

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST, 2010 — NEWSLETTER

AUGUST WORSHIP PREVIEW

SIX WEEK SERMON SERIES: THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS Preaching in August: Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr.

- August 1 Sermon: "The Kingdom of God"
Scripture: Luke 4:16-21 & 6:20-38
- August 8 Sermon: "The Kingdom and Money"
Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21, 24
- August 15 Sermon: "The Kingdom and Prestige"
Scripture: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- August 22 Sermon: "The Kingdom and Solidarity"
Scripture: Matthew 5:43-44
- August 29 Sermon: "The Kingdom and Power"
Scripture: Mark 10:42-45

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

At 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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
801 S. Hayne St., Monroe, NC 28112

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*We are a Stephen Ministry
Congregation.*

We thank God for:

CENTRAL'S SERVICE CHOICES

CONTEMPORARY 8:50 AM

This service is for you if you enjoy a lively atmosphere in an informal and welcoming surrounding. It will be held in Central Hall. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m.

CHAPEL # 8:50 AM

This service provides a more informal approach to worship with less emphasis upon structure. You are invited to share these casual moments of praise, singing and proclamation together with family and friends. This service will be held in the chapel. A continental breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m.

SANCTUARY # 10:55 AM

This is a formal worship service with printed order of worship, full choir, and traditional church music. This service is held in the sanctuary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School or other activities contact: Mary Ann at 704-291-7401, LeeAnn at 704-564-4293 (cell).

FIRST TIME BREAD

DELIVERY MINISTRY

Aug. 1	Ed & Darlene Smith
Aug. 8	Chuck & Edie Anderson
Aug. 15	Craig & Sylvia Allen
Aug. 22	Sean Daly
Aug. 29	Angie Mallard

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Aug. 2	Joy Brown, Nancy Markell
Aug. 9	Shannon Neal
Aug. 16	Chuck Anderson, Elsie Clements
Aug. 23	Marti Dixon
Aug. 30	Joanne Dawkins, Rose Ann Mull

AUG. 11:00 AM USHERS

Aug. 1	Mark & Kay Hawkins, Carl & Clara Wiggins
Aug. 8	Chuck Anderson, Richard Huntley, Dillon Brantley, Mike Shelton
Aug. 15	Koy & Joanne Dawkins, Louis Simpson, Dale Loberger
Aug. 22	Sean Daly, Avery Wheeler, Dee Dodd, Jack Hargett
Aug. 29	Rose Ann Mull, Carolyn Kindley, Steve Engel, Mary Engel

EVANGELISM VISITOR

TEAM INFORMATION

August 1

Martha Hill	Tour Guide
Steve Hill	Visitor's Booth

August 8

Rose Calvert	Tour Guide
Orv Calvert	Visitor's Booth

August 15

Anne Morris	Tour Guide
Jane Smith	Visitor's Booth

August 22

Bob Patterson	Tour Guide
Lou Patterson	Visitor's Booth

August 29

Nancy Ratliff	Tour Guide
Lloyd Ratliff	Visitor's Booth

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TREATERS

Aug. 1	Laura Hinkle, Sandi Mills
Aug. 8	Mark & Melissa Snuggs, Lisa Hassell
Aug. 15	Anne Morris, Denise Rumley
Aug. 22	Pat Rabon, Sally Shough
Aug. 29	Carolyn Haigler, Martha Rollins

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance - 2010

8:50 a.m. Chapel 7/4	53
8:50 a.m. Chapel 7/11	63
8:50 a.m. Chapel 7/18	62
8:50 a.m. Chapel 7/25	61
8:50 a.m. Contemporary 7/4	98
8:50 a.m. Contemporary 7/11	135
8:50 a.m. Contemporary 7/18	115
8:50 a.m. Contemporary 7/25	198
11:00 a.m. Traditional 7/4	131
11:00 a.m. Traditional 7/11	119
11:00 a.m. Traditional 7/18	118
11:00 a.m. Traditional 7/25	90
Sunday School 7/4 (124 adults)	171
Sunday School 7/11 (130 adults)	181
Sunday School 7/18 (126 adults)	179
Sunday School 7/25 (106 adults)	158

