

PRAYER MINISTRY

We will keep a prayer request name on our list for 30 days. It's time to resubmit your requests if it was made on Jan. 31. The Prayer Request forms (yellow colored) are located in the narthex and in the cross roads. Please inform the church office of births, deaths, weddings, etc.

Please remember with your prayers this week of March 2: Bette Sue Davis (home), Ann Richardson (home), Carolyn Hunt (home), Linda Lewis (home), Sylvia Jenkins, Ken Hill (Autumn Care), Elaine Hall (Autumn Care), Jane Helms (home), Kitten Moser (home), Phil Hargett, Sally Kohler, Bob Johnston, Carol Williams, Herb Shough, Brenda Heilig (prayer request submitted by Irene Ward), W.R. King (Melissa Snuggs' father), -John Blanthorne, Joy Yates, Shirley McGaraugty (friends and family of Derek & Carol Eason), Matthew Forbis (friend of Gary Sides), John Patton (son of Tim & Debi Patton), Linda Moore (Frances Hunley's niece), Bill Brewer (family of Phil & Beth Hargett), **Daniel Baucom (son of Donna Jacobsma).**

Avante of Concord Rehab. Center: Beth Hill

Bonnie Price, 1019A Lakeside Dr., Surfside Beach, SC

Catholic Retirement Center: Helen Rabon, Southport, NC

Cuthbertson Village - Aldersgate: Beth Love

Jesse Helms Center: Vann Secrest, Janie Mae Starnes,
Elizabeth Hinton, Frances Small

Monroe Square: Patty Norwood, Ivah Davis, Ken & Sue Norris

Plantation Estates: Jim & Marianne Belk, Ann Isley, Edna Winchester

Union Park: Faire Funderburk, Betty Medlin, Frankie Gaddy,
Agnes Engel

Military Prayer List:

Our Military Troops, Hannah Sides Goudelock, Sarah Sides, Dean Bushey, Brian Kindley, Van McCoy, Chip Medlin, Rob Miller, K. D. Neal, Josh Secrest, Allen Wullschleger, Robert Lathan, Steven Cook, Matthew Farmer, Johnny Piggot, Jeremiah O'Leary, Larry Ayscue, Austin Hancock, David Keller, James Lindler, Adam Nifong, Dorothy Arturs, Tyler Harrill, Matt Colee, Timothy Killough, Zachary Graves, Alex Alvord, Kevin Robinson, Joseph Pryor, Nicholas Barnett, Cory Lofton, Sasha Rutizer, Caarlo Hietala, Patrick Bacher, Jacob Mazur, John Land, Mark Frazier, Mark Parks, Shaun Jaquess, Andrea Cheyne, John Patton, Eddie Frailey, Melvin Melton, Phil Pressley, Tony Pellegrini, Justin Selvaggio, Steven Cheyne, Matt Gustafson III, Brian Ingram, Andrew Forsyth, Brian Ingram, Travis Cook, Michael Lyja, Ernest A. Youhouse III, Helicia Fish, James Mackay, Randy Nesbit, Alexi Medina

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 7, 2010

SPECIAL NOTE TO VISITORS!

Welcome! We're glad you're with us today! For all those interested in exploring church membership call Britt Hadley at 704-289-3186 or e-mail him at bhadley@carolina.rr.com. If you are online you may visit us at: www.CentralUMCMonroe.org.

Sermon: "Grace in Gray"

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9

**Preaching: Rev. Amy L. Coles,
District Superintendent**

CENTRAL'S MISSION STATEMENT

Central United Methodist Church seeks to be a family of Christians embracing God's love and grace by reaching out to share our faith with all people.

CENTRAL'S VISION STATEMENT

Central United Methodist Church, our vision is to see all people connected with God and each other, empowered as ministers and involved in service.

CENTRAL'S NEWS

(Visit our web site: www.centralumcmmonroe.org for more news.)

