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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 3rd. 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 | 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

Central Kids During both services!
KIDS Worship
It's Worship Just for Kids
Children birth-2nd grade are invited to attend Nursery or Kid's Worship during the service. Sermon activities are available for 3rd-5th grade at the entrance.



Scholarships

applications now being accepted

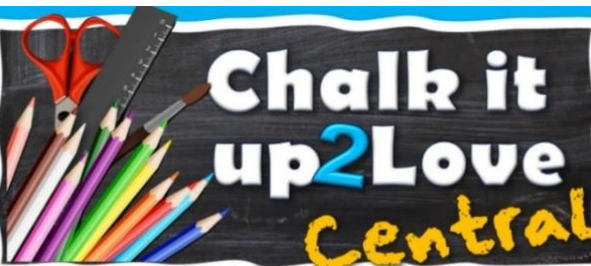
Sally Shirley Bivens Scholarship
Application due date 5/1

centralumcmonroe.org/bivensscholarship
Jane Neese 704.776.3227 | jneese773@gmail.com

Starnes Scholarship

Application due date 5/09

centralumcmonroe.org/starnessscholarship
Please email your intent to apply to Julie Miles
at jmiles@centralumcmonroe.org



Visit our "Amazon Wish List" link from the main email page

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.



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



Prevent Child Abuse
North Carolina



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

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 to add your prayer requests. If you have confidential prayer request, please email llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org or smottram@centralumcmonroe.org.

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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



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.



Christ caring for people through people
**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

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 6th. 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.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Are you interested in joining a Cancer Support Group? If so, please contact Jean Semken at 704.301.0435 or at Jsemken@twc.com.

United Women in Faith

Lessie Anne Circle will meet Tuesday, May 2nd at 10:00 am in the Library. Ruth Wall will present our program. Contact Mary Engel at 704.226.1176 with any questions.

Lessie Anne Circle meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the Church Library. Contact Mary Engel for more information at 704.226.1176.

Faith, Hope & Charity Circle meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Hospitality Room. Contact Nancy Gustafson for more information at 704.733.8686.

New Beginnings Circle meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Hospitality Room. Contact Linda Deese for more information at 704.219.7199.

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

Men's Breakfast Group meets at the Derby Restaurant



Thursday mornings
8:00 am

Come join us for great food,
fellowship & a devotion!

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

SUNDAY 4/30

8:45 am Contemporary Service-Central Hall
10:30 am Traditional Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
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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