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# Connect at Central September 3rd God · Each Other · Community Newsletter

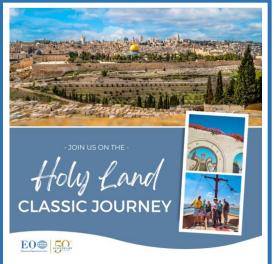




Becoming a Contagious worship series.

**DON'T MISS IT!** 





Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and see your faith come to life like never before! Join us on the Holy Land Classic Tour departing Charlotte February 20, 2024. For more information, contact Pastor Lanny by email at llancaster@centralumcmonroe. org or by calling 704.289.3186. **Educational Opportunities Tours** has been leading Holy Land tours for 50 years. Learn more about their tours at:

https://www.eo.travelwithus.co m/tours/hl24a#eotours

**The Church Office** will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day



100th Birthday

You're invited! Celebration

Frances Hunley

Sunday, September 10th **During the Sunday School Hour** in the Hospitality Room





September 13that 7 pm

**Room 118** 

To sign-up you can use the sign-up sheet at the Crossroads, sign-up online by going to https://forms.gle/krgoATP5icU4WMzw7 or you can click on the link on the main email blast page.

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

After a summer of respite, the Central Music Ministry is gearing up for Fall and Advent! Chancel Choir has already begun rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room. Central Ringer Handbell Choir begins Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. InnerChange Praise Team has been faithfully leading worship for the 8:45 service all year. If you have considered joining any of these groups, now is great time to get involved. We would love to have you as we make music together. Contact Jamie Bryson at jbryson@centralumcmonroe.org for more information or to say YES, I will serve the Lord in this way!

Jr. Youth Group Fall Kickoff Sunday, September 10th! 4-6 pm | Children's Hall

Central Youth Group Fall Kickoff Sunday, September 10th! 3:30-6:00pm | Family Life Center 6th - 12th Grade

## Celebration Singers For children from 4 years old to 5th grade starts back this coming Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00 pm! This year we will be meeting in Room 112 on the Children's Hall!



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

Central 1

Fall is here! Please support our Central Youth by ordering chrysanthemums! Proceeds will support the Central UMC Youth Ministry.

To place order or questions please contact: Julie Miles or the church office.

Sunday, September 10th & 17th Youth will be at the crossroads before Sunday School taking orders.

\$20



prices! one = \$20 Two or more = \$16 each

# Sanctuary Counseling Group



Could we call you to make a dish from our recipe? Then you can deliver it to the church Tuesday at 4-5:30 pm and stay to help serve if you wish.

n our Dinner Church Teams as we serve the hungry!

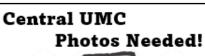
Call Jean Semken (Team 1 Leader) 704.301.0435, Rena McGee-Helms (Team 2 Leader) 704.221.3106, or Grace Snelgrove (Team 3 Leader) 910.693.1019.



**Central United Methodist Church** Sunday, September 10 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

- All donors will receive\* \$20 eGift Card
- **OneBlood T-shirt** Wellness Checkup including
- blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

To sign-up call/text Irene Ward at 980.328.0520 or click on the link in the main email blast page!





The Youth Ministry and Music Ministry are teaming up for a special project and we are looking for photos of Central UMC. Interior or exterior photos of the church's various buildings in different season and times of year are needed. Do you have a photo or photos you'd like to share? Please send them to Julie Miles at

jmiles@cewntralumcmonroe.org or to Jamie Bryson at Jbryson@centralumcmonroe.org.

# Chalk it up2Love

- Cow Print Notebooks (Wide & College)
- Notebook Paper (Wide & College) • 1 Inch 3 Ring Binders
- 1 Subject Spiral Notebooks (Wide & College) • 24 Count Crayons
- Colored Markers (Jumbo & Fine)
- Colored Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers (Black)
- Child Scissors (Blunt & Pointed Tip)
- 3 x 3 Post-It Notes Ear Buds/Headphones
- #2 Yellow Pencils
- Backpacks

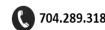
# September Shareback Our Amazon Wish List link to purchase items is

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ KOEPQNX7ZFUU?ref\_=wl\_share You can put the above link in your search box or click the link on the main eblast page!

The Shareback table is in the hall To the left of the choir room

If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Duncan at 704.231.8623 or fduncan7119@gmail.com OR Linda Deese at 704.219.7199 or linda.deese@gmail.com OR you can contact the church office at 704.289.3186.













### **Prayer Requests**

Family of Nita Williamson | Robert Ward | Ruth Creech | Fannie Brock | LaDell Gardner Betty Lathan | Cindi (Rose Ann Mull's daughter) | School | Steve McAllister New sermon series | WCM Staff | Unspoken | Ivil Porter | Shan Reeder | Carol Reeder John & Kim Cattie | Phyllis Laney | College Students | Families in financial need Teachers & Students | Gary Cavdill | Charles Magee | Grandbaby due in a few weeks Billi Starnes | Hoppy Dellert (Judy's dad) | Bill Phifer | Melony Cordero | Mike Taylor Mark & John Patrus | Jodie & Family | Matthew Burnette Family Victims of war/disasters | Children of St. Jude/Shriner's Hospitals | | Family of Paula Russell | Steve Engel | Judy Sanders | Edie Anderson | Roy Wade Sandy Deskins | Nancy Snyder | Addie Laney | The Matson Family Thankful for friends | Joe & Kim Estess (Linda Schaper's sister) | Katie Mackay Carolyn Witmore | Everett Weese | Ashlee Balena | Barbara Klutz (Elaine Hall's sister) Helen Scarpantoni (Ruth Wall's sister) | 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