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Week of March 7 - March 13 Joy Brown, Nancy Markell

FIRST TIME BREAD DELIVERY MINISTRY

March 7 Gayla Adams (Bread Deliverer)

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS - Sunday, March 7

Tour Guide: Carolyn Kindley Visitor's Booth: Patsy Madden

OUR FAITHFULNESS # TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving: February 28

Quarterly Needs	\$ 191,423
Weekly Needs	\$ 14,724
Received February 28	\$ 14,090
Y.T.D. Received	\$ 118,174
Y.T.D. Needs	\$ 132,516
Next Chapter	\$ 150

UPDATE FROM STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

As of Sunday, February 28, totals are as follows:

Received from Pledge Cards	\$408,183
Other income (estimate)	\$128,400
Balance needed from pledges & other income	<u>\$229,112</u>
BUDGET 2010 APPROVED	\$765,695

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:1-9

{1} At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. {2} He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? {3} No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. {4} Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? {5} No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." {6} Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. {7} So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' {8} He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. {9} If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

A MINUTE FOR MISSIONS - Clothing Drive

The school clothing drive is an on-going mission project to collect school uniforms, coats, new socks and undergarments for the children who need them in our local schools.

WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENU - March 10, 2010

Pork Chops with Apples & Stuffing, Sweet Potato Souffle, Fried Okra, Rolls, Lemon Cake. KIDS MEAL: Cheese Stix with sauce

ANGEL FOOD

March order forms are available at the crossroads or on the church website. Complete the order form and place it in the lock box with your payment. Cash, check, or EBT payments are accepted. Make checks payable to CUMC. Contact Don Hinkle with any questions at 704-904-7467, 704-821-6833 or email CUMCAngelFood@carolina.rr.com. Orders are due no later than Monday, March 15 @ 5:00 p.m. Order pick up: Saturday, March 20, 9:00-10:00 am in FLC.

BOOK SIGNING

You are cordially invited to a book signing by Joy Brown on Sunday, March 14, at the Monroe Public Library. She will give a presentation on her just-published autobiographical novel, *Joy Lost... and Found*, at 2:00 p.m. A reception and book signing will follow until 5:00 p.m., so do drop in!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Mar. 7 8:50 -Chapel & Contemporary Services, 10:00 -Sunday School, 10:55 -Worship Service, **Monday, Mar. 8** 2:00 -Faith, Hope & Charity Circle, 2:00 -Quatrefoil Circle, 6:30 -Companions in Christ Class, 7:00 Centro Cristiana Hosanna, 7:00 -PPRC, 8:00 -Men's Basketball, **Tuesday, Mar. 9** 10:00 -Centro, 7:00 -Ruth Circle, 8:00 -High School & Adult Volleyball, **Wednesday, Mar. 10** 4:30 -Kidz Club, 6:30 -Children's Music Classes, 6:30 -Youth Drama, 6:30 -Overeaters Anonymous, 6:30 -Program (Debi Patton in Central Hall), 7:30 -Chancel Choir rehearsal, **Thursday, Mar. 11** 7:30 am -Men's Group at Hilltop Restaurant, 9:30 -Book of Revelation Study, 10:00 -Centro, 12:00 -Central Friends, 6:15 -Handbell rehearsal, 8:00 -High School & Adult Volleyball, **Friday, Mar. 12** 10:00 -Soul Food Group, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Consignment Seller only Sale, **Saturday, Mar. 13** 7:30 am - 2:30 pm Public Consignment Sale, 9:00 -Brass Choir, 10:00 -Overeaters Anon., 10:30 -Youth Band, 12:30 pm-2:30 pm Half Price Consignment Sale

NEEDED: LAPTOP for Youth Ministry! If you can donate a new or semi-new laptop please call LeeAnn, 704-289-3186.

KIDZ BIZ. . .

