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Pastor Lanny's Lyrics

The Early Church "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42 (NRSV)
WHAT KIND OF CHURCH DO YOU WANT?

It is a significant question as we begin to come out of the great tribulation of the past nineteen months, when so much of what we wanted has been put on hold.

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH DO YOU WANT?

- What are we looking for in church?
- a particular kind of music?
- a particular kind of preaching?
- a particular kind of building?
- a particular kind of feeling?

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH DO YOU WANT?

Actually, the whole question hinges on how we define the word, "church." The Biblical word translated as "church," in the original Greek of the New Testament, is "ecclesia" and it literally means "the gathering." In other words, the gathering of God's people for WORSHIP (celebrating the Risen Christ), GROWING AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST (through studying the Bible and sharing life in Sunday school or small groups), and CONTRIBUTING TO THE WORK OF GOD (financially and through serving).

So, actually a **BETTER** question is:
WHAT KIND OF CHURCH DO YOU WANT TO BE?

Because you and I are the Church! We are the Church TOGETHER. As the wise and distinguished Spiritual Teacher, Teresa of Avila stated, "Christ has no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body."

You and I are called to BE the Church! And there's no better way to do that than to GATHER with our sisters and brothers in Christ each Sunday, in person, at 8:45am or 11am on our beautiful campus.
WHAT KIND OF CHURCH DO YOU WANT TO BE?

Peace, Pastor Lanny



IT'S TIME TO FALL BACK!
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR!



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)



GREAT TURKEY COUNTDOWN

**TURKEY
SEASON**



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

Advent by Candlelight



Central's United Methodist Women would like to invite all the women of CUMC to a special opening of the Advent season.

We will begin with a Candlelight Service in the Chapel and conclude with a dessert reception in Central Hall.

It will be an evening of peace, love, & joy.

Please register by November 22nd to ensure we have Advent symbols and food for you.

Register by clicking on the link in the main email blast page or by calling Barbara Funderburk at 704.226.0533 (please leave a message).

Peace, Love, & Joy

Sunday, November 28th at 6:00pm

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!

Preparing Central to Receive Christ the King



**Hanging of
The Greens**

Saturday, November 27th 9:00am

Prayer Requests

Debbie White-Parker | Family of Wayne Coley | Rosemary Dill (Donna Young's mom) | Ben & Barbara Horack
 Our Children's health & good judgement | God's will in all we do | Leaders & Country | AJ Starnes
 Carol Courtney (Billi Starnes' mom) | Danny Starnes | Brenda Gill | Jo Price | Bill Phifer | Mike Taylor | Frieda Roos
 Irene Patrus (Susan Helm's mom) | Melony & Maddie Cordero | Colonel Ben Skardon | Dennis Baucom Family
 Jodi & Family | Emily & Family // Paula Russell | Miles McGinnis | Elaine Davis | Ann Wilkinson (Dale Ann's mother)
 Anna Plyler & Jordan Campbell | Margaret Pigg | Our Church | Our Families | McGinnis Family | Shep Stewart
 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 | Dillon Brantley
 (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

Doris Wheeler | David McClure | Joel Kurtz | Peggy Shell | Arthurine Rivers | Gareth Simpson | Elaine Hall
 Dallas Rollins | Rev. Bruce Handy | Mike Whelchel | Jonathan Mackay | Daniel Mackay | Rob Morris
 Jean Semken | 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 31, 2021

Tithes & Offering	MTD	YTD
Received	\$ 15,963	\$535,945
Expenses	(1,830)	(525,432)
Difference	\$ 14,133	\$ 10,514

Lay Reader

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

Altar Guild

November

Carolyn & Ed Moore

December

Beth Hargett
 Libby Helms

*2 more Altar Guild volunteers are needed for the month of December! If you can help please call Libby Helms at 704.534.1150 or Beth Hargett at 704.574.0362.

Grace & Mercy Circle

Grace & Mercy Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 17th at 6:30pm in the library. For additional information call Donna Young 704.226.5954.

Faith, Hope & Charity Circle

Faith, Hope & Charity Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 9th at 1:30pm in the library. If you have questions call Nancy Gustafson 704.733.8686.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the blessing bags for the residents of Elizabethan Gardens. Doris English and Jolene Kurtz made 45, very full bags for the residents, and had plenty extra to donate for the residents' future enjoyment. God is Good!



For Elizabethan Gardens



Central UMC Calendar

Sunday 11/07 Daylight Saving 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
NO Central Youth Group

Monday 11/08

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

Tuesday 11/09

9:30am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's Office
 11:00am Staff Meeting
 1:30pm Faith, Hope & Charity Circle
 4:00pm Knitting Girls-Library

Wednesday 11/10

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

Thursday 11/11

8:30am Men's Breakfast Group-Debry Restaurant
 9:00am Kingdom Hall Volunteer Banquet Set-up-FLC
 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

Saturday 11/13

9:00am Upstairs Kitchen Reserved-Suzanne Booth
 10:00am InnerChange Practice-Central Hall
 5:00pm Kingdom Hall Volunteer Banquet-FLC
 6:00PM Hospitality Room Reserved-Suzanne Booth

Sunday 11/14

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 Central Youth Group