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December
18th

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Newsletter

Central United Methodist Church



Service of Lessons and Carols

Celebrating Charles Wesley's 315th Birthday

Sunday, December 18, 2022 | 11:00 a.m.

*Please note that the Christmas Eve & Christmas Day services are **ONE SERVICE** with our regular schedule starting back on January 1st.



12/24-Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be **ONE SERVICE** at 7 pm in the Sanctuary

12/25-Christmas Day will be **ONE SERVICE** at 10 am in the Chapel

1/1/23-Epiphany services will be back on our regular schedule with Contemporary at 8:45 am in Central Hall, Sunday School at 9:45 am, and Traditional at 11 am in the Sanctuary

Celebration Singers

Children's Choir | 1st -5th Graders Welcome

Make a...



Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Choir Room

Contact Barbara Pfau at 704.282.6770 with any questions

CLOSED

THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER
26TH IN OBSERVANCE OF
CHRISTMAS DAY AND ON
MONDAY JANUARY 2ND IN
OBSERVANCE OF NEW
YEAR'S DAY.

MERRY
ChRiStMaL

*Clements
Music*

Presents

Noel! Noel!

Monday, December 19, 2022 at 7:00pm

Central United Methodist Church Chapel
Monroe, North Carolina

Featuring

Christmas Choral Music and Christmas Solo Piano Selections

December's Shareback is the Chuck Wagon Blessing Box!

*Suggested items needed for the Shareback table
(located outside the Choir Room):*

Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Ham, Vienna Sausages, etc.)
Canned soups, Beanie Weenies, Chili
Canned pasta with meat (ravioli, spaghetti, etc.)
Peanut butter and alternatives (any type of nut butter)
Beans (baked, pinto, great northern)
Rice, white or brown (1 lb. bags)
Single-use individual cereal boxes or bowls
Instant grit packets
Crackers/granola bars/protein bars
Jelly (plastic jar)
Single-serve microwave meals
To-go meals and shelf-stable meal kits
Individual serving size items
Single-serve dried fruit/trail mix/nuts
Pre-packaged takeout silverware



****Please try to get easy open/pop-tops if available**

Questions or concerns? Please call:

Cheri Barker 704.242.4851, Jean Semken 704.301.0435, Elaine Davis 704.254.5951

DINNER CHURCH

TUESDAYS 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. To sign-up to serve, contact the church office by calling the office at 704.289.3186 or email skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org.

Prayer Requests

Cindy Tucker | The Tucker Family | Nancy Moore | Family of Polly Adcock | Daniel Mackay | Steven Mackay | Gail Klein | David Prophit
Barbara Sedergren's Family | Barbara Pfau | Pat Stewart | Sickness | Jim Gordon | Bill Phifer | Mike Taylor | Melony Cordero | Jodie & Family
Sam Robinson | Victims of War | Children of St. Jude | Shriner's Hospital || Terry Byrum | Bob & Mary Alexander | John Cangeni
Those lonely this time of year | Ruth Perry | Anne Morris | Cindy & Tony Steen & Family | Elaine Davis | John & Kim Cattie | Chris Wiggins
David Cianelli & Regina McVeigh (Beth Abbott's brother) | Central's mission to be full-filled | Kix Soderblom | Sylvia Jenkins | Shannon Keesler
Frank Maynard | Floyd Boatwright | Claire | Miriam Smith & Family | College students-exams | Bobby Walker | Those who are homeless
Craig Carpenter | Those with chronic illness | Those who do not know Jesus | Tatum Purser | All those dealing with mental issues
Family of Lizzette | Mark Shore | Marianne King | Emily & Family

(Prayer Request's stay on the above list for 2 weeks unless requested to be put on the "onaoina prayer requests")

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Barbara Horack (Shelley Loberger's mother) | Eldoris Loberger (Dale's mother) | Karen Dyer (Lisa Kania's sister-in-law) | Elie Walden | Martha Rollins
Meghan Broome | Lynda Moore | Joel Kurtz | Elaine & Dennis Lord | Missy Elliott | Ellen Lancaster | Carolyn Kindley | Ronnie Haigler | Paula Russell
Kappy Giblin | Doris Wheeler | Marlene McCain (Lynda Moore's sister) | Robert Rylander | Virginia BJORLIN | Maxine Wally
Don Gardner (Debi Patton's brother) | Sue Mangum (Susan McInnis' mother) | Dillon Brantley | John Tice | Mary Jones | Jean Semken | Bob Sullivan
Jason Hill | Jonathan Mackay | Gareth Simpson | Jack Harper III | Darlene Childers (Doris Campbell's sister)
Our President | Our Governor | Our Military | Our Country | Bishop Ken Carter | DS Laura Auten | Pastor Lanny | Pastor Sigrid

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.