BUDGET GIVING

July, 2010

July Needs	\$58,896
July Receipts	\$39,543
Y.T.D. Rec'd.	\$366,214
Y.T.D. Needs	\$451,556
<u>Next Chapter Campaign</u>	
July Receipts	\$2,807

AUGUST EVENTS

Aug. 3 6:30 -Stephen Ministry
 Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25
 Youth Band rehearsal
 Aug. 4 9:00 am -Life Line
 Screening
 Aug. 4 7:00 -UMW Exec. mtg
 Aug. 8 4:00 Ruth Circle
 Aug. 9 6:30 -Companions in
 Christ Class in 121
 7:00 -PPRC mtg in 106
 Aug. 10 7:00 -Worship Team
 Aug. 11 Chancel Choir starts back
 Aug. 12, 19 6:30 -Trinity
 Aug. 14, 28 9:00 Brass rehearsal
 Aug. 15 10:00 Sunday School
 teacher training/planning in 121
 Aug. 15 4:00 Trudy Faber in
 Concert (Organ)
 Aug. 16 Angel Food order
 deadline
 Aug. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31
 Flag Football practice
 Aug. 18 6:45 Administrative
 Council
 Aug. 21 8:30 am Praise Band
 4:00-8:00 Rock The Block
 Aug. 21 UMW District mtg
 Aug. 21 9:00-10:00 -Pick up for
 Angel Food
 Aug. 28 5:30 -New Directions

EACH

Sun. 8:50 am Chapel &
 Contemporary, 11:00 am -
 Traditional Service
 Mon. 7:30 -Men's Basketball
 Tues. 8:00 -High School & Adult
 Volleyball
 Wed. 6:30 -Overeaters Anon.
 Thurs. 7:30 am -Men's Group at
 Hilltop, 7:30 pm -High
 School & Adult Volleyball
 Fri. 10:00 10:00 -Soul Food

SIGN UP FOR A BIBLE STUDY

Central is offering several Bible Studies this Fall. If you are interested in taking one of the following Bible studies, call the church office or sign up at the crossroads.

1. **HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE** - using Mickey Efird's resource, Thursdays, September 9 & 16, 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Hospitality room. Teachers: Shannon Neal & Joe McCombs
2. **THE BIRTH NARRATIVES** - using Mickey Efird's resource, Thursdays, September 23 through November 11, 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Hospitality room. Teachers: Shannon Neal & Joe McCombs
3. **DISCIPLE I** - Kay Hawkins will be teaching Disciple I class beginning Sunday, September 19. The class will be held in the Hospitality room on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. This class will run for thirty-two weeks (or so).
4. **FAITHFUL, ABUNDANT, AND TRUE: Three lives going deeper still** - Kim Thomasson will be leading a six-week Ladies Bible Study featuring Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer and Beth Moore. The study will begin in September and will be offered on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospitality room.
5. **REDISCOVERING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS** - *Building Up the Body of Christ Through the Gifts of the Spirit*. Matthew Burton will lead this weekend retreat this fall.
6. **STUDY ON WESLEY THEOLOGY OF GRACE** - Britt Hadley will lead this four week study on Mondays beginning September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospitality room.

Shannon Neal	704-283-9294	Kim Thomasson	704-635-8047
Joe McCombs	704-225-9803	Kay Hawkins	704-400-0156

FROM MUSIC MINISTRIES

ORGANIST TRUDY FABER IN CONCERT

Please join us on Sunday afternoon, August 15th, at 4:00 p.m. as we welcome Trudy Faber back to Central and our Casavant organ for a truly unique and inspiring recital. You'll want to spread the word to your friends and mark your calendar!

Trudy is currently a full Professor of Music at Wittenberg University in Ohio and has strong ties to Monroe through her sister Kappy Gilpen. Included in the program will be three pieces from *A Sweet for Mother Goose* – sure to be a favorite with the young and young-at-heart!

ORGAN IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

At this time we are awaiting the final contract from the John Dower Organ Co. for the improvement and upgrades to Central's Casavant Organ. I have spent quite a bit of time with Mr. Dower to make sure that this project is done right the first time and have moved slowly in considering his suggestions. It is our goal to have the work begun by the end of the summer and finished in early fall. At this point we have raised \$40,000 for the project (thanks to your generosity) and will keep you posted as to whether or not it is more, or less, than the final amount.

