

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 25, 2018



### Kermit & Janie Starnes Scholarship Central United Methodist Church, Monroe

#### **2018/19 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN**

The Starnes family left a generous gift for the young people of this church who work hard to obtain a college degree from an accredited institution of higher learning.

To apply visit [www.centralstarnessscholarship.org](http://www.centralstarnessscholarship.org), click on the "Intent to Apply" link and complete the form.

Applications will be sent starting March 1<sup>st</sup> via an email link. Your application will be editable until the deadline of April 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm. Contact Ken Haigler with questions regarding the scholarship [704-661-3316](tel:704-661-3316), or Ginger Hightower with questions regarding the application process [704-207-3349](tel:704-207-3349).

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There is a Spanish story of a father and son who had become estranged. The son ran away, and the father set off to find him. He searched for months to no avail. Finally, in a last desperate effort to find him, the father put an ad in a Madrid newspaper. The ad read: "Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday. All is forgiven. I love you. Your Father."

On that Saturday, 800 Pacos showed up, looking for forgiveness and love from their fathers.

As we journey through these weeks of Lent leading up to Easter, forgiveness and grace are at the heart of our journey. Lent calls us to examine our lives and identify anything that prevents us from basking in the love of God. With God's help, we can be transformed.

Our Heavenly Father loves us, forgives us and desires that we live our lives with assurance and confidence.

There are a variety of opportunities for worship and fellowship coming up in the next few weeks. Each Wednesday at lunch there will be a Community Lenten Worship service followed by lunch. In fact, next Wednesday, February 28, we will host that service and lunch. It would be good to have a nice crowd from our church attend. There are two bible studies beginning this week and we still have space for you. And of course we will gather each Sunday morning at 8:45 and 11am to worship.

I look forward to seeing you

Danny

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**Senior Pastor: Reverend Danny Leonard**

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# THIS WEEKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TODAY IS UPWARD BANQUET CELEBRATION AT 5 PM IN FLC

Our Upward Banquet Celebration will be on Sunday February 25, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the FLC with Don Hinkle being our speaker.

## COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, AT NOON

Food can be brought to the upstairs kitchen after 9:00, but by 11 @ the latest. Set up people, please be at the church Hospitality room by 10:20 to 10:30 at the latest.

## MARCH IS ELIZABETHAN GARDENS

We will be collecting the following items for the whole month: Travel size shampoo, conditioner, hand cream, deodorant etc. Individually wrapped snacks, cookies, crackers, Raisins, Little Debbie Cakes etc small puzzle books, pads of paper, pens and pencils Purse size tissues and slipper socks Please place all items that will fit in a lunch size sack on the Shareback table anytime during the month of March. THANK YOU!

## SAVE THE DATE! CHILDREN'S SPRING/SUMMER CONSIGNMENT SALE.

Saturday, March 10th, we will be hosting the Spring/Summer Children's Consignment Sale. If interested in consigning, please register by February 28th. We LOVE volunteers! We NEED volunteers! For more information, please visit our website....[www.centralkidsconsignment.org](http://www.centralkidsconsignment.org) or contact Donna Young @ [704-226-5954](tel:704-226-5954).

## CENTRAL FRIENDS (AGE 60 + COUPLES OR SINGLES) MEET THURS. 3/8, NOON

Bring a dish to pass. If you don't have time to prepare a dish or a desire to cook, Food Lion is across the street from the church! First timers do not have to bring a dish to pass. Our program will be presented by Tonya Edwards of Monroe Parks & Recreation. She will speak on the progress of Monroe Greenway."

## MYSTERY READERS NEEDED FOR OUR NC PRE-K PROGRAM

The commitment is just 45 minutes. Mystery Readers visit three different classes and read for 10-15 minutes starting at 9:00am. Signup is on the UMW board in the hallway. Call Ginger Hightower with questions - [704-207-3349](tel:704-207-3349).

## CENTRAL KIDS NEEDS YOU TO HELP OCCASIONALLY

Central Kids is looking for a few new volunteers to fill in occasionally and be on-call for Sunday School and our monthly Kids Own Worship. **Together we can be the village that helps our kids thrive.** Thanks, Ginger Hightower ([704-207-3349](tel:704-207-3349)).

## WE EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO

*Teresa Starnes in the loss of her father, Lawrence Cooper on January 23rd.*

## PLEASE REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS

**Teresa Starnes**, Robert Rylander, Rob Morris, David McClure, Virginia Duncan, Grace Medlin, Cindy Malone, Belinda Sisk, Joel Kurtz, Amy Helms, 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, 2/25** 12:00 pm First Steps Next Steps - Hospitality Room  
5:00 pm Upward Banquet - FLC
- Monday, 2/26** 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training Class - Room #114  
6:30 pm Central Squares - Hospitality Room
- Tuesday, 2/27** 6:00 pm Vince Rivers Guitar Class - Choir Room  
6:30 pm Knitting Girls  
7:00 pm Amazing Grace - Chapel
- Wednesday, 2/28** 10:00 am Soul Food - Hospitality Rm.  
10:30 am Lenten Service Lunch Set Up - Central Hall  
12:00 pm Community Lenten Service - Sanctuary  
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, 3/1** 7:30 am Thursday's Men's Group - Hilltop Restaurant  
10:00 am Forgiveness Bible Study - Hospitality Room  
6:15 pm Handbells - Sanctuary  
7:30 pm Trinity Rehearsal
- Saturday, 3/3** 9:00 am Brass Rehearsal  
10:00 am InnerChange Vocals - Choir Room  
11:00 am InnerChange Instrument - Central Hall

## LOVE OFFERING FOR PASTOR EM

We said goodbye to Pastor Em with punch and cake last weekend, but we still have another opportunity to show her our appreciation for her service with Children, Youth, and Adults including both education and missions. We will be collecting a love offering through Friday. Please designate your gift for Pastor Em and we will present her with our love the following week. Thank you!

## OUR FAITHFULNESS - FEBRUARY 18, 2018

<b>ATTENDANCE TOTAL:</b>	Contemporary	103
	Traditional	<u>117</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>220</b>
<b>TITHES AND OFFERINGS:</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 18</b>	<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>
Budget	\$16,410	\$114,870
Actual	<u>\$15,834</u>	<u>\$101,969</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$ 576)</b>	<b>(\$ 9,901)</b>