Lay Reader

18-Nathan Clements
25-Janet Lancaster

Attendance for week of 12/11/22-463

8:45 am Service-38
Sunday School-52
11:00 am Service-65
11 am Online Service-273
Dinner Church-35

SOUL FOOD BIBLE STUDY

Soul Food will not meet again until Thursday, January 5th at 10:00 am in the Hospitality Room. We are doing a study on the Twelve Women of the Bible. Women of all ages are invited to the study so please join us for the Bible Study and fellowship!

Sanctuary Counseling Group

Here at Central
Specializing in Marriage & Family Therapy

Promoting the Healing of Heart, Mind, & Soul
Todd R. Matson, D. Min., LMFT
704-375-5354, ext.407 - www.mccsvs.org 

HELP HOPE HEALING **stephen MINISTRY**
Your Stephen Minister will talk with you and listen to you as you search through the pieces of your heart. To connect with a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Sigrid Mottram by calling the church office at 704.289.3186 or you can call her at 980.240.2370.
FREE ONE-ON-ONE CONFIDENTIAL CARE
PROVIDED BY TRAINED CAREGIVERS

Central Squares MEN'S GROUP

Central Squares Men's Group will meet next on Saturday, January 7th. 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.

Altar Guild for December

Beth Hargett & Libby Helms

December Ushers

12/18-One Service 11 am Central Youth
12/24 Christmas Eve 7 pm
David & Kalli Clements and
David & Amy Paschal
12/25-Christmas Day One Service 10 am
Robert & Linda Hinson

Chuck Wagon Stockers

Month of December
Parlor Sunday School Class
2023 Sign-up is on the wall
at the Crossroads

United Women in Faith

Faith, Hope & Charity Circle will not meet in December. We will meet again on Monday, January 9th at 11:30 am for a luncheon at the home of Nancy Gustafson. Contact Nancy Gustafson with questions at 704.733.8686.

New Beginnings Circle will meet on Monday, December 19th (tomorrow) at 6:30 pm in the Hospitality Room.

Lessie Anne Circle meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the Church Library.

Faith, Hope & Charity Circle meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Hospitality Room.

New Beginnings Circle meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Hospitality Room.

The Birthday Club will meet again in January. If you would like to be a hostess, contact Nancy Gustafson at 704.733.8686.

Men's Breakfast Group meets at the Derby Restaurant

 Thursday mornings
8:00 am

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

Central's Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 12/18

9:45 am Sunday School

10:30 am Traditional Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online

11:00 am Lessons & Carols-Sanctuary (ONE SERVICE)

1:00 pm Nathan Clements Practice-Chapel

2:00 pm Ivan Moon Visitation-Central Hall

3:00 pm Ivan Moon's Memorial Service-Sanctuary

3:00 pm Jr. Youth Christmas Party

3:00 pm **CENTRAL YOUTH** Christmas Party



MONDAY 12/19

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

5:00 pm Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline

6:30 pm New Beginnings Circle-Hospitality Room

7:00 pm Noel! Noel! Nathan Clements' Concert-Chapel



TUESDAY 12/20

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

11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Dinner Church-FLC

6:30 pm Central Ringers-Sanctuary



WEDNESDAY 12/21

6:00 pm Celebration Singers-Choir Room

6:00 pm InnerChange (vocals)-Central Hall

7:15 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

THURSDAY 12/22 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group-Derby

7:00 pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut

FRIDAY 12/23

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

7:00 pm Learning to Live-Scout Hut

SATURDAY 12/24

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 12/25

10:00 am Livestream Worship-Online

10:00 am Christmas Day Service-Chapel (ONE SERVICE)

NO **CENTRAL YOUTH** or Jr. Youth

MONDAY 12/26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY 12/20

8:30 am Church office reopens

9:00 am Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline

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