I am truly looking forward to showing off the final result!

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER START UP AND REHEARSAL TIMES

- C Chancel Choir: Wednesday August 11th 7:30-9:00 Choir Room
- C Brass Choir: Saturday, August 14th 9:00-10:00 Sanctuary
- C Handbell Choir: Thursday, September 9th 6:15-7:15 Sanctuary
- C Praise Band: No August Rehearsal. Third Saturday of September (18th) 8:30-10:30 Central Hall
- C Youth Praise Band: Fall schedule begins Saturday, September 11th 10:30-11:30 Central Hall
- C Trinity: Rehearsals on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month 7:30-8:30
- C Celebration Singers Children's Choir: Wednesday, September 8th 6:30-7:30 Choir Room
- C Wednesday Evening Concerts begin on September 8th
- C Flute Choir: TBD

UMW NEWS & MEETINGS

- C **Lessie-Anne Circle** will not meet in August!
 - C **UMW's Executive Board** meets Wednesday, August 4, 7:00
 - C **District UMW meeting** on Saturday, August 28th at Peachland UMC (Hands on Mission -School Supplies).
 - C **WNCC UMW Annual meeting** at Lake Junaluska on Sept. 10-12 (Hands-on-Mission: Gift and Mission Cards)
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1 - Emily Younce, Mickey Craig, **August 2** - Jonathan Benton, Joel Carpenter, Ed Smith, Brian Eason, Julie Chapman, Paulina Fish, **August 3** - Dianne Proctor, Linda Deese, Nick Youhouse, **August 4** - Martha Hill, Nikki Headley, Ragan Broome, **August 5** - Joe McCombs, Craig Weaver, Gary Sides, Amanda Algee, Dylan Chavis, **August 6** - Robert Callender, Carol Jane Bryant, Rich Moser, William Ferguson, Kameryn Tague, **August 7** - Joyce Winchester, Paul Fish, Derek Eason, Christian Wiggins, Dan Eaton, **August 8** - Anne Kimball, Faire Funderburk, Bill Kohler, Joyce Ingold, Donald Helton, Savannah Newton, **August 9** - David McClure, Paul Johnson, Dean Davidson, Elaine Little, **August 10** - Joan Miller, Betty Thomasian, Marti Dixon, Lynda Moore, Maddie McCue, Lucas Yanacsek, **August 11** - Jan Glover, Joseph Miller, Nicolle Hope, Lindsey Leach, Taylor Burton, Ingrid Littlehales, Seth Thomasson, Colby Gibson, **August 12** - Debbie Trotter, **August 13** - Jodie Riggins, **August 14** - Ron Walser, Adam Goudelock, **August 15** - Jane Elliott, Rob Morris, **August 16** - Cynthia Simpson, **August 17** - Donna Pressley, Fred Hollis, Mary Ann Burns, Allen Glover, **August 18** - Richard Kimball, Margaret Furr, Okey Landers, Steve Engel, Diane Vega, Julia Wheeler, **August 19** - Virginia Carpenter, Andrew Shive, Luke Chapman, **August 20** - Charlie Sanders, Betty Funderburk, Jerry Murray, Darlene Smith, Missy Freund, Julie Hinson, Therese Fish, **August 21** - Katherine Howell, Carolyn Hunt, Scott Cook, Whit Trotter, **August 22** - Tom Moncrief, **August 23** - Millie McNeish, Jack Hernig, Carol Landers, Allison Gilbert, Kate Littlehales, Mandy Moussafir, Katherine Marshall, **August 24** - Mona Ford, Amanda Hildreth, Conner Whittington, Grace Whittington, Jonathan Eason, **August 25** - Susan Helms, A.J. Wullschleger, **August 26** - W.C. Helms, Dan Blackshear, Jim O'Dell, Paul Lewis, Laura Hinson, Ava Marie Kayser, **August 27** - Bill Corley, Barbara Hollis, Jake Sherman, **August 28** - Tommy Davidson, Bill Gwinn, Janet Smith, Robin Gibson, Frank Lowery, **August 29** - Mildred Gwinn, Linda Walser, Jane Neese, **August 30** - Wendy Millett, Michelle Moncrief, Thomas Duncan, Chase Plyler, **August 31** - Jean Kluttz, Lee Wally

KIDBIZ...

