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January 1st

2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEW and IMPROVED!
*God's Promises
for the New Year*

Jan. 1: Arise, Shine! *Isaiah 60.1-16*
Jan. 8: Can you teach an old dog new tricks? *Isaiah 42.1-9*
Jan. 15: Created to Serve: *Isaiah 49.1-7*
Jan. 22: Keep a Song in Your Heart: *Isaiah 52.1-10*
Jan. 29: A Funny Kind of Blessed: *Matthew 5.1-12*
Feb. 5: Salty: *Matthew 5.13-20*
Feb. 12: Are you listening? *Matthew 5.21-37*
Feb. 19: Listen to Him! *Matthew 17.1-9*
Feb. 22 (Ash Wednesday): Your Faith: *Matthew 6.1-21*

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



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY JANUARY 2ND IN OBSERVANCE OF
NEW YEAR'S DAY.



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.

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



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

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

Sunday | January 8th | 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

BLOOD DRIVE

See the main email blast page for the online sign-up link, contact
Irene Ward or call the church office to schedule a time



Give Blood. Give Life.

Contact Irene Ward at 980.328.0520 with any questions

Central Kids *During
both services!*
KIDS Worship

It's Worship Just for Kids

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

Celebration Singers

Children's Choir | 1st -5th Graders Welcome

Make a...



Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Choir Room

Contact Barbara Pfau at 704.282.6770 with any questions

SOUL FOOD BIBLE STUDY

Soul Food will meet again on 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!

pray

Prayer Requests

Carol Courtney | Nancy Gustafson's mother | John & Kim Cattie | Frank Maynard | Patsy Treadaway
 Jimmie Hargett | DJ (Erica Kirby's son) | Ruth Perry | Sue Sasser | Bobby Ward || Persecuted Christians | The homeless
 Those who do not know Jesus | Family of Ivan Moon | Barbara Sedergran's Family | Lisa Edison Carroll

(Prayer Request's stay on the above list for 2 weeks unless requested to be put on the "ongoing prayer requests")

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Daniel Mackay | Steven Mackay | Barbara Pfau | Pat Stewart | Jim Gordon | Chris Wiggins | Kix Soderblom | Tatum Purser
 Barbara Horack (Shelley Loberger's mother) | Eldoris Loberger (Dale's mother) | Carolyn Kindley | Elaine Davis | Shannon Keesler
 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.

January Altar Guild

Beth Hargett
& Libby Helms

Lay Reader

1/1-Nathan Clements
1/8-Dale Loberger
1/15-David Paschal



United Women in Faith

Lessie Anne Circle will meet in the Library this coming 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.

Central Squares MEN'S GROUP

Central Squares Men's Group will meet next 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.

Sanctuary Counseling Group

Specializing in
Marriage
& Family
Therapy



Promoting the Healing of Heart, Mind, & Soul
 Todd R. Matson, D. Min., LMFT
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Central's Calendar

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 opens



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 SPPRC 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

6:30 pm Outreach/Missions Meeting via Zoom

7:00 pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut



FRIDAY 12/30

4:30 pm Apprentice Basketball Game-FLC



7:00 pm Learning to Live-Scout Hut

SATURDAY

8:00 am Central Squares-Upstairs Kitchen/Hospitality



12:00 pm Rev. Melvin Tate Recognition-FLC

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 back later in January