

He is Risen... Tell all your Peeps!

Central Kids Easter Happenings



Join Central Kids as we celebrate the risen King this Easter!

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday the 31st, the day before Easter Central Kids is meeting at JC and Jack's house for a special Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00 am (1430 Longleaf Ct., Weddington).

Please RSVP to Ginger by Thursday, March 29th - 704-207-3349.

BRING FRESH FLOWERS NEXT SUNDAY, EASTER TO PUT ON THE CROSS

Don't forget to bring fresh flowers (any kind) next 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

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I read a story this week about a seventy-nine-year-old Roman Catholic nun by the name of Sister Emmanuel. When most folks would like to think of retiring in Arizona during the winter and traveling around the world during the summer, this woman fell on her knees and prayed that God would send her to the most desperate place on earth. As she said in the interview for the article, "Be careful what you pray for as your prayer might be answered." Her prayer was answered and at the time of the writing this elderly French nun was serving God in the "City of Garbage"—a ghetto in Cairo, Egypt.

Every day she would rise at 4:30 a.m. to begin her work among the ten thousand "untouchable residents" who manage to stay alive by sorting through refuse hoping to sell bottles and tin cans. At 9:00 a.m. she would be in her own hut teaching forty Christian and Muslim children to read and write. She has also worked with the government to provide better housing. In her quiet ministry of serving, Sister Emmanuel has helped improve the living conditions of many children, youths, and adults. How appropriate is her name, Emmanuel, which means "God with us."

At one point Sister Emmanuel was asked her if there might be a reward for her work. The elderly nun pointed to a painting hanging on her wall. It was a picture of angels with hands joined dancing in the celestial kingdom. "One of these days," said Sister Emmanuel, "they will offer me their hand and I will dance in the kingdom of heaven with them."

The witness of the Sister's life and the message of that article have stayed with me. It has caused me to look at my life and evaluate the ways I am, or am not, using my gifts for the benefit of the kingdom of God. The essence of life is found in our relationship with Jesus and that relationship is expressed in serving others.

I would like to think that today, God's servant, Sister Emmanuel, is dancing in heaven as one who shared her gifts, her life, with those who were in need.

Danny

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH SHAREBACK IS ELIZABETHAN GARDENS - DEADLINE IS WED 3/28

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 & pencils, purse size tissues & slipper socks. We will be assembling the gift bags Friday, March 30th at 1:00 pm in the Library for all who can help.

TRUSTEES MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 26TH AT 6 PM IN LIBRARY

We have a lot of information to discuss. Each member of Trustees is asked to come. Please let Galard know at 704-618-0188 if you will or will not be at this meeting.

IRENE WARD WANTS TO THANK EVERYONE WHO GAVE BLOOD

Irene said we collected 13 units of blood last Sunday!

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.**

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED WEDNESDAY, 3/28 TO HELP CLARA WIGGINS IN FLC

Clara Wiggins & her family have decorated the Family Life Center for many years as the Easter story, "Come to Easter". It is one of the most amazing things to the members of Central and all who have seen it. **Many** hours of hard work go into this & we need of a lot of volunteers. If you have any time to help Wednesday, all day or an hour or two, please come to the FLC.



PLEASE REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS

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, 3/25** 12:00 pm First Steps Next Steps - Hospitality Room
- Monday, 3/26** 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting - Library
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training Class - Room #114
6:30 pm Central Squares - Hospitality Room
- Tuesday, 3/27** 6:30 pm Church Council - Hospitality Room
6:30 pm Knitting Girls
7:00 pm Amazing Grace - Chapel
- Wednesday, 3/28** 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, 3/29** 7:30 am Thursday's Men's Group - Hilltop Restaurant
10:00 am Forgiveness Bible Study - Room #114
6:15 pm Handbells - Sanctuary
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service - Family Life Center
7:30 pm Trinity Rehearsal
- Friday, 3/30** 10:45 am Stations of the Cross - Starts at First Presbyterian
1:00 pm Elizabethan Gardens Bag Assembling - Library
- Saturday, 3/31** 9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt - Home of the Hightower
9:00 am Brass Rehearsal
10:00 am InnerChange Vocals - Choir Room
11:00 am InnerChange Instrument - Central Hall



The Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary Today



*In honor of Julian & Jo Bell in celebration of their 74th wedding anniversary
Given by: Their Family*

OUR FAITHFULNESS - MARCH 18, 2018

ATTENDANCE TOTAL:	Contemporary	74
	Traditional	<u>138</u>
TOTAL:		212
TITHES AND OFFERINGS:	MARCH 18	YEAR-TO-DATE
Budget	\$16,410	\$180,509
Received	<u>\$10,725</u>	<u>\$150,121</u>
Difference	(\$ 5,685)	(\$ 30,388)