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Connect at Central  
God • Each Other • Community

October 8<sup>th</sup>  
Newsletter

## Blessing of the Animals

**THIS  
AFTERNOON!**

Sunday, October 8, 2023

4:00 pm

Back parking lot



REMEMBER TO FILL OUT YOUR *CONNECT CARD*  
AND PUT IN THE OFFERING PLATE!



### Actors Needed

We're looking for a few good actors and actresses for the presentation of "The True Gift" on Sunday, December 17th.

All ages are needed! Please call or text Erica at 704.290.4607 if you are willing to share your gifts!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a few volunteers to help with the children during dinner church. In an effort to help the families enjoy the sermon we would like to start providing crafts and other activities for the children. No need to plan or prepare ahead, an activity will be set up for you each week. You can volunteer every week or just when you are available. Reach out to Erica 704.290.4607 to sign up or if you have any questions.



**Central Kids**  
**KIDS Worship**  
Children's Time  
follow-up & review,  
scripture  
memorization,  
prayers and  
praises, God  
sightings, singing  
and dancing.  
*During both services!*

## Celebration Singers



Wednesday Nights

6-6:30 pm Children 4 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

6:30-7 pm Children 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Bring your friends and come join us to Sing Praise!  
Room 112 on the Children's Hall

A Concert Series  
Presented by  
**CLEMENTS MUSIC**

# Hymns IN THE Spirit OF THE Classics

Part I:  
The Hymns  
meet the  
Masters of  
the Classics

Sunday, October 15, 2023  
6:30pm | Central UMC Chapel  
Featuring Nathan Clements, piano

## Fall into Giving Food Drive for Loaves & Fishes of Union County

Grocery List of preferred Food Drive items:

16 oz. cans Pork & Beans  
16 oz. cans Vegetables: peas, corn, green bean, carrots, etc.  
16 oz. cans Tomatoes or other fruit  
24 oz. cans Beef Stew  
6 oz. cans Tuna  
14 oz. cans Salmon  
8 oz. package Pasta  
12 oz. cans Soup  
32 oz. jars Mayonnaise  
18 oz. jars Peanut Butter  
18 oz. jars Jelly  
24 oz. Applesauce  
16 oz. boxes Instant potatoes



16 oz. boxes Macaroni & cheese  
36 oz. bags Instant grits  
18 oz. box Oatmeal  
2 lb. bags Sugar  
2 lb. bags Flour  
1 lb. bags Rice  
1 lb. bags Dried beans  
8.5 oz. boxes Corn muffin mix  
1 lb. boxes Crackers  
96 oz. boxes Dried milk  
Rolls: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins  
Bars: soap  
Any: dog or cat foods

## October Shareback

**Grief & Share**  
at Central UMC

Wednesdays  
at 6:30 pm  
in Room 118

For more information,  
contact Bill McKee at  
337.288.3539 or  
bmckee302@gmail.com



## DINNER CHURCH

Tuesday nights at 6 pm  
in the Family Life Center

Come join us as we **CONNECT**  
**WITH OUR COMMUNITY** by  
sharing a meal and worship.

## Departing from Charlotte on February 20, 2024!

For more information contact Pastor Lanny by  
email at [llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org)  
or by calling the church office 704.289.3186.

To learn more visit:

<https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/hl24022024a61888#eotours>



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# Prayer Requests

Janet Holden | Maeson Sutton | Celestia Touré | Katie Mackay-Praise | Pastor Sigrid | Stephanie Jamie Daniels | Unspoken | Janet Lancaster | Marilyn Keesler (Shannon’s mother-in-law) | Bill Phifer Mike Taylor | Melony Cordero | Matthew Burnette Family | Emily & Family | Jimmy Mullis Family Children of St. Jude & Shriner’s Hospitals || Judy Sanders | Annie Snelgrove | Charles Magee Stephen Shelton/Brooke | Emma Claire Shelton/Xander | Jon Lundin | Jamie Daniels | Lovi Ramolo Ashley | Phil Boatwright | Victims of war & Disasters | David Cianelli | Regina McVeigh Nick Cianelli & Family | The Abbott Family | The Stillwagon Family | All my enemies & friends Tom Shore | My Church Family | Melinda Beane | Robert Ward | Cheri Barker | Ruth 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

