



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

Central Community Chorus

Presents

An
*Appalachian
Christmas*

Sunday, December 3, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.
Central United Methodist Church Sanctuary
801 South Hayne Street | Monroe, North Carolina
Free Admission | Love Offering Received
centralumcmonroe.org

THIS
AFTERNOON

Save the Date



December

COMMON
HEART
a small revolution of kindness

12th

Central will host a Mobile Food Pantry with Common Heart on Tuesday, December 12th. Come on out and help us feed our neighbors! Starting at 8:00 am volunteers will set up tables, pack food items, load food items into neighbors' vehicles, and pack up after the pantry is complete. We will be done by 12:00 pm at the latest.

Community Service of Solace

Thursday, December 14th
7:00 pm



in the Chapel

Central Presents:

The True Gift

A Dramatic & Musical presentation telling the True Meaning of Christmas
Script written by Robert Hinson

Sunday,
December 17, 2023
11:00 a.m.
Central UMC Sanctuary

It's time to order
your Poinsettia \$12 each

Fill out the order form located in the Narthex, in Central Hall or at the Crossroads, click the link in the main e-blast page OR call the church office 704.289.3186 or email skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org to order your poinsettia!

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 24
10:00 a.m.

People, Look East!

Monday, December 18, 2023 | 7:00pm
Central UMC Monroe's Sanctuary

You are invited to Pastor Sigrid's

Farewell Celebration Reception

Sunday, December 10th
during the Sunday School hour
in the Hospitality Room

The SPPRC invites you to a reception for Pastor Sigrid Mottram to express our gratitude for her ministry and bid her farewell on Sunday, December 10th during the SS hour in the Hospitality Room. Please feel free to bring cards and love offerings to wish Sigrid all the best.



UCCA Ministry Food Pantry Needs



Baked beans
Black beans
Black Eyed peas
Boxed meals
Canned condensed milk
Canned meats
Canned soups
Carrots
Cereal/Grits/Oatmeal
Cereal bars
Chili Beans
Coffee
Corn
Cornbread Mix
Crackers

Flour
Great Northern beans
Green beans
Jelly
Kidney beans
Kool-Aid drink packets
Lima beans
Macaroni & cheese
Mixed fruits
Mixed vegetables
Pancake mix
Peaches
Peanut butter
Pineapples

Pork & beans
Potatoes
Ravioli
Refried beans
Rice
Spaghetti noodles
Spaghetti O's
Spaghetti sauce
Sugar
Sweet peas
Tea bags
Tomatoes
Tomato sauce
Tuna

DECEMBER

SHAREBACK

We are continuing to collect food (see list above) for Union County Crisis Assistance for the month of December! We are also collecting monetary donations as well. Please put December Shareback in the memo line for all checks. If there are any questions please contact the church office at 704.289.3186.

Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight

Sunday, December 24, 2023
7:00 pm
Central UMC Sanctuary

Dinner Church Christmas Care Bags

Get in the Christmas spirit and shower our Dinner Church guests with love! We will be assembling Christmas Care bags with some practical winter essentials and some fun holiday goodies. You can support this project by donating money or gift cards! To get the best pricing and ensure we have enough of each item, we determined it would be easier to place bulk orders for things vs have different people bring in items. We estimate the contents of each bag to be around \$15 and would ideally like to also include a \$10 gift card in each bag if we have enough donations. The need is 40-50 bags for adults and 10-15 bags for kids. Please make a donation to help sponsor a bag(s) and/or donate gift cards—Food Lion, Dollar General, Walmart, Chick-fil-A, Taco Bell, CVS, Walgreens, etc. Donations can be made online—select Dinner Church in the dropdown fund options and in the memo note Christmas Bags. Or put your donation in the offering plate and mark it as such. Or drop off any donated gift cards at the church office by December 10th. If you want to be more hands on in the assembly, or have questions please call Liv Brown, 704.650.3597.




Prayer Requests

Unspoken | Janet Holden (Fred Duncan’s sister) | Randy Brabham | Linda Deese | Sue Brown | Home repair issues | Maxine Wally
Steve & Gina Blalock | Linda Thomas | Ruth Perry | Ginger Hightower | Jack Hightower | Pam Majewski | Shan Reeder
Carol Reeder | John & Kim Cattie | Beulah Lassiter | Sam Keesler (Shannon’s father-in-law) | Bill Phifer | Mike Taylor
Melony Cordero | Matthew Burnette/Family | Nancy Burnette | Neal Helms | Victims of War/Disasters
Children of St. Jude/Shriners Hospitals || Andrew Forsyth | Jim Gordon | Connor Montgomery (Shannon Keesler’s grandson)
People grieving during the holidays | | Unspoken | Judy Sanders | Cynthia Smith | Donna & Lori | Unspoken | Christmas Play
Sobriety | Housing for Jimmy | Steve Morgan | Fannie Brock | Unspoken | Charles Magee | Mark & John Patrus
(Prayer Request’s stay on the above list for 2 weeks unless requested to be put on the “ongoing prayer requests”)



Ongoing Prayer Requests



Glenda Moon | Phyllis Matthews | Donna Cranford | Carolyn Kindley | Shauna Leonard (Kallie Clement’s sister) | Dillon Brantley
Jonathan Mackay | Sandy Deskins | Nancy Snyder | Addie Laney | The Matson Family | Barbara Pfau | Martha Rollins
Betty Harkness | Helen Scarpantoni (Ruth Wall’s sister) | Barbara Klutz (Elaine Hall’s sister) | Margaret Furr | Elaine Lambert | Andrew Lanier
Brian Outen | Kelli Whitaker Dixon & Elaine Hall | Rosey Olsen | Mary Jones | Mitchell Taylor (Carolyn Kindley’s nephew)
Vanessa Deese & Family (Linda’s daughter in law) | Ruth Mackay | Jimmie Hargett | Chris Wiggins | Joel Kurtz | Meghan Broome | Kappy Giblin
Jack Harper III | Bob Sullivan | Gareth Simpson | Darlene Childers (Doris Campbell’s sister) | Barbara Horack (Shelley Loberger’s mother) | Eldoris Loberger
(Dale’s mother) | Ronnie Haigler Our President | Our Governor | Our Military | Our Country | Bishop Ken Carter | DS Rev. Beth Crissman | Central Staff
Please call the Church Office at 704.289.3186 or email skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org to add or remove prayer requests.
If you have confidential prayer request, please email llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org or smottram@centralumcmonroe.org.