- C Please **volunteer** to teach elementary Sunday School this summer! Go ahead and look at your calendars, and pick out a couple of dates. Let Mary Ann know at maburns@carolina.rr.com. We need you! See sign-up board in hall.
- C Let's play football! **Registrations for Upward Football and Cheerleading** are now being accepted. Please help us get them out to children in our community. Practices begin the week of August 16th, and the first game day will be Saturday, September 18th. Any adults and youth interested in volunteering should speak to Don Hinkle.
- C Let's get ready for another great **ROCK THE BLOCK**, on Saturday, August 21st! Our children's leadership team is sponsoring another school supplies drive, in hopes of giving away even more bookbags at this year's event. Bring bookbags and school supplies and continue until Sunday, August 8th. Help us help others!
- C Save the date on your calendarSaturday, August 7th, all families are invited to bring the children to the **Extreme Play** at the Monroe Crossings Mall. Let's just get together for some relaxed fun together for a couple of hours, and then hit Chick-fil-a afterwards, for lunch. The cost for Extreme Play will be \$5 per child.
- C **Promotion Sunday will be August 29th for our children.** Everyone is encouraged to come find your new Sunday School class and meet your new teachers for 2010/2011. All adults interested in teaching a children's class should see Mary Ann Burns as soon as possible. We need three teachers for each classroom. All teachers please plan to attend teacher training/planning session Sunday, August 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the hospitality room.
- C Promotion Sunday is a special day for our 3rd graders who will be presented **Bibles** during our contemporary service. Please contact Mary Ann Burns if your child is entering 3rd grade this year.

Questions? See Mary Ann Burns, 704-289-3186, maburns@carolina.rr.com

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jon and Ginger Hightower upon the birth of a son, Jack Delk Hightower on Wednesday, July 14, 2010. His grandparents are Jim & Geri Plyler and Robert & Linda Hightower and his great-grandmother is Marge Plyler.

WEDNESDAY SUPPERS

will start back up on Wednesday, September 8, 2010.

ROCK THE BLOCK

August 21 4-8 p.m.

"Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation" ~Psalm 95:1

How will you make a difference this year?

- Discuss with your Sunday school classes, small groups and friends what activity or area you would like to organize and sponsor.
- Come to a Missions Meetings to help with planning. Call Laura Hinkle to find out when the next meeting will be held.
- Buy a t-shirt. Order form below or call the church office

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Size: Place the # of each size and include \$10 for each shirt

Child - XS (2-4) ____ S (6-8) ____ M (10-12) ____ L (14-16) ____

Adult- S____ M____ L____ XL____ 2X____ 3X____

LITERACY COUNCIL

"I feel like my mind is opening up..." This is a quote from one of the 90+ adults in the Literacy **Council of Union County's** one-on-one tutoring program as he is learning to read for the first time in his life. What an incredible experience for this young man as well as his volunteering tutor! If you can spare about three hours a week, you too can experience the rewards of helping an adult to better his life by becoming functionally literate.

Volunteer tutors meet with their students at a day, time, and public location convenient for both. All books, materials, and training are provided free of charge. Using our easy-to-follow method, you will prepare the lessons for your student and track his progress -- then revel in the joy of knowing you are helping someone to achieve a brighter future. Your rewards will be as great as those of your student!

Take the first step by attending Literacy **Council 101 on Monday, August 16, 2010, 6 — 8 PM, 105-A East Jefferson Street, Monroe, 28112.** This informative session will provide valuable insight into the work of the Council, including an overview to tutoring and the commitment required to get started. After completing 101, you will be eligible to continue your training on Friday, August 20th, from 6—9 PM and Saturday, August 21st, from 9 AM—4 PM. All sessions are required, and space is limited. Register today by calling 704-226-1425.

Check us out on the web: www.literacyunion.org

The Literacy Council of Union County is a United Way of Central Carolinas member agency.

ANGEL FOOD

August 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, August 16 @ 5:00 p.m. Order pick up: Saturday, August 21, 9:00-10:00 am in FLC.

CHURCH HISTORY MINUTE

Fifty years ago, in 1960, the bishop appointed Reverend Harley Williams to our church. He and his wife Ethel were much loved and stayed here for five years, the only pastor at that point to remain that long. They occupied the new parsonage.

