

DON'T FORGET TO BRING FRESH FLOWERS SUNDAY

Don't forget to bring fresh flowers (any kind) Sunday to put on the cross in the Sanctuary for Easter. Let's fill the cross up with pretty flowers!



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 1, 2018

Happy April!

April is going to be an exciting month! We begin the month by celebrating Easter. The Easter celebration is at the center of our faith. It is the seal that God put on Jesus' life confirming all that Jesus taught and represented in his ministry. Easter is not merely a reminder of what God has done for us but it proclaims what God is doing for us now.

This year, April Fool's Day and Easter share the day. That is a great way to begin any month. It causes us to revisit the gift of humor that the events of life so quickly beat out of us. I always remember my mother-in-law on April Fool's Day with flowers.

April also reminds us of our responsibility to the government. The IRS was surprised to receive a letter which read,

“Dear Sir,
Last Year I cheated on my taxes and I can't sleep
For thinking about it. I am therefore enclosing a
Check for \$2,000. If I find that I still can't sleep. I'll
Send you the balance.”
Sincerely,
Anonymous

On Easter Sunday we will gather in the Prayer Garden at 9am for a service and then we will make our way to the Family Life Center for brunch. We will worship together in the sanctuary at 11am. This is a great opportunity to invite your family members and friends to share in worship with you.

Have a blessed week.

Danny



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL SHAREBACK

Non perishable food items for Crisis Assistance and Loaves and Fishes

LESSIE-ANNE CIRCLE WILL MEET APRIL 3RD IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Mary Engel is in charge of the program. ALL visitors are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Mary Engel at 704-226-1176.



SALLY SHIRLEY BIVENS SCHOLARSHIP NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

The Sally Shirley Bivens Scholarship is given by the Parlor Group Sunday School Class of Central United Methodist Church, in loving memory of Sally Shirley Bivens, who was a devoted member of Central United Methodist Church. To apply for the scholarship, visit <https://centralumcmonroe.org/bivensscholarship/>. Complete the form and obtain your high school or college information as well as your recommendation letters. Once all information is together, scan and email to Jane Neese at jneese773@gmail.com. For questions, please call 704.776.3227, Leave a message and Ms. Neese will return your call. **Applications are due May 1st.**

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SIGN UPS

A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory is now out-dated and it is time for a new one. Please make an appointment to have your picture taken at one of the sign-up locations at the church on one of the sign-up Sundays starting later this month. You may see some of the Central members sitting at tables signing people up in addition to the sign up locations. Don't miss out on getting your updated pictures taken and your correct information for the new directory.



PLEASE REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS

Lou Patterson & Family, Maxine Wally & Family, Kathy Howell, Betty Yeakley, Sally Kohler, Virginia Duncan, Kay Shough, Rev. Earl Wilson, Elaine Hall, Teresa Starnes, Rob Morris, David McClure, Grace Medlin, Cindy Malone, Belinda Sisk, Joel Kurtz, Gail Klein, Evan White-Parker A1C, Lloyd Ratliff, Barbara Murray, Pat Johnson, Bob Sullivan, Jo & Julian Bell, and Jason Hill.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL



- Sunday, 4/1** 9:00 am Easter - Prayer Garden
10:00 am 'Come to Easter' - Family Life Center
11:00 am Traditional Service - Sanctuary
- Monday, 4/2** **Office Closed for Easter Holiday**
6:30 pm UMW Board Meeting
- Tuesday, 4/3** 6:30 pm Knitting Girls
7:00 pm Amazing Grace - Chapel
- Wednesday, 4/4** 10:00 am Soul Food - Hospitality Rm.
6:00 pm Celebration Singers - Choir Rm.
6:00 pm Youth Vocals - Central Hall
6:00 pm Forgiveness Bible Study - Hospitality Room
7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Rm.
- Thursday, 4/5** 7:30 am Thursday's Men's Group - Hilltop Restaurant
10:00 am Forgiveness Bible Study - Room #114
3:00 pm Sorosis Book Club - Hospitality Room
6:15 pm Handbells - Sanctuary
7:30 pm Trinity Rehearsal
- Saturday, 4/7** 9:00 am Brass Rehearsal
10:00 am InnerChange Vocals - Choir Room
11:00 am InnerChange Instrument - Central Hall

MARGARET BATCHELOR'S NEW ADDRESS

3632 Old Sand Mine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28412

OUR FAITHFULNESS - MARCH 25, 2018

ATTENDANCE TOTAL:	One Service at 11 am	
	Traditional	<u>192</u>
TOTAL:		212
TITHES AND OFFERINGS:	MARCH 25	YEAR-TO-DATE
Budget	\$16,410	\$196,919
Received	<u>\$23,389</u>	<u>\$173,510</u>
Difference	\$ 6,979	(\$ 23,409)