



# Connect at Central

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April 23rd

Newsletter

## Fullness of Joy

A LIVING HOPE WORSHIP SERIES



PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL OUT A **CONNECT CARD**  
TODAY AND PUT IN THE OFFERING PLATE  
(LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE SEAT/PEW IN FRONT OF YOU)

Get ready! Central is hosting our Missional Network's Mobile Food Pantry on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Folks start showing up around 7:30 am and we are usually done by 10:30 am. Please reach out to David Paschal if you have any questions.



### Celebration Singers

Children's Choir | 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> 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

**Central Kids** During both services!

### KIDS Worship

#### It's Worship Just for Kids

Children birth-2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to attend Nursery or Kid's Worship during the service. Sermon activities are available for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade at the entrance.



### Scholarships

applications now being accepted

**Sally Shirley Bivens Scholarship**

Application due date 5/1

[centralumcmonroe.org/bivensscholarship](http://centralumcmonroe.org/bivensscholarship)

Jane Neese 704.776.3227 | [jneese773@gmail.com](mailto:jneese773@gmail.com)

**Starnes Scholarship**

Application due date 5/09

[centralumcmonroe.org/starnessscholarship](http://centralumcmonroe.org/starnessscholarship)

Please email your intent to apply to Julie Miles at [jmiles@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:jmiles@centralumcmonroe.org)

### DINNER CHURCH



Tuesday nights 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.

April  
**SHARE**  
Back



#### Most needed items:

Chicken or beef bouillon

Canned vegetables

Canned or dried beans

Sugar

Syrup

Pancake mix

Spices

Kosher salt

Oats

Grits

Vinegar

Cleaning supplies

Trash bags 25 gallon & 50 gallon

Laundry detergent

Dish soap

Glass cleaner

Shower shoes (cheap flip flops)

Paper towels

Toilet paper



Amazon wishlist link is on  
the main email blast page



Central's Youth and Jr. Youth are planting a Pinwheel Garden  
to help support Child Abuse Prevention.

You can purchase a pinwheel for \$3 from the youth each Sunday in April at the Crossroads & Narthex. This organization works throughout the year advocating for the prevention of child abuse. All money raised will go to support their efforts in raising awareness. Prevent Child Abuse NC ensures that prevention is a priority in North Carolina and that all communities have the knowledge, skills, and resources to prevent child abuse and neglect at the local level.



For more information please visit  
<https://preventchildabusenc.org/>

### The Chuck Wagon Blessing Box

#### Most needed items:

Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Ham, Vienna Sausages, etc.)

Canned soups, Beanie Weenies or Chili

Canned pasta with meat (ravioli, spaghetti, etc.)

Peanut butter and alternatives (any type of nut butter)

Jelly (plastic jar)

Instant grit or oatmeal packets

Crackers/granola bars/protein bars

Individual serving size items

Single-serve dried fruit/trail mix/nuts



For questions or more information, please call Cheri Barker  
704.242.4851 or Jean Semken 704.301.0435

## Attendance

### Week of 4/16-352

8:45 am Service-36  
Sunday School-38  
11:00 am Service-60  
Online Service-188  
Dinner Church-30

## Altar Guild

### April

Annette Ratliff &  
Susan McInnis

### May

Julie Hendley &  
Pat Rabon

## Lay Reader

4/23-Nathan Clements  
4/30-Janet Lancaster  
5/7-Youth Sunday

### OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE

is Sunday, May 7, 2023

9:30 am – 1:30 pm



Give Blood. Give Life.  
To sign-up or if you have questions  
contact Irene Ward 980-328-0520



## Marriage & Family Therapy

Here at Central

Todd R. Matson, D. Min., LMFT

704.375.5354, ext.407 | 704.242.3694

### FREE ONE-ON-ONE CONFIDENTIAL CARE PROVIDED BY TRAINED CAREGIVERS

Your Stephen Minister will walk with you, listen to you as you search through the pieces of your heart. To connect with a Stephen Minister call or text Pastor Sigrid Mottram 980.240.2370 or you can email her smottram@centralumcmonroe.org.



Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for YOU!

