



# Connect at Central

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## 24th Newsletter

### Pastor Lanny's Lyrics

Mark Twain wrote that "an honest man in politics shines more there than he would elsewhere" and that is one of the tamer things Twain had to say about politics...

It seems that cynicism about our leaders is built into the DNA of our country. After all, we were founded as a rejection of 'ole King George of England and his policies. So, what does leadership look like for Christians in America today? It is an important question because, as interdependent social creatures, we need leaders. Disciple Bible Study reminds us, "we abhor chaos." In fact, we literally cannot survive without leadership.

In 1Samuel 12, God promises ancient Israel, his chosen people, that things will go well for them IF they and their leaders follow God's Way of Life and warns them that things will NOT go well for them IF they did not follow God's Way.

I invite you to come this Sunday to campus at 8:45am for our Contemporary service or 11am for Traditional Service or Online at 11am for our continuing teaching series through the Bible as we engage the question: "What does leadership look like for followers of Jesus?"

Peace,

### ADDITIONAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to help out in the church office for vacation/sick days? If so please email Shannon skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org or call the church office at 704.289.3186.

### October Shareback

### For Elizabethan Gardens

We are collecting items to make 44 goodie bags for our friends at Elizabethan Gardens. Please bring any of the following items to the church to place on the Shareback Table located between the choir room & Central Hall. We will be collecting through October 31<sup>st</sup>.



- Non-skid socks
- Small packs of Kleenex
- Small writing pads
- Pens/Pencils

- Travel Size Bottles of Lotion
- Travel Size Bottles of Shampoo
- Travel Size Bottles of Mouthwash
- Small Hair Combs

- Individually Wrapped Packs of Crackers
- Individually Wrapped Packs of Cookies
- Individually Wrapped Little Cakes (like Little Debbie Cakes)



If you have any questions, please email Pastor Sigrid at smottram@centralumcmonroe.org

### Churchwide Fun Fall Festival

It's that time of year for Central UMC's Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4pm-6pm! Please fill out the form on the main email page to reserve your spot or call the church office if you need help to sign-up! The event will be held in the lower parking lot of our campus at the corner of Barden Street & Church Street. Cars can arrive to set up at 2:30pm.

Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated cars. This is a church event for the community, let's keep it G-rated or God rated! **Don't forget to bring candy to pass out!** Please email Julie Miles with any questions at jmiles@centralumcmonroe.org.

**Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**4-6pm**



Doris Wheeler | Judy Kelly (Amy Paschal's coworker) | Dave (Beth Abbott's brother) | Robert Pasani | Shep Stewart  
 The Family of Ned Helms | The Family of Joe Lancaster (Pastor Lanny's uncle) | Liv Brown's Dad & stepsisters  
 Missy Elliott's Mom's best friend Sue | Sally Shough | People going through job changes | Arthurine Rivers-Praise  
 Bill Phifer | Mike Taylor | Melony & Maddie Cordero | Frieda Roos | Ben Skardon | Irene Patrus (Susan Helm's mom)  
 Jodi & Family | Emily & Family | Dennis Baucom Family | Rick B. | DC Griffith | Dean Davidson  
 Bonnie Luck (Irene Ward's sister) | Mandy Williams | Director of Music Ministry position/Search Committee  
 Renea Totherow (WCM Staff member) & Family | Dr. Buddy Deibler Family | Meagan Broome | Chelsea Dyer  
 Those in leadership | Persecuted Christians | Those suffering under tyranny // Frank Hunley | Randy Mullis  
 Family Debbie White-Parker | Robert Hinson | Caroline Steed Family

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

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## Ongoing Prayer Requests

David McClure | Joel Kurtz | Peggy Shell | Arthurine Rivers | Gareth Simpson | Elaine Hall  
 Dallas Rollins | Rev. Bruce Handy | Mike Whelchel | Jonathan Mackay | Rob Morris | Jean Semken  
 Paula Russell | Bob Sullivan | Jason Hill | Maxine Wally | Jack Harper III | Penny Kiker | Ellie Walden  
 Kirby VonEgidy | Brenda Murray (Shannon's mother) | Our President | Our Governor | Bishop Ken Carter  
 District Superintendent Laura Auten | Pastor Lanny | Pastor Sigrid

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 a confidential prayer request, please email [llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org) or [smottram@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:smottram@centralumcmonroe.org).

### Our Faithfulness

#### Week of October 17, 2021

Tithes & Offering	MTD	YTD
Received	\$ 29,105	\$511,751
Expenses	(31,342)	(506,821)
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ (2,238)</b>	<b>\$ 4,930</b>

NOTE: Numbers in RED indicate the Church is experiencing a shortfall in Finances.

### Altar Guild

#### October

Elaine Davis  
 Edie Anderson

#### November

Carolyn & Ed Moore

### Lay Reader

#### October

24-Vicki Bivens  
 31-Barbara Pfau

#### November

7-Nathan Clements  
 14-Tim Patton  
 21-Janet Lancaster  
 28-Debi Patton

## Central UMC Calendar

### Sunday 10/24

8:45am Contemporary Service-Central Hall  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 10:00am UMW All Circle Chili Luncheon-FLC  
 10:15am Traditional Music Rehearsal-Sanctuary  
 11:00am Traditional Service-Sanctuary  
 11:00am Livestream Worship-Online  
 4:00pm Central Youth Group-FLC

### Monday 10/25

5:00pm Newsletter Deadline  
 6:00pm Civitans-Scout Hut

### Tuesday 10/26

9:30am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's Office  
 11:00am Staff Meeting  
 4:00pm Knitting Girls-Library  
 7:00pm AAU Basketball Practice-FLC

### Wednesday 10/27

6:00pm Celebration Singers-Choir Room  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir-Zoom  
 7:00pm **Disciple** Bible Study-Hospitality Room  
 7:00pm AAU Basketball Practice-FLC

### Thursday 10/28

8:30am Men's Breakfast Group-Deby Restaurant  
 10:00am Soul Food-Hospitality Room  
 1:00pm Dance Club-FLC  
 6:00pm Handbells-Sanctuary  
 7:00pm Trinity  
 7:00pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut

### Friday 10/29

9:00am Weekday Children's Ministry-FLC

### Saturday 10/30

10:00am InnerChange Practice-Central Hall

### Sunday 10/31

8:45am Contemporary Service-Central Hall  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 10:15am Traditional Music Rehearsal-Sanctuary  
 11:00am Traditional Service-Sanctuary  
 11:00am Livestream Worship-Online  
 4:00pm Churchwide Fun Fall Festival

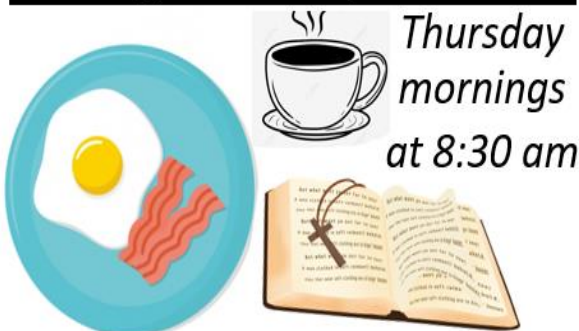
### Monday 11/01

5:00pm Newsletter Deadline

### Tuesday 11/02

9:30am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's Office  
 10:00am Lessie Anne Circle-Library  
 11:00am Staff Meeting  
 4:00pm Knitting Girls-Library

The Men's Breakfast Group is now meeting at the Derby Restaurant!



Thursday mornings at 8:30 am

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



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