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# Connect at Central

God • Each Other • Community

February  
11<sup>th</sup>  
Newsletter

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

## Pastor Lanny's Lyrics...

One of the great things about being United Methodist is that we are a connectional church, connecting around the world for the mission of Jesus. If you have not heard, Charlotte will be hosting the General Conference of the United Methodist Church April 23-May 3. This is the global gathering of the United Methodist Church for the purpose of mobilizing for the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Conference is made up of 862 delegates from the U.S. and across the world. The Book of Discipline is revised at these meetings. The thing that will NOT be revised is our core beliefs known as the Articles of Religion that include doctrines such as the Trinity, the Lordship of Jesus Christ, etc. These foundational beliefs are NOT up for debate or revision.

There are wonderful opportunities to attend General Conference and volunteer. More information can be found at <https://welcometogc.org/#about>. There will be media coverage about general conference during its meeting. Unfortunately, there is often misinformation about these meetings. The above website is your best resource along with the Western NC Annual Conference website, <https://www.wnccumc.org/> Be aware that other sources on the internet and even local media outlets are not reliable in reporting the intricacies of the United Methodist Church.

Please join us in praying for the General Conference Meeting that we are strengthened for Christ's mission in the world!

Peace, *Pastor Lanny*

February 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
**Ash Wednesday Service**  
in the Chapel

The *Sonshine Class* is sponsoring a  
**County Wide Adult Special Needs**  
**BINGO Party next Saturday**

February 17<sup>th</sup> | 2:00-4:00 pm  
in the Family Life Center

For more information or to volunteer contact  
Sandy Deskins at 704.289.6210 (please leave a  
message) or Leslie Sanders (via text) at  
704.254.6418.



Help us  
"Tackle Hunger"  
and  
"Change the Game"  
with  
**Souper Bowl of Caring**  
benefiting the  
Community Shelter.  
We are collecting your  
extra change TODAY  
helping  
Central Kids to  
"Change the Game"



February  
**Shareback**



Immediate day to day needs:  
Laundry detergent  
Dish detergent  
Deodorant  
Razors  
And other household cleaning supplies  
(Bleach, Windex, mops, brooms)  
More long term needs would be remodeling assistance,  
i.e. Lowes or Home Depot gift cards

Ground 40 helps men transition back into the community from homelessness, addiction, and incarceration. Facilitated through discipleship, and educating them on strong biblical principles, through a practical process.



Central Kids **Spring**  
**Consignment Sale**

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 am to  
2:30 pm



Our website is [www.centralkidsconsignment.org](http://www.centralkidsconsignment.org)

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Donna Young @ 704.226.5954

**Celebration Singers**

For children from 4 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Wednesdays**  
at 6:00 pm  
in the Choir Room

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



# Prayer Requests

Our Church | Our Leadership | Wisdom as we navigate through this season | Dinner Church | Ruth Perry | Frances Hunley  
John & Kim Cattie | Marion & Frank | Shan Reeder | Carol Reeder | Lynda Moore | Cynthia Smith | Elaine Davis | Marty Charo  
Gail Klein | Public education-leaders, teachers, students, influence of parents | Sam Keesler (Shannon's father-in-law)  
Ron Holliday (Neal Lauber's cousin) | Anne Barber (Neal Lauber's sister) | Bill Phifer | Mike Taylor | Melony Cordero  
Mark & John Patrus | Matthew Burnette & Family | Children of Shriners & St. Jude Hospitals | Jodie & Family || Beverly Carnes  
The Baker Family | The Durland Family | Judy & Charlie Sanders | James | Jamie Aycoth | Mark Shore (Linda Deese's brother)  
Michael Deese (Linda Deese's Nephew) | Melinda Bean (Linda Deese's niece) | Ed Moore | Betty Lathan | Jim Ludlow Family  
Pastor Carol Anthony | Frank Maynard | Steve Blalock | Lori | Stephanie | Kevin Roger's mother | Andrew | Joyce  
Charles Magee | Robert Ward | Joe Blanton | Victims of War/Disasters | Roman Zavaleta  
(Prayer Request's stay on the above list for 2 weeks unless requested to be put on the "ongoing prayer requests")

