

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

Sara Stewart, Ron Williams, Kathy Gordon, Nita Williamson, Tim Ratliff, Diane Swain (Joel Carpenter's Sister), TJ Leverington, Rev. Gene and Patricia Mullis, Faye Cox, Tom Calvert, Tom Duke (Uncle of Liv Brown), Steve Blalock, Bob Griffin, Jason Hill, Tom Duke, Billi Leverington, The Ferguson family, Heather Gustafson, Harold Medlin, Maxine Wally, Ken Dickens, Larry & Barbara Cooper, Pat Hinson, Amy Eubanks, Sue Elliott, Family of Martha Burgess, Shannon Allman Mann.

You may submit prayer requests by writing them on the Connect Cards available during worship and placing them in the offering or by calling the church office at 704-289-3186.

Prayer requests will appear on the prayer list for 2 weeks.

Calendar of Events

Sunday 3/3

5:00-7:00pm UMYF

Monday 3/4

4:00pm Math Tutoring - *Hospitality Room*
5:30pm Civitan Meeting - *Scout Hut*

Tuesday 3/5

6:30pm Missions Team Meeting - *Room #114*
6:30pm Church Council - *Library*
6:30pm Knitting Girls - *Pathfinders*

Wednesday 3/6

10:00am Soul Food Circle - *Library*
10:00am Financial Seminar - *Hospitality Room*
6:00pm Celebration Singers - *Choir Room*
6:00pm Youth Vocals - *Chapel*
6:00pm Central Squares - *Hospitality Room*
7:30pm Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday 3/7

8:30am Thursday Men's Group - **New Time** - *Hilltop*
11:00am Eating Together Faithfully - *Hospitality Room*
6:15pm Handbells - *Sanctuary*
6:30pm Pilot Club Meeting - *Pathfinders Class*
7:30pm Trinity - *Choir Room*

Saturday 3/8

9:00am Brass Rehearsal
10:00am InnerChange Vocals - *Choir Room* -
11:00am InnerChange Instruments

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WELCOME TO CENTRAL

CENTRAL NEWS • SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

Our Mission: Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision: Connect with God; Connect with Each Other; and Connect with Our Community

TO OUR GUESTS

Thank you for sharing in worship today. Here are a few things that you may find helpful:

- Childcare is available for infants through preschool aged children. Our nursery staff awaits you in Room #107
- School Aged Children to 5th Grade are welcome to join us at the front during the Children's Message and then continue on to a Centrall Kids Worship experience.
- Connect cards are available in the seat-back pocket in front of you. This is a simple way for you to connect with the ministries at Central, request more information and let us know that you joined us for worship. We also invite you to use this card for sharing your prayer requests.
- A copy of today's service is available on DVD. Contact the Church office (704-289-3186).
- The ushers are available to assist you in making this a pleasurable experience, please let them know if you need anything.

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90+ MEMBER RECOGNITION

Please forgive the omission of Betsy Griffin and Wint Holtzclaw in our special recognition of our members who are 90 years old and older. Thank you Betsy and Wint, and all our 90+ members for your contributions to Central!


A Message from Danny

You are most likely aware that The General Conference of the United Methodist Church convened this week in St. Louis. Approximately 850 delegates, representing United Methodist Christians from around the world, gathered to make decisions about the direction of our denomination with regards to human sexuality. Specifically, their work was to determine if clergy should be permitted to perform marriages for same gender couples, and if self-avowed, practicing homosexuals can seek ordination.

At the conclusion of three days of conferencing, the body chose to affirm our current practice which does not permit either. The route to this conclusion was an arduous one, leaving many hurt along the way and many wondering about their place in the United Methodist Church. This debate was far greater than merely one that produced 'winners and losers.' While the implications of the actions taken by the General Conference on the organizational structure of the denomination remain unclear, I am certain that the mission and witness of Central United Methodist Church will remain unchanged.

Our practice of being a community that offers extravagant hospitality and love to all who come our way will remain unchanged. The life-giving relationships that are presently nurtured within our church will continue. You can be confident that Laura and I are committed to sharing Jesus' love with all those that God graciously puts within our care. This has been, and will continue to be our practice.

The complete work of the General Conference will be interpreted to us very soon. We will share that information as we receive it. I happened across this quote from William Sloane Coffin just yesterday. It spoke to me and I offer it to you. "The integrity of love is stronger than the purity of dogma." I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.



SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2019
5:00-7:00 PM -
FAMILY LIFE CENTER/TRACK

UMYF SHAMROCK WALK-A-THON

Please come walk laps with us to raise money for our Youth Program & Chalk It Up For Love. sponsor a youth or make a one time donation.
Please contact Julie Miles for more details.
704-289-3186 or jmiles@centralumcmonroe.org



Women of Central... **Save the Date**
Help us Celebrate 150 Years in Mission
United Methodist Women
Legacy 150
ROCK A THON
Saturday, March 23rd
1:00-3:30pm Family Life Center
United Methodist Women
FAITH - HOPE - LOVE IN ACTION



ASH WEDNESDAY
Pancake Supper

Wednesday, March 6th @ 5:30pm – Central Hall
Then join us in the chapel for our 6:30pm
Ash Wednesday service

Central Squares



Men's Fellowship
Worship
Service
Community

2nd & 4th Wednesday
6:00-7:30pm - Hospitality Room


FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE
The Finance Committee will meet this Tuesday, March 5th 6:00pm

Community Lenten Luncheon

Central will be hosting the Community Lenten Luncheon on **Wednesday, March 13th**
Sandwiches and crock-pots of soup are needed.
Contact Nancy Gustafson at 704-733-8686

EASTER LILY ORDERS DUE APRIL 10TH
It's time to order your lilies for Easter. The order forms are located in the Narthex, Crossroads and Central Hall for your convenience. Fill out your form and put it with your payment in the offering plate, mail it to the office at 801 S. Hayne Street, Monroe, 8112, or put it in the slot on the door to Debbie Eggleston's office (financial office).



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

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, Monroe, North Carolina in loving memory of Sally Shirley Bivens, who was devoted member of Central United Methodist Church, a truly dedicated educator of the young and an inspiration to all who knew her. Visit centralumcmonroe.org/bivensscholarship to apply. 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.

Starnes Family Scholarship – Application Process Now Open! Learn more at www.centralumcmonroe.org/starnesscholarship.

OUR FAITHFULNESS

February 24th Attendance

Contemporary (8:45 am)	99
Traditional (11:00 am)	102
Total:	201

Tithes & Offerings

	MTD	YTD
Received	\$56,464	\$111,141
Expenses	(\$60,118)	(\$126,902)
	\$ 3,654	\$ 15,760

MARCH SHAREBACK

GIVING back.

Heart for Monroe's 5K Run - March 30th
Participate by running in the race, sponsoring children who wish to run, donating your time to help with the race and praying for the event's success. Participation and Sponsorship forms are located at the Crossroads Information Center. Complete forms and return to the mailbox on the ShareBack table. Contact Cheri Barker 704-242-4851 or visit www.heartformonroe.org.

ITEMS FOR ELIZABETHAN GARDENS MAY BE DONATED THROUGH THE MONTH OF MARCH

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