- C **Upward Soccer** is just around the corner, with the beginning of Spring. Register your children now, and please, help us out by giving registration forms to all of the elementary children you know! (The first week of practices will be April 12th. All practices and games will be at Macedonia Baptist Church.) Adult volunteers are needed as coaches and referees.
- C Our **children's spring consignment sale** is scheduled for Saturday, March 13th. You do not want to miss this great opportunity to sell or purchase items for the children in your life!
- C Our next **Parent's Night Out** will be Saturday, March 20th, 6:00-8:30 pm. Please register your children with Mary Ann Burns by Thursday, March 18th. The cost is only \$5 per child.
- C Our children's **Easter Egg Hunt** will be Sunday, March 28th, during Sunday School. All members and visitors, ages birth through 5th grade, are invited to bring a basket and come join the fun! Anyone who would like to help with the event should see Mary Ann Burns.
- C Planning ahead? This year's Vacation Bible School event will be June 27th through July 1st. Our theme will be **High Seas Expedition: Exploring the Mighty Love of God**. Put this on your calendar now so you can come be a part of the fun!

Questions about children's ministries??? See Mary Ann Burns, 704-289-3186, maburns@carolina.rr.com.

Central's IMPACT Invitational Golf Tournament April 10, 2010 - Eagle Chase Golf Club

We're currently collecting sponsorships and donations for the tournament. All proceeds will go directly to youth summer missions. **We'd like to recognize the following companies for their sponsorships: Monroe Mini Warehouses, and Ruocco Dental.** If you go by them, please thank them for their partnership in sponsoring our tournament. Also, below you will see the list of merchandise donors. Those companies are donating items to be used or raffled at the tournament. Sign up to play or get your company to sponsor a hole so we can recognize your efforts to help youth summer missions as well!

Tournament Sponsorships

Monroe Mini Warehouses, Ruocco Dental

Merchandise Donors

Kate Clyde's Catered Creations, Dicks Sporting Goods, Road Master Tires, Quincy's, Golf Tec - Monroe

Not going to the tournament? You can still help out! We will have T-shirts for sale in the coming weeks, along with raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 a piece or 10 raffle tickets for \$15.00! There are GREAT prizes to be won, \$50.00 gift certificates, restaurant gift certificates, Golf items, Road master tires certificates etc... Don't miss out on great winnings, get your raffle tickets today!!! Check out more at: www.CentralUMCYouth.org (Golf Tournament)

Sponsorship Levels:

\$ 150 *Silver* Sponsorship; \$ 350 *Gold* Sponsorship + 2 Golfers;
\$ 500 *Platinum* Tournament Sponsor + Foursome

UMW NEWS & MEETINGS

- C **UMW Casserole and Bake Sale** will be held in the crossroads area on Sunday, March 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Plan to donate food items and purchase some, too. Thank you for helping our UMW Mission program.
- C **UMW District Prayer Breakfast** - Saturday March 20, 2010. District Prayer Breakfast with Central as the host church. Amy Coles, District Superintendent, is the speaker. Sewing Kits are the Hands-on-project for the prayer breakfast.
- C **ABC Sale (Attic, Basement and Closet)** will be on Saturday, May 8, 2010 in the Family Life Center. Begin collecting items, but at this time there is no storage space at the church. A BIG thank you to Donna Young and Joy Goforth for chairing our fundraiser and who will provide more information later.
- C **Ruth Circle** meets Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm at LaVida Mocha and Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Julia Tarrant, 808 S. Hayne Street.
- C **Faith, Hope & Charity Circle** meets Monday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Ann Stover, 905 Gate Road. Joy Brown will have the program.
- C **Quatrefoil Circle** meets Monday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Lois Johnson, 4106 Saint James Way, Monroe, NC. Phone: 704-282-0028
- C **New Beginning Circle** will meet Monday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.
- C **Friendship Circle** meets Wednesday, March 17, 6:30 p.m. at the church.
- C **Congratulations to the following ladies who received the UMW service pin at the Heart to Heart Luncheon or in church:** *Joy Goforth* of Friendship; *Kathy Howell* of Faith, Hope & Charity and *Patsy Madden* of New Beginning. Heart to Heart finally held on February 27, 2010. Jim O'Dell provided a program of piano music and Kris Peurifoy of the Salisbury District gave a meditation on the UMW purpose.

