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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 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

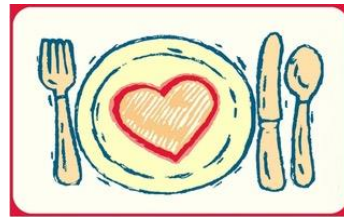


Give Blood. Give Life.

Contact Irene Ward at 980.328.0520 with any questions



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.



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... joyful noise

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!

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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



Attendance for week of 12/25/22-551

Christmas Eve Service-219
Christmas Eve Online Service-261
Christmas Day Service-48
Dinner Church-23

Ushers

8:45 am Contemporary Service
1/1-Cheri Barker & Denise Rumley
1/8-Amy Garrison & Cheri Barker
11:00 am Traditional Service
1/1-David, Kalli, Grace
& James Clements
1/8-Jack & Jackson Hargett and
Davey & Dale Ann Plyler

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
704-375-5354, ext.407 - www.mccsvs.org

HELP HOPE HEALING stephen MINISTRY

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'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