



# Connect at Central

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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)



## Scholarships

applications now being accepted

**Sally Shirley Bivens Scholarship**

**Application due date 5/1**

[centralumcmonroe.org/bivensscholarship](http://centralumcmonroe.org/bivensscholarship)

Jane Neese 704.776.3227 | [jneese773@gmail.com](mailto:jneese773@gmail.com)

**Starnes Scholarship**

**Application due date 5/09**

[centralumcmonroe.org/starnesscholarship](http://centralumcmonroe.org/starnesscholarship)

Please email your intent to apply to Julie Miles  
at [jmiles@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:jmiles@centralumcmonroe.org)



## DINNER CHURCH

Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me food." (Matthew 25:35 NRSV)

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. To sign-up to serve, or if you have any questions contact 704.289.3186 or [skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org).

## Fullness of Joy

A LIVING HOPE WORSHIP SERIES



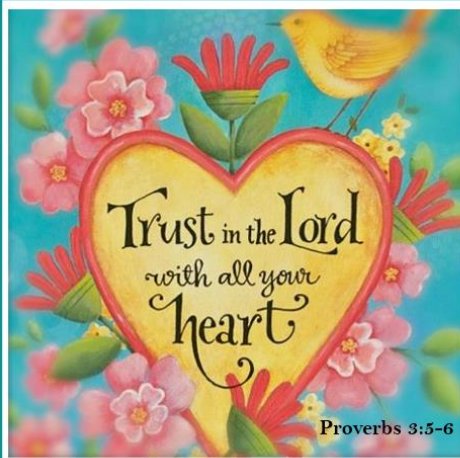
## Celebration Singers

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



## United Women in Faith Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

10:15 am-12:15 pm

Registration and light breakfast  
starting at 9:30 am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Laura Auten  
Uwharrie District Superintendent



KIDS Worship

**It's Worship  
Just for Kids**

Children's Time follow-up & review, scripture memorization, prayers and praises, God sightings, singing and dancing.

**During both services!**



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/>



## 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

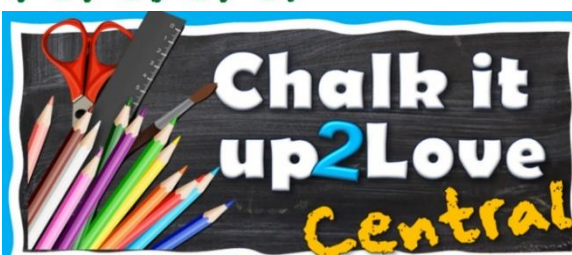
## The Chuck Wagon

### 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



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

NEXT BLOOD MOBILE IS SUNDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

9:30 am to 1:30 pm



Give Blood. Give Life.

Contact Irene Ward with questions 980.328.0520



## 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](mailto:smottram@centralumcmonroe.org).



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for YOU!



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**Attendance**  
**Week of 4/9-634**  
**Maundy Thursday-43**  
**Good Friday-55**  
**9:00 am Service-52**  
**Fellowship Breakfast-55**  
**11:00 am Service-165**  
**Online Service-234**  
**Dinner Church-29**



**BIRTHDAY CLUB**

Birthday Club will meet at Mac's Restaurant at 11:30 am on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions contact Nancy Gustafson 704.733.8686.

*pray*

Patti Smith & Family | Rob Ward | Nancy Scercy | Maeson Sutton & Family | Betty Lathan  
Richard Quick Family | Ruth Mackay | John & Kim Cattie || Family of Anne Morris  
Family of Pat Finlay | Susan Clontz | Lucas Paschal | Ruth Perry | Sue Sasser | Bill Phifer  
Mike Taylor | Melony Cordero | Ivan Secrest | Jodie & Family | Emily & Family | War victims  
Disaster victims | Children of St. Jude & Shriners Hospitals | Kix Soderblom  
*(Prayer Request's stay on the above list for 2 weeks unless requested to be put on the "ongoing prayer requests")*

**Prayer Requests**

**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](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org) to add your prayer requests. If you have confidential prayer request, please email [llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org) or [smottram@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:smottram@centralumcmonroe.org).*

**Altar Guild**

**April**

**Annette Ratliff & Susan McInnis**



**Ushers**

**8:45 am Contemporary Service**

4/16-Denise Rumley & Cheri Barker  
4/23-Amy Garrison & Denise Rumley  
4/30-Cheri Barker & Amy Garrison

**11:00 am Traditional Service**

4/16-Jack & Jackson Hargett and Ken Neese & Jimmy Parker  
4/23-Davey & Dale Ann Plyler and Sean Daly & Roy Wade  
4/30-David, Kalli, James & Grace Clements

**Lay Reader**

**4/16-Eric Shupe**  
**4/23-Nathan Clements**  
**4/30-Janet Lancaster**  
**5/7-Youth Sunday**

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**



Are you interested in joining a Cancer Support Group? If so, please contact Jean Semken by call/text 704.301.0435 or email at [Jsemken@twc.com](mailto:Jsemken@twc.com).

**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 this coming Saturday, April 15<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. Central Squares meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month. For more information or questions please contact Eric Shupe 803.370.3693 or Gabe Febus 704.774.0342.

**United Women in Faith**

**Faith, Hope & Charity Circle** will meet tomorrow night at 6:30 pm in the Hospitality Room

**UWF Prayer Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> here at Central. Please see graphic on the front page of this newsletter for information or call Cheri Barker at 704.242.4851.

**Lessie Anne Circle** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4/16**

8:45 am Contemporary Service-Central Hall  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Traditional Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room  
11:00 am Traditional Service-Sanctuary  
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online  
No Jr. Youth or **CENTRAL YOUTH**

**MONDAY 4/17**

ALL DAY Pastor Lanny on call/Pastor Sigrid Sabbath  
5:00 pm Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline  
6:30 pm New Beginnings Circle-Hospitality Room

**TUESDAY 4/18**

9:30 am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's office  
11:00 am Weekly Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Chalk Distribution Day-FLC Portico  
4:00 pm Knitting Girls-Library  
6:00 pm Dinner Church-FLC  
6:30 pm Central Ringers

**WEDNESDAY 4/19**

1:00 pm Dancing Club-FLC  
6:00 pm Celebration Singers-Choir Room  
6:00 pm InnerChange (vocals)-Chapel  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

**THURSDAY 4/20**

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group-Derby Restaurant  
9:30 am Stephen Ministers Meeting-Room 114  
10:00 am Soul Food-Hospitality Room  
11:30 am Birthday Club-Mac's Restaurant  
6:00 pm Trinity-Choir Room  
7:00 pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut

**FRIDAY 4/21**

TBD Prayer Breakfast set-up

**SATURDAY 4/22**

8:30 am Prayer Breakfast Set-up  
9:30 am Registration & Breakfast-Central Hall  
9:30 am Prayer Room time-Chapel  
10:15 am Prayer Breakfast Program-Sanctuary

**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

**NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MONDAYS AT 5 PM  
DROP OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR SUBMIT VIA EMAIL  
TO [SKEESLER@CENTRALUMCMONROE.ORG](mailto:SKEESLER@CENTRALUMCMONROE.ORG)**

