



Connect at Central

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!
March 17th
Newsletter

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

A Special Offering will be received for UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee on Relief) on Palm Sunday, 3/24/24. This is the branch of the church that responds to natural disasters in North Carolina, around the country, and around the world. Your gift of any size goes directly to add those in need. (Administrative costs for UMCOR are already covered by apportioned giving of United Methodist Churches). You may give on Sunday, 3/24 at worship, or through our secure church website and select "UMCOR" to designate your gift.



Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday (March 24th) and comes to a climax on Easter Sunday (March 31st). We remember how Christ gave his life for us and for our salvation on the cross and on the third day, rose again for our victory. Come celebrate the heart of the Christian faith with us!



Palm Sunday

8:45 am in Central Hall
 Children's Egg Hunt 🥚🥚🥚
 during the Sunday School Hour
 11:00 am in Sanctuary

You are invited to Dinner Church for an Easter Meal

Join us for worship, music & a free meal.

Tuesday March 26th 6:00 pm



Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm
 in the Sanctuary



Easter Sunday

9:00 am in the Prayer Garden (weather permitting)
 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Celebration Singers

For children from 4 years to 5th grade

Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm

in the Choir Room

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

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Birthday Club will meet this Thursday, March 21st at 11:30 am. We will meet at Logan's. Marlene Carpenter & Mary McClure are the hostesses. Lots of March birthdays to celebrate!

How Can It Be?

Monday, March 25, 2024 | 7:00pm
 Central United Methodist Church Sanctuary
 801 S. Hayne St., Monroe, NC 28112

HELP PREGNANCY CENTER
 Our Heart is Centered on You

Sanctity of Life
 January Baby Bottle Campaign

Select Help Pregnancy Center in dropdown

How You Can Help:

1. Take a bottle home
2. Pray for the ministry
3. Fill the bottle with cash, coins, or checks.
4. Bring the bottle back

Give Online Too! Virtual Baby Bottle

480 Help Street, Monroe, NC 28110 | 704-289-5133 | monroehelp.com

MARCH



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that donated blood last Sunday. We collected 10 units (1 red cell donor). Our next Mobile Blood Drive will be on Sunday, May 12th.

Give Blood. Give Life.

MOBILE Food Pantry

April 3
 9:00AM-11:00AM
 Peachland UMC
 131 N Clinton Ave.
 Peachland, NC 28133

Prayer Requests

Doug Moore (Galard's brother) | The Noles Family on death of Nancy Ashcraft Noles | Barbara Horack (Shelley Loberger's mother) Heather Loberger | That everyone has a good day and knows they are in good hands-God's hands | Charles Magee Shirley Alexander | David Cianelli (Beth Abbott's brother) | Bill Phifer | Mike Taylor | Melony Cordero | Mark & John Patrus Joe Blanton | Matthews Burnette & Family | Children of St. Jude & Shriner's Hospital | Victims of War/ Disasters || Andrew Forsyth | Lissell Currie | Robert Ward | John & Kim Cattie | Bill Kohler | Carolyn Kindley | Kalli Clements Praises-for God's Mercy, Grace & Love | Jonathan Mackay | Gail Klein | Judy Sanders | Frances Hunley | Dawn Creech
(Prayer Request's stay on the above list for 2 weeks unless requested to be put on the "ongoing prayer requests")

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Shauna Leonard (Kallie Clement's sister) | Bob Johnston | Elaine Davis | Ed Moore | Sam & Marilyn Keesler (Shannon's in-laws) Brenda Murray (Shannon's mom) | Lynda Moore | Cynthia Smith | Anne Barber (Neal Lauber's sister) | Roman Zavaleta | Pat Stewart Eldoris Loberger (Dale's mother) | Betsy Griffin | Betty Lathan | Phyllis Matthews | Glenda Moon | Donna Cranford Addie Laney | Barbara Pfau | 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 to add or remove prayer requests. If you have confidential prayer request, please email llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org.

Attendance

Week of 3/10/24-598

8:45 am Service-54

Sunday School-53

11:00 am Service-75

11:00 am Online-323

Youth-26 | Jr. Youth-5

Dinner Church-62



Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-5:00 pm
closed for lunch 1-2 pm



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Worship Leader

3/17-Dale Loberger

3/24-David Paschal



March

Linda & Mac Burris

DINNER CHURCH

Tuesday nights 6 pm
in the Family Life Center



New Beginnings

Circle will meet



United Women
in Faith

tomorrow evening, March 18th, at 6:00 pm. Call/text Linda Deese 704.219.7199 for info.

Grace & Mercy Circle contact Donna Young 704.226.5954 for more information.

Lessie Anne Circle meet next on Tuesday, April 2nd at 10:00 am in the Library. For more info call Mary Engel 704.226.1176.

Faith, Hope & Charity Circle will meet next on Monday April 8th at 1:30 pm. For more info contact Nancy Gustafson by calling or texting 704.733.8686.

CENTRAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY 3/17

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
4:00 pm Central Youth return from IgniteUS Retreat



MONDAY 3/18

5:00 pm Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline
6:00 pm New Beginnings-Hospitality Room

TUESDAY 3/19

11:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Chalk Distribution-FLC Portico
6:00 pm Dinner Church (Team 3)-FLC
6:30 pm Central Ringers/Handbells-Sanctuary



WEDNESDAY 3/20

11:00 am WCM Meeting-Hospitality
6:00 pm Celebration Singers-Choir Room
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice-Choir Room

THURSDAY 3/21

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group-The Derby
9:30 am Stephen Ministers Meeting-Room 114
10:00 am Soul Food-Hospitality Room
11:30 am Birthday Club-Logan's Roadhouse
7:00 pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut



FRIDAY 3/22

ALL DAY Pastor Lanny's Sabbath/Rev. Hinson on-call
5:00 pm FLC Reserved until 9:00 pm

SATURDAY 3/23

ALL DAY Chapel Reserved
ALL DAY FLC Reserved until 9:00 pm

SUNDAY 3/24 Palm Sunday

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 Central Youth-FLC
4:00 pm Jr. Youth-Children's Hall



USHERS

Contemporary Service

3/17-Denise Rumley & Cheri Barker

3/24-Rena McGee-Helms & Amy Garrison

Traditional Service

3/17-David & Amy Paschal and
David & Kalli Clements

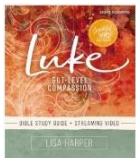
3/24-Jack & Jackson Hargett and
David English & Hank Baucom

*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

Soul Food Bible Study

Soul Food meets at 10:00 am on Thursday mornings in the Hospitality Room. We are studying *The Case for Easter* by Lee Strobel through March 21st. We will not meet on March 28th.

We will start studying *Luke Gut-Level Compassion* starting the week after Easter.



Sanctuary Counseling Group

Here at Central

Specializing in
Marriage
& Family
Therapy



Promoting the Healing of Heart, Mind, & Soul

Todd R. Matson, D. Min., LMFT
704.375.5354, ext. 407 or 704.242.3694

www.mccsvs.org



CENTRAL SQUARES MEN'S GROUP

Central Squares Men's Group will meet next on Saturday April 6th. 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. All men are invited to attend!

FLOWERS



You are invited to sign up for Altar Flowers

Would you like to sign-up to put flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one? Do you have an anniversary to celebrate? The flower calendar is located at the Crossroads. If you have any questions or would like us to add your name to a specific date you can call the church office at 704.289.3186 and we will help you sign-up!