 Sign-up at the Crossroads

United Women in Faith

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.

New Beginnings Circle will meet on Monday, December 19th at 6:30 pm.

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.

Central's Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 12/11

8:45 am Contemporary Service-Central Hall
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Traditional Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 am All Saints Sunday Traditional Worship Service
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online
4:00 pm Jr. Youth-Children's Night Like No Other
NO CENTRAL YOUTH



MONDAY 12/12

ALL DAY Pastor Sigrid's Sabbath/Pastor Lanny on-call
12:00 pm Civitans

5:00 pm Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline

TUESDAY 12/13

9:30 am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's Office
11:30 am Staff Christmas Lunch
2:00 pm Knitting Girls-Library
6:00 pm Dinner Church-FLC
6:30 pm Central Ringers-Sanctuary
6:30 pm Nathan Clements Practice-Chapel



WEDNESDAY 12/14

6:00 pm Celebration Singers-Choir Room
6:00 pm InnerChange (vocals)-Central Hall
7:15 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room
THURSDAY 12/15
8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group-Derby
9:30 am Stephen Ministers Monthly Meeting-Room 114
10:00 am Soul Food-Hospitality Room
1:00 pm Dancing Club-FLC
7:00 pm Nathan Clements Practice-Chapel
7:00 pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut



FRIDAY 12/16

ALL DAY Pastor Lanny's Sabbath/Pastor Sigrid on-call
8:00 am Weekday Children's Ministry-FLC
4:30 pm Apprentice Academy Basketball Game-FLC
7:00 pm Learning to Live-Scout Hut



SATURDAY 12/17

8:00 am Central Squares-Upstairs Kitchen/Hospitality
SUNDAY 12/18
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Traditional Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online
11:00 am Lessons & Carols-Sanctuary (ONE SERVICE)
1:00 pm Nathan Clements Practice-Chapel
3:00 pm Jr. Youth Christmas Party
3:00 pm CENTRAL YOUTH Christmas Party



Men's Breakfast Group

meets at the

Derby Restaurant

Thursday mornings

8:00 am

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



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