Jonathan Mackay | Jim Gordon | Cynthia Smith | Jean Semken | Lawson Holmes Robin Baucom | Doris Wheeler | Barbara Pfau | Betty Harkness | Margaret Furr Elaine Lambert | Andrew Lanier | Mitchell Taylor (Carolyn Kindley's nephew ) Brian Outen | Martha Rollins | Vanessa Deese & Family (Linda's daughter in law) Kelli Whitaker | Gail Klein | Ruth Mackay | Linda Deese | Rosey Olsen | John Tice Dixon & Elaine Hall | Jimmie Hargett | Chris Wiggins | Maeson Sutton & Family Elaine & Dennis Lord | Joel Kurtz | Mary Jones | Meghan Broome | Maxine Wally Barbara Horack (Shelley Loberger's mother) | Eldoris Loberger (Dale's mother) Karen Dyer (Lisa Kania's sister-in-law) | Kappy Giblin | Jack Harper III | Dillon Brantley Jason Hill | 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@centralumcmonroe.org to add or remove prayer requests. If you have confidential prayer request, please email llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org or smottram@centralumcmonroe.org.

### **Attendance** Week of 8/27/23-379

8:45 am Service-75 Sunday School-68 11:00 am Service-78 Online Service-118 Dinner Church-40



September Nan & Jack Thomas



9/3-Nathan Clements 9/10-Janet Lancaster 9/17-Dale Loberger 9/24-David Paschal

# **Ushers**

#### 8:45 am Contemporary Service

9/3-Cheri Barker & Denise Rumley 9/10-Denise Rumley & Amy Garrison 9/17-Amy Garrison & Cheri Barker 9/24- Cheri Barker & Denise Rumley



#### **SOUL FOOD**

Soul Food Bible Study will start back on Thursday, September 14th. We will meet in the Hospitality Room from 10-11 am. Join us as we examine the

video series: Twelve More Women of the **Bible**. What do you know about the Proverbs 31 Woman? Deborah? the Shulamite Woman? In this 12-session video bible study. some of today's best-loved authors and speakers look at the spiritual lessons learned from twelve biblical women, and what they mean for today's woman.

Artist and member of Central UMC, Barbara Funderburk, has shared her inspiring projects with us! They are displayed outside the pastors' offices inside the office entrance. You will surely be blessed when you stop by to see them!



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A new way to give at **Central UMC** (scan the QR Code)



#### 11:00 am Traditional Service

9/3- David & Amy Paschal and James & Crace Clements 9/10-Hank & Millie Baucom and David & Kalli Clements 9/17-Jack & Jackson Hargett and Davey & Dale Ann Plyler 9/24-Ken Neese & Jimmy Parker and Sean Daly & Roy Wade

# **Central Weekly Calendar**

**SUNDAY 9/3** Communion

**Contemporary Service-Central Hall** 8:45 am

9:45 am **Sunday School** 

11:00 am **Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary** 

11:00 am **Livestream Worship-Online** 

**MONDAY 9/4 HAPPY LABOR DAY! ALL DAY Church Office Closed** 

TUESDAY 9/5

9:00 am **Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline** 9:30 am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's office

10:00 am **Lessie Anne Circle-Library** 

11:00 am **Staff Meeting** 

4:00 pm Common Heart-Getting Ahead-Hospitality,

Upstairs Kitchen, Rooms 108, 110, 111 & 114

6:00 pm Dinner Church (Team 1)-FLC

WEDNESDAY 9/6

4:00 pm **Apprentice Academy Volleyball game-FLC** 

6:00 pm **Celebration Singers-Room 112** 6:00 pm InnerChange (vocals)-Choir Room

**Chancel Choir-Choir Room** 7:00 pm

**THURSDAY 9/7** 

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

12:00 pm Scorosis Book Club-Upstairs Kit. & Hospitality

**Common Heart-Getting Ahead-**4:00 pm

Rooms 108, 110, 111 & 114 6:30 pm **Outreach/Missions Meeting-Zoom** 7:00 pm **Worship Team Meeting-Library** 

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

FRIDAY 9/8

**ALL DAY** Pastor Sigrid on call/Pastor Lanny's Sabbath

SATURDAY 9/9

8:00 am **Central Squares-Upstairs Kitchen/Hospitality** 

12:00 pm **Hospitality Room Reserved** 

**SUNDAY 9/10** 

Hospitality Room/Upstairs Kitchen Reserved 8:00 am

**Contemporary Service-Central Hall** 8:45 am

Blood Mobile-FLC Parking Lot 9:30 am 9:45 am **Sunday School** 

11:00 am **Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary** 

11:00 am **Livestream Worship-Online** 3:30 pm **Central Youth Group** 4:00 pm Jr. Youth Group

#### **Church Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am to 5 pm (closed for lunch from 1-2 pm daily)

**Newsletter Submission Deadline** Mondays at 5 pm

## **United Women in Faith**

Lessie Anne Circle will meet this coming Tuesday, September 5th, at 10:00 am in the library. Elaine Davis has the program. Contact Mary Engel with any questions at 704.226.1176.

Faith, Hope & Charity Circle will NOT meet in September, we will start back in October. Call/text Nancy Gustafson for more information 704.733.8686.

**New Beginnings Circle** will meet on Monday, September 18th 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.

#### Central Squares Men's Group

Central Squares Men's Group will meet September on 9th. 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.

#### FREE ONE-ON-ONE CONFIDENTIAL CARE

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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!



**Men's Breakfast Group** meets at the **Derby Restaurant** 



Thursday mornings 8:00 am

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