About that time the Western North Carolina Conference re-drew the district lines and created two new districts: Albemarle and High Point. The new Albemarle District included Union County, as well as Anson and Stanly. The Reverend Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt was appointed District Superintendent for our new district. The district office is in Albemarle. Early notes on the district women's work were misplaced and some have recently been found. The society was then called the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Several of Central's women held district offices. Central in Monroe was the largest church in the district.

At the 1961 Annual Conference the combined choirs of our church and West Market Street (Greensboro) performed the anthem for "Big Sunday." We had practiced many weeks on the beautiful anthem "The Heavens Are Telling" by Beethoven, and we felt the performance went well. I think there were about 25 of us choir members who went from Monroe, and we stayed at a dude ranch just west of Lake Junaluska.

Virginia Bjorlin, for the History Committee

MEMORIALS

BUDGET

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH DRYE from Carolyn Ferguson, Koy & Joanne Dawkins

IN MEMORY OF VANN SECREST from Maxine Wally, Dorothy & Melissa Laney, Elsie Clark, Mary Ann Lee, Koy & Joanne Dawkins

IN MEMORY OF AGNES ENGEL from Virginia Bjorlin, Michael Langthorne, Mary Engel, Joyce Ingold, Koy & Joanne Dawkins

IN MEMORY OF BOBBIE BARLEY from Joyce Ingold

IN MEMORY OF MARGARET YANDLE PRESSLEY from The Pathfinders Class

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA POPE from Koy & Joanne Dawkins

IN MEMORY OF GLORIA DYER from Koy & Joanne Dawkins

IN MEMORY OF JOE TURNER from Koy & Joanne Dawkins

RESTORATION

IN MEMORY OF VANN SECREST from Ivah Davis

SNACKS FOR KIDS

IN MEMORY OF VANN SECREST from Ann R. Isley

IN MEMORY OF M.G. ISLEY from Ann R. Isley

IN MEMORY OF BETTY HELMS from Ann R. Isley

IN MEMORY OF JUNE PEELER from Ann R. Isley

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH DRYE from Patsy Madden

ROCK THE BLOCK

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH DRYE from Esther Caviness

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

IN MEMORY OF AGNES ENGEL from Roy & Dottie Wade, Lisa & Sean Daly

IN MEMORY OF GLORIA DYER from Roy & Dottie Wade

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA POPE from Roy & Dottie Wade

METHODIST COUNSELING SERVICE

IN MEMORY OF JOE TURNER from Tom & Susan Knowles

ORGAN FUND

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH DRYE from Patsy Madden

IN MEMORY OF FRED HOWEY from Charlie & Katrina Sturgis

MUSIC

IN MEMORY OF VANN SECREST from Nancy Price

HONORARIUMS

MUSIC

IN HONOR OF BILL & SALLY KOHLER'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
by Esther Caviness

SNACKS FOR KIDS

IN HONOR OF HEATHER GUSTAFSON by Ann R. Isley

IN HONOR OF BETH & KEN HILL by Ann R. Isley

IN HONOR OF PAT COOK by Ann R. Isley

IN HONOR OF DEBBIE DEESE by Ann R. Isley

BUDGET

IN HONOR OF BETTY FUNDERBURK by Koy & Joanne Dawkins

IN HONOR OF OUR PASTORS by Koy & Joanne Dawkins

IN HONOR OF JIM O'DELL by Koy & Joanne Dawkins

IN HONOR OF BILL & SALLY KOHLER by Koy & Joanne Dawkins

SYMPATHY

Our condolences are expressed to Lisa Kania upon the death of her mother, Gloria Dyer. We pray that God's love provide Lisa and Marshall and all of her family members peace and comfort during this difficult time.

We extend our loving sympathy to Frank Pressley upon the death of his mother, Margaret Yandle Pressley. May God's presence be a strong source of comfort for Frank and Donna and all family members during their time of grief.

Our loving sympathy is expressed to Jimmy Cornelius upon the death of his son-in-law, Harlan Creech of Salisbury and the death of his brother-in-law, Banks Chilton of Statesville. We pray God's love provide Jimmy and his family peace and comfort during their time of grief.