## Ongoing Prayer Requests

Carol Whelchel | Cynthia Smith | Pat Stewart | Barbara Horack (Shelley Loberger's mother) | Eldoris Loberger (Dale's mother)  
Jonathan Mackay | Betsy Griffin | Betty Lathan | Phyllis Matthews | Linda Burris | Glenda Moon | Donna Cranford  
Carolyn Kindley | Addie Laney | Barbara Pfau | Shauna Leonard (Kallie Clement's sister) | 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 Giblyn | 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](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org) to add or remove prayer requests.  
If you have confidential prayer request, please email [llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org).

### Attendance

Week of 2/4/24-527

8:45 am Service-50  
Sunday School-57  
11:00 am Service-79  
11:00 am Online-234  
Clements Concert-35  
Youth & Jr. Youth-22  
Dinner Church-50



February  
Linda &  
Robert Hinson

### Worship Leader/Psalm Reader

2/11-Dale Loberger  
2/18-David Paschal  
2/25-Eric Shupe



### ADDRESS UPDATE:

Betty Lathan

740 Pavilion View Drive

Room 312

Matthews, NC 28105

### Soul Food Bible Study

We meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in the Hospitality Room. Everyone is invited so come join us!

UPDATE on studies:  
February 29-March 21<sup>st</sup> we are studying *The Case for Easter* by Lee Strobel. We will start *Luke Gut-Level Compassion* the week after Easter.

## CENTRAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY 2/11 Souper Bowl of Caring

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 Sanctuary reserved



### MONDAY 2/12

12:00 pm Civitans-Scout Hut  
1:30 pm Faith, Hope & Charity-Brazemore Adult Center  
5:00 pm Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline  
6:30 pm SPPRC Meeting-Library

### TUESDAY 2/13

11:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Chalk Distribution-FLC Portico  
4:00 pm Knitting Girls-Library  
5:00 pm Community Faith Nurses-Room 115  
6:00 pm Dinner Church (Team 1)-FLC



### WEDNESDAY 2/14 Ash Wednesday

6:00 pm Celebration Singers-Choir Room  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service-Chapel



### THURSDAY 2/15

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-Hilltop  
7:00 pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut



### FRIDAY 2/16

ALL DAY Pastor Lanny's Sabbath/Rev. Hinson on-call

### SATURDAY 2/17

8:00 am Central Squares-Upstairs Kitchen/Hospitality  
9:00 am Family Life Center Reserved until Noon  
4:00 pm Sonshine **BINGO** Party-FLC

### SUNDAY 2/18

8:45 am Contemporary-Central Hall  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am UWF Souper Luncheon Fundraiser until 1 pm  
10:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room  
11:00 am Traditional Worship-Sanctuary  
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online  
3:30 pm Sanctuary reserved



### USHERS

#### 8:45 am Service

2/11-Erica Kirby & Cheri Barker  
2/18-Denise Rumley & Amy Garrison  
2/25-Cheri Barker & Erica Kirby

#### 11:00 am Service

2/11-Matt & Nancy Gustafson and  
John & Mary Ann Burns  
2/18-Robert & Linda Hinson and  
David & Kalli Clements  
2/25-David English & David Clements  
and Jack Hargett & 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](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org)



Birthday Club will meet at Hilltop this coming Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Hostesses are Linda Deese and Irene Ward.



United  
Women  
in Faith

### Faith, Hope & Charity Circle

will meet at the Bazemore Adult Center (for the meeting and a tour) at 1:30 pm Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Visitors are welcome! Nancy Gustafson 704.733.8686

**New Beginnings Circle** will meet next on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Call/text Linda Deese at 704.219.7199 for more information.

**Grace & Mercy Circle** contact Donna Young 704.226.5954 for more info.

**Lessie Anne Circle** meet next on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Library. Mary Engel 704.226.1176

## Central Squares Men's Group

Central Squares Men's Group will meet next on Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.



January  
ShareBack

## The Chuck Wagon Blessing Box

Thank you to all that donated for the January ShareBack for The Chuck Wagon! We appreciate you!