Attendance

Week of 11/26/23-428
8:45 am Service-40
Sunday School-35
11:00 am Service-79
Online-193
Dinner Church-52
Greening of the Church-15
Central Youth-14

Ushers

8:45 am Contemporary Service
12/3- Amy Garrison & Erica Kirby
12/10- Denise Rumley & Cheri Barker
12/17- Amy Garrison & Denise Rumley
12/31- Cheri Barker & Erica Kirby
11:00 am Traditional Service
12/3 (am)-David Clements &
Jimmy Parker and
Sean Daly & Roy Wade
12/3 (pm)-David & Kalli Clements
and Dale & Shelley Loberger
12/10/-David & Amy Paschal and
John & Mary Ann Burns
12/17-Hank Baucom & James Clements
and David & Kalli Clements
12/24 (am)-Jack & Jackson Hargett and
Dale & Shelley Loberger
12/24 (pm)-Robert & Linda Hinson
and David & Kalli Clements
12/31-David & Kalli Clements and
James & Grace Clements

Central Squares Men’s Group

Central Squares Men’s Group will meet on Saturday, December 2nd. We start cooking breakfast at 7:30 am with a devotion at 8:00 am. Come join us for breakfast, fellowship, and devotion. For any questions or for more information contact Eric Shupe at 803.370.3693 or Gabe Febus at 704.774.0342.

Soul Food Bible Study

Soul Food Bible Study will meet this Thursday, December 7th at 10:00 am in the Hospitality Room. We will then take a break for the Christmas Season and start back in January. Be on the lookout for a start back date!



December

**Beth Hargett
& Libby Helms**






**Lay
Reader**

12/3-Janet Lancaster
12/10-Dale Loberger
12/17-Dale Loberger
12/24-David Paschal
12/31-Eric Shupe

2024 Central UMC Calendars



The Youth and Music Ministries have teamed up to create a 2024 Central UMC Calendar. Enjoy scenes from the life of Central all year long while keeping up with important dates of the Liturgical Church Year. Calendars are \$25 each are available between church services, from in the church office during office hours or by contacting Julie by email at julie@centralumcmonroe.org or Jamie at jamie@centralumcmonroe.org. All proceeds benefit the ongoing Music and Youth Ministries.

United Women in Faith

Lessie Anne Circle will meet at 10:00 am this Tuesday, December 5th in the Hospitality Room. This will be our yearly social gathering--you will get an invitation. Contact Mary Engel with any questions at 704.226.1176.


Faith, Hope & Charity Circle will meet this on December 5th at 11:25 am at *A Cause for Tea*. Call or text Nancy Gustafson for more information 704.733.8686.

New Beginnings Circle will meet on Saturday, December 9th at 5:00 pm at Hilltop for dinner and then proceed to the Ansonia Theatre for the Sound of Music scheduled to start at 7:30 pm. Contact Linda Deese at 704.219.7199 for more info.

Grace & Mercy Circle please contact Donna Young at 704.226.5954 if you have any questions or need information.

This week at Central


SUNDAY 12/3 Communion
8:45 am Contemporary-Central Hall
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online
2:30 pm Central Youth
3:00 pm Jr. Youth
5:00 pm Central Community Chorus Program-Sanctuary



MONDAY 12/4
ALL DAY Pastor Sigrid’s Sabbath/Pastor Lanny on call
5:00 pm Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline

TUESDAY 12/5
9:30 am Worship Planning
10:00 am Lessie Anne Circle-Hospitality Room
11:00 pm Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Common Heart-Getting Ahead-Hospitality, Upstairs Kitchen, Pathfinders and 108 & 111
4:00 pm Knitting Girls-Library
6:00 pm Dinner Church (Team 3)-FLC
6:00 pm Sanctuary reserved until 8:00 pm


WEDNESDAY 12/6
6:00 pm Celebration Singers-Room 112
6:00 pm InnerChange-Choir Room
6:00 pm SPPRC Meeting-Library
7:00 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room



THURSDAY 12/70
8:00 am Men’s Breakfast Group-The Derby
10:00 am Soul Food-Hospitality Room
4:00 pm Common Heart-Getting Ahead-Hospitality, Upstairs Kitchen, Pathfinders and 108 & 111
6:00 pm Sanctuary reserved until 8:00 pm
6:30 pm Outreach/Missions Meeting via Zoom
7:00 pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut

FRIDAY 12/8 Middle School Retreat
ALL DAY Pastor Sigrid on call/Pastor Lanny’s Sabbath

SATURDAY 12/9 Middle School Retreat
8:00 am Central Squares-Upstairs Kitchen/Hospitality
9:00 am FLC Reserved until Noon
12:00 pm WCM Event-Hospitality Room



SUNDAY 12/10 Middle School Retreat
8:45 am Contemporary-Central Hall
9:45 am Sunday School
SS Hour Farewell Celebration Reception-Hospitality
11:00 am Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online

MONDAY 12/11
ALL DAY Pastor Sigrid’s Sabbath/Pastor Lanny on call
5:00 pm Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline

