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Newsletter **31st**

Pastor Lanny's Lyrics

"Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restored our life."¹ So states the beginning of our "Service of Death and Resurrection" in the Book of Worship of the United Methodist Church. It reminds us that we do not have to fear death. Death is but a transition to life eternal.

This is very important for us as followers of Christ and it makes us stand in contrast to much of the rest of our culture which denies death and seeks to preserve youth at all costs. As Christians we have been taught by some of our wise spiritual teachers through the ages that it is important to "die well." That's right I said to "die well," to realize that we will not live on this earth forever. We will not dwell within our bodies the way they currently are. We will not be subject to the challenges of our current physical incarnation. We believe in resurrection in fact our creed,¹ one of the basic statements of our faith, what we believe from Holy Scriptures, states that we believe in "the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting."

Sunday, October 31st, we invite you to our campus at 8:45 or 11:00am or to join us online at 11:00am as we celebrate the Saints, those who have gone on to glory. We celebrate those who have lived faithful lives in our midst and have witnessed to Jesus Christ in different and many ways. In this celebration, we also remember the promise and assurance for all of us: that Christ guarantees us "a house not made with hands, [but] eternal in the heavens." (2Corinthians 5:1, NRSV) Come join us this Sunday as we celebrate the fact that we are given life to the full today and life eternal. May that confident assurance be with you today! Peace, Pastor Lanny

Churchwide Fun Fall Festival THIS AFTERNOON

It's that time of year for Central UMC's Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31st 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.



4-6pm



GREAT TURKEY COUNTDOWN



See the main email blast page under "Missions" for the link or call the church office for more information 704.289.3186!



Order your Poinsettia Today

In Memory Of or
In Honor Of...

\$9 - Now till November 14th
(Order forms available as a bulletin insert
or at the Crossroads)



Central Kids Needs volunteers! KIDS Worship and Sunday School

If you are interested in volunteering on a weekly, monthly or as needed basis please click on the link on the front page of the email blast. You can also call Erica at 704.290.4607 to sign-up to help!

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 31st.



- 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 or call the church office at 704.289.3186.

Prayer Requests

Paula Russell | Miles McGinnis | Elaine Davis | Ann Wilkinson (Dale Ann's mother) | Anna Plyler & Jordan Campbell
 Margaret Pigg | Our Church | Our Families | Billie Starnes' Mom | McGinnis Family | Shep Stewart | Brenda Gill
 Covid to end | Marshall Kania | Sam Keesler (Shannon's Father-in-law) | Meghan Broome & The Broome Family
 Persecuted Christians | The Lost | Those suffering under tyranny | Frieda Roos | Colonel Ben Skardon | Bill Phifer
 Dillon Brantley | Mike Taylor Jodi & Family | Melony & Maddie Cordero | Emily & Family | Dennis Baucom Family
 Irene Patrus (Susan Helm's mom) // Doris Wheeler | Judy Kelly (Amy Paschal's coworker) | Dave (Beth Abbott's brother)
 Robert Pasani | 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 | Arthurine Rivers-Praise
 People going through job changes | Rick B. | DC Griffith | Dean Davidson | Bonnie Luck (Irene Ward's sister)
 Mandy Williams | Dr. Buddy Deibler Family | Director of Music Ministry position/Search Committee
 Those in leadership | Renea Totherow (WCM Staff member) & Family | Chelsea Dyer
 (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 to add your prayer requests. If you have a confidential prayer request, please email llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org or smottram@centralumcmonroe.org.

Our Faithfulness

Week of October 24, 2021

Tithes & Offering	MTD	YTD
Received	\$ 37,336	\$519,982
Expenses	(48,123)	(523,602)
Difference	\$(10,788)	\$ (3,620)

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

Altar Guild

November

Carolyn & Ed
 Moore

December

Carolyn Kindley
 Ruth Wall
 Beth Hargett
 Libby Helms

Lay Reader

October

31-Barbara Pfau

November

7-Nathan Clements
 14-Tim Patton
 21-Janet Lancaster
 28-Debi Patton
December
 5-David Paschal
 12-Dale Loberger
 19-Eric Shupe
 26-Janet Lancaster

Central UMC Calendar

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/Trunk or Treat

Monday 11/01

5:00pm Newsletter Deadline
 5:14pm UMW Board Meeting-Library

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

Wednesday 11/03

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

Thursday 11/04

8:30am Men's Breakfast Group-Debry 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 11/05

6:00pm Central Youth Lock-in-Youth Rooms & FLC

Saturday 11/06

8:30am Supervised Visitation-Children's Hall
 10:00am InnerChange Practice-Central Hall

Sunday 11/07 Daylight Savings Ends/Fall Back

8:45am Contemporary Service-Central Hall
 9:45am Sunday School
 0:15am Traditional Music Rehearsal-Sanctuary
 11:00am Traditional Service-Sanctuary
 11:00am Livestream Worship-Online
 4:00pm Central Youth Group-FLC

Monday 11/08

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

Lessie Anne Circle

The Lessie Anne Circle will meet at 10:00am in the church library on Tuesday, November 2nd. We will be taking your donations for World Thank Offering. Please call Mary Engel with any questions at 704.226.1176.

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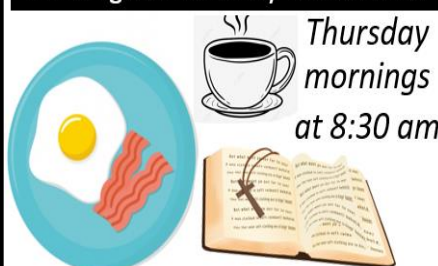
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 up2Love
 Central**

Our Amazon link is on the main email blast page or contact Virginia Duncan 704.231.8623 or Linda Deese 704.219.7199 for a list of items needed!

ADDITIONAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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



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