The Friendship Circle needs your help in preparing **Easter Baskets**. These baskets are for many Union County teenagers who live in Foster Homes or in Broken Desolate Homes. Now we have an awesome opportunity to make Easter a little brighter for many with your help! Baskets for you to fill will be available outside of the Choir room. All baskets must be returned to the table in front of the Choir room by Sunday, March 28, 2010. Thank you for your support!

CENTRAL FRIENDS GROUP will meet Thursday, March 11 at 12:00 noon in Central Hall. *Bring a covered dish!* Joy Brown's book signing!

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional Photographer and meet with a Portrait Consultant at the church. For the next several weeks, we will be making appointments before and after services and meetings at the church. Or you can sign up online at www.signup.olanmills.com. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

- Ⓒ Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8 x 10 Custom Natural Portrait.
- Ⓒ You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- Ⓒ The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- Ⓒ You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time.
- Ⓒ If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.
- Ⓒ Whether you decide to dress formally or casually, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

The Scheduled Dates for Photography and Portrait View Are:

March 19th - 20th and March 30th - April 3rd and April 5th - 6th
Weekday Hours 2:00 pm - 9:30 pm Saturday Hours 9:30 am - 5:10 pm

If you have questions, please contact Esther Caviness at 704-283-8011 or Edie Anderson at 704-283-4174.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. Our new pictorial directory just won't be complete without you! Sincerely, Britt Hadley

LIVING BEYOND YOURSELF - LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The ladies of Central are some of the hardest working ladies; always giving, serving and doing! This opportunity has been designed with you in mind! Please join us for a Ladies Bible Study on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. We will be studying Beth Moore's [Living Beyond Yourself](#). The study is video driven and there is a member book to purchase. But don't let the idea of homework keep you from coming. Just come and enjoy the video, there will always be something to take away.

The study begins Thursday, March 18th. We will meet in the Hospitality Room at 7:00 p.m.. The cost of the member book is \$10. Please sign up at the crossroads to we can order the right number of books. You can just pay the first night and receive your member book there!

If you have any questions, you can contact Kim Thomasson @ 704-635-8047 or email Kim at [kim.thomson@gmail](mailto:kim.thomson@gmail.com).

Prayers of the Heart

A SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOPE

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

In this season of Lent, the Stephen Ministers of the Church are offering a Service of Healing and Hope. It is a Service not unlike services of healing offered in many other churches and will include scripture, hymns, a very special time of prayer, and, for those who request it, anointing with oil. The liturgy for the Service comes from our United Methodist Book of Worship.

This Service of Healing and Hope is offered with the realization that there are many gifts of healing. There is physical healing, spiritual healing, emotional healing and the healing of relationships with one another and with God. There is also the healing gift of inner strength that enables one to live life with balance, harmony and wholeness and to recognize God's sustaining presence in pain, sickness, injury and estrangement.

This Service of Healing and Hope is offered with the recognition that all healing is of God. Whether healing is through medicine, psychotherapy, or prayer, underlying all healing is the great mystery of God's love. Although God does not promise that we will be cured of all illnesses, (we must all face the inevitability of death,) a Service of Healing provides an atmosphere in which healing can happen and hope be restored and life strengthened.

Whether your participation in a Service of Healing and Hope is to pray for your own needs or the situation and needs of another, all who wish to be part of this service are welcome. Our Service will follow the Fellowship Supper on Wednesday, March 17. The Service is planned for the Chapel and will begin at 6:45 p.m. Even if not present for the meal, all are invited.

2010 COMMUNITY LENTEN PREACHING SCHEDULE, NOON

Date	Hosting Congregation	Preaching
March 10	St. Paul's Episcopal	Dr. Julia Robinson-Harmon
March 17	First Presbyterian	Pastor Kenneth Fink
March 24	Our Lady of Lourdes	Father Thomas Kessler
April 2	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	Begins at First Presbyterian; concludes at St. Paul's Episcopal