## Soul Food Bible Study

Soul Food meets on Thursdays at 10:00 am. We are continuing the study by Laura Story "When God Doesn't Fix It." Women of all ages are invited to join!

Central Squares Men's Group  
Central Squares Men's Group will meet next on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month. For more information or questions please contact Eric Shupe 803.370.3693 or Gabe Febus 704.774.0342.

## Prayer Requests

Karsyn VonEgidy | Linda Deese-Praise | John & Kim Cattie | Terri Schneider | Colton Montgomery  
Charles Magee | Bill Phifer | Mike Taylor | Melony Cordero | Jodie & Family | Emily & Family  
War victims | Children of St. Jude & Shriners Hospitals || Patti Smith & Family | Rob Ward  
Nancy Scercy | Maeson Sutton & Family | Betty Lathan | Richard Quick Family | Ruth Mackay  
(*Prayer Request's stay on the above list for 2 weeks unless requested to be put on the "ongoing prayer requests"*)

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## Ongoing Prayer Requests

John Young | Jim Gordon | Linda Deese | Daniel Mackay | Sandy Deskins Paula Russell  
Elaine Davis | Rosey Olsen | John Tice | Dixon & Elaine Hall | Barbara Pfau | Jimmie Hargett  
Patsy Treadaway | Chris Wiggins | Martha Rollins | Lynda Moore | Elaine & Dennis Lord  
Barbara Horack (Shelley Loberger's mother) | Eldoris Loberger (Dale's mother) | Joel Kurtz  
Karen Dyer (Lisa Kania's sister-in-law) | Meghan Broome | Kappy Giblin | Doris Wheeler | Mary Jones  
Jean Semken | Maxine Wally | Robert Rylander | Dillon Brantley | Jonathan Mackay | Bob Sullivan  
Jason Hill | Marlene McCain (Lynda Moore's sister) | Don Gardner (Debi Patton's brother)  
Gareth Simpson | Jack Harper III | Ronnie Haigler | Darlene Childers (Doris Campbell's sister)  
Our President | Our Governor | Our Military | Our Country  
Bishop Ken Carter | DS Laura Auten | Central UMC Staff

*Please call the Church Office at 704.289.3186 or email [skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org) to add your prayer requests. If you have confidential prayer request, please email [llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org) or [smottram@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:smottram@centralumcmonroe.org).*

## Ushers

### 8:45 am Contemporary Service

4/23-Amy Garrison & Denise Rumley

4/30-Cheri Barker & Amy Garrison

### 11:00 am Traditional Service

4/23-Davey & Dale Ann Plyler and Sean Daly & Roy Wade

4/30-David, Kalli, James & Grace Clements

5/7-Youth Sunday-only 11:00 am Service

## Central UMC Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY 4/23

8:45 am Contemporary Service-Central Hall

10:30 am Traditional Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

11:00 am Traditional Service-Sanctuary

11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online

3:30 pm CENTRAL YOUTH

4:00 pm Jr. Youth

### MONDAY 4/24

ALL DAY Pastor Lanny on call/Pastor Sigrid Sabbath

5:00 pm Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline

### TUESDAY 4/25

9:30 am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's office

11:00 am Weekly Staff Meeting

4:00 pm Knitting Girls-Library

6:00 pm Dinner Church-FLC

6:30 pm Central Ringers

### WEDNESDAY 4/26

6:00 pm Celebration Singers-Choir Room

6:00 pm InnerChange (vocals)-Chapel

7:00 pm AAU Basketball Practice-FLC

7:15 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room



### THURSDAY 4/27

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group-The Derby

10:00 am Soul Food-Hospitality Room

1:00 pm Dance Club-FLC

7:00 pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut



### FRIDAY 4/28

ALL DAY Pastor Sigrid on call/Pastor Lanny Sabbath

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MONDAYS AT 5 PM

DROP OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR SUBMIT VIA EMAIL TO

[skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org)

**Men's Breakfast Group**  
meets at the  
**Derby Restaurant**  
Thursday mornings  
8:00 am  
Come join us for great food,  
fellowship & a devotion!