Emmett Russell | Dillon Brantley | Jonathan Mackay | Sandy Deskins | Nancy Snyder | Addie Laney The Matson Family | Edie Anderson | Robin Baucom | Helen Scarpantoni (Ruth Wall’s sister) Cynthia Smith | Barbara Klutz (Elaine Hall’s sister) | Barbara Pfau | Jim Gordon | Betty Harkness Margaret Furr | Elaine Lambert | Andrew Lanier | Martha Rollins | Brian Outen | Kelli Whitaker Mitchell Taylor (Carolyn Kindley’s nephew ) | Vanessa Deese & Family (Linda’s daughter in law) Ruth Mackay | Rosey Olsen | John Tice | Jean Semken | Dixon & Elaine Hall | Jimmie Hargett Chris Wiggins | Elaine & Dennis Lord | Joel Kurtz | Mary Jones | Meghan Broome | Maxine Wally Barbara Horack (Shelley Loberger’s mother) | Eldoris Loberger (Dale’s mother) | Kappy Giblin Jack Harper III | Bob Sullivan | Gareth Simpson | Ronnie Haigler Darlene Childers (Doris Campbell’s sister) | 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@centralumcmmonroe.org](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmmonroe.org) to add or remove prayer requests. If you have confidential prayer request, please email [llancaster@centralumcmmonroe.org](mailto:llancaster@centralumcmmonroe.org) or [smottram@centralumcmmonroe.org](mailto:smottram@centralumcmmonroe.org).

## Weekly Attendance Week of 10/1/23-318

8:45 am Service-51  
Sunday School-54  
11:00 am Service-56  
Online Service-105  
Dinner Church-37  
Jr. Youth-3 | Youth-12




**Lay Reader** 10/8-Janet Lancaster  
10/15-Dale Loberger  
10/22-David Paschal  
10/29-Eric Shupe



### BIRTHDAY CLUB

Birthday Club will meet at Mac’s on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Irene Ward and Jolene Kurtz are the



 If you are interested in learning more about Central? Are you interested in becoming a member? Please see one of the pastors or contact the church office by email at [skeesler@centralumcmmonroe.org](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmmonroe.org) or at 704.289.3186.

## United Women in Faith

**Faith, Hope & Charity Circle** will meet tomorrow (Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>) at 1:30 pm in the Hospitality Room. Call or text Nancy Gustafson for more information 704.733.8686.  
**New Beginnings Circle** will meet next Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 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.  
**Lessie Anne Circle** will meet next on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Library. Contact Mary Engel with any questions at 704.226.1176.

## Central Squares Men’s Group

Central Squares Men’s Group will meet next on Saturday, October 14<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. For any questions or for more information contact Eric Shupe 803.370.3693 or Gabe Febus 704.774.0342.



**Soul Food Bible Study** meets on Thursdays from 10-11 am in the Hospitality Room. Currently we are examining the video series: **Twelve More Women of the Bible.**

## The Chuck Wagon

**Most needed items: Blessing Box**  
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



## Sanctuary Counseling Group



Specializing in  
**Marriage  
& Family  
Therapy**

Todd R. Matson, D. Min., LMFT 704.375.5354, ext. 407  
[www.mccsvs.org](http://www.mccsvs.org) or 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@centralumcmmonroe.org](mailto:smottram@centralumcmmonroe.org).

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for YOU!

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

## Central’s Weekly Calendar

**SUNDAY 10/8**  
8:45 am Contemporary-Central Hall  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship-Sanctuary  
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online  
12:00 pm **CENTRAL YOUTH & Jr. Youth**  
4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals-Back Parking Lot  
**MONDAY 10/9**  
ALL DAY Pastor Lanny on call/Pastor Sigrid’s Sabbath  
12:00 pm Civitans-Scout Hut  
5:00 pm Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline  
6:30 pm Central Community Chorus-Choir Room  
**TUESDAY 10/10**  
9:30 am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny’s office  
12:00 pm Staff  
1:30 pm Faith, Hope & Charity Circle-Hospitality  
4:00 pm Knitting Girls-Library  
5:00 pm Community Faith Nurses-Room 115  
6:00 pm Dinner Church (Team 1)-FLC  
6:30 pm Central Ringers-Sanctuary  
**WEDNESDAY 10/11**  
6:00 pm Celebration Singers-Room 112  
6:00 pm InnerChange (vocals)-Choir Room  
6:30 pm GriefShare-Room 118  
6:30 pm Finance Meeting-Library  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room  
**THURSDAY 10/12**  
8:00 am Men’s Breakfast Group-The Derby Restaurant  
10:00 am Soul Food-Hospitality Room  
4:00 pm Common Heart-Getting Ahead Set-up & Graduation-Downstairs Kitchen & FLC  
7:00 pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut  
**FRIDAY 10/13**  
ALL DAY Pastor Sigrid on call/Pastor Lanny’s Sabbath  
**SATURDAY 10/14**  
9:00 am FLC Reserved until Noon  
1:00 pm Paula Russell Celebration of Life-Sanctuary  
**SUNDAY 10/15**  
8:45 am Contemporary-Central Hall  
9:45 am Sunday School  
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  
6:30 pm Nathan Clements Fall Concert

