



# Connect at Central

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## Pastor Lanny's Lyrics

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into the one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body." (1Corinthians 12:12-15, NRSV)

"This is home, now I've finally found where I belong, where I belong."<sup>1</sup> Belonging is one of the deepest desires we have as human beings. Certainly, the Church is the central "place" or group of people that we belong to, as followers of Christ in this world. But that does not mean that we are all identical in the church. The Apostle Paul, leader in the early church, expressed this in the Scripture above, using the vivid image of parts of our physical body, like feet and hands. The various parts of our body serve very different functions, yet they all work for the existence and vitality of the whole body.

Paul is using this image as a symbol of the Church: No two of us are exactly the same in the church. As individuals, each of us has our own story, experiences, knowledge, wisdom, talents, abilities, and ideas. Sometimes, these differences can be challenging to navigate, after all, we live in a fallen world and none of us have reached perfection yet. This is why some great spiritual teachers will say that "the church is a school of forgiveness and reconciliation." We are called to practice this as a model to the world. This is part of our witness for Christ.

Paul describes how our individual uniqueness allows us to complement each other and fulfill the call of the Church as a whole. Feet are really good for walking. Hands are really good for playing a piano. Try to switch those up, and you meet great difficulties. It is the same with the body of Christ, the Church. Each of us serves different functions for the good of the whole body. No two of us are exactly alike. Thanks be to God! Our uniqueness, our differences, though challenging at times, can actually help us more fully fulfill the call of Christ to **CONNECT WITH GOD, CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER, AND CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY.**

Sisters and Brothers, remember today, that you (with your unique talents, gifts, and story) belong to the Church and the Church belongs to you. Thanks be to God!

Peace,

## DISCIPLE

**Sermon Series**  
Starting Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>  
during both services



### Central Kids Consignment Sale

We are BACK and we are EXCITED!

Saturday, September 11, 2021  
7:30am-2:30pm

**We LOVE and NEED volunteers!**

Please visit our website to register as a seller [www.centralkidsconsignment.org](http://www.centralkidsconsignment.org)

For more information,  
please contact  
Donna Young  
@ 704.226.5954



## July & August Shareback

- Cow Print Notebooks (Wide & College)
- Notebook Paper (Wide & College)
- 1 Inch 3 Ring Binders
- 1 Subject Spiral Notebooks (Wide & College)
- 24 Count Crayons
- Colored Markers (Jumbo & Fine)
- Colored Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers (Black)
- Child Scissors (Blunt & Pointed Tip)
- 3 x 3 Post-It Notes
- Ear Buds/Headphones
- #2 Yellow Pencils
- Backpacks

The Shareback table is in the hall between Central Hall and the choir room.

OR the blue tote will be at the entrance of Central Hall & the Sanctuary each Sunday

**OR visit their Amazon Wish List link from the main email page**

If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Duncan at 704.231.8623 or [fduncan7119@gmail.com](mailto:fduncan7119@gmail.com) OR Linda Deese at 704.219.7199 or [linda.deese@gmail.com](mailto:linda.deese@gmail.com) OR contact the church office at 704.289.3186.



## First Responders

### Celebration & Recognition

Sunday  
September 12  
at 8:45am and 11am



Photo credit: Chuck & Wayne Signs



# Prayer Requests

Shauna Leonard (Kalli Clements' sister) | Healthcare Workers | Evelyn Trigg (Neal Lauber's sister-in-law) | BC Griffin Teachers & Kids returning to school | College Students & Parents | Bill Phifer | Frieda Roos | Mike Taylor | Ted Teagle Melony Cordero | Maddie Cordero | Mike LoPresto | Cassi Bowlin | | The Family of Doris Morgan | Hospital Staff Joel Kurtz | Wayne & Michelle | Helen Scarpantoni (Ruth Wall's sister) | Carol Hill Thank you Lord the virus is out of my blood!  
(Prayer Request's stay on the above list for 2 weeks unless requested to be put on the "ongoing prayer requests")

## Ongoing Prayer Requests

David McClure | Shelby Ford | Peggy Shell | Arthurine Rivers Gareth Simpson | Andrew Gloege (Dixon & Elaine Hall's grandson) Dennis & Dilaine Gloege | Rev. Bruce Handy | Dallas Rollins | Mike Whelchel | Penny Kiker | Daniel Mackay | Jonathan Mackay Rob Morris Chuck Anderson | Jean Semken Paula Russell | Bob Sullivan Jason Hill | Larry Shell | Maxine Wally | Ron Williams John Michael (Jack) Harper III | Ellie Walden | Kirby VonEgidy Brenda Murray (Shannon's mother) | Our President | Our Governor Bishop Paul Leeland | District Superintendent Laura Auten | Pastor Lanny | Pastor Sigrid | Administrative Council Task Force

Please call the Church Office 704.289.3186 or email [skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org) to add your prayer requests. If you have a confidential prayer request, please email [llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:llancaster@centralumcmonroe.org) or [smottram@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:smottram@centralumcmonroe.org).

### Our Faithfulness

#### Week of August 15, 2021

Tithes & Offering	MTD	YTD
Received	\$ 40,859	\$425,736
Expenses	(27,621)	(401,025)
Difference	\$ 13,238	\$ 24,711

### Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:45am & 11am



### Altar Flowers



Our NEW flower calendar is up and ready to be reserved for Sunday Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary. Please sign-up on the calendar and please let Shannon in the church office know who they are in Honor or Memory of by calling 704.289.3186 or emailing [skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org).

#### Connecting with each other

If you or anyone you know would like to receive the weekly church mailout (bulletin & newsletter) let us know by emailing or calling the church office. [skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org) 704.289.3186.

If you would like to donate to this great ministry to help with postage it will help us continue to connect with those without online access!

### Lay Reader Schedule

#### August

22- Eric Shupe  
29-Tim Patton

#### September

5-David Paschal  
12-Dale Loberger  
19- Eric Shupe  
26-Tim Patton

#### October

3-David Paschal  
10- Eric Shupe  
17-Dale Loberger  
24-Tim Patton  
31-Debbie Patton

#### November

7-David Paschal  
14-Dale Loberger  
21-Eric Shupe  
28-Tim Patton

#### December

5-David Paschal  
12- Dale Loberger  
19-Eric Shupe  
26-Tim Patton

#### Additional Lay Readers

Debbie Patton  
Nathan Clements

\*If you aren't able to read or you switch with someone on your assigned date please let the church office know.

### Altar Guild Schedule

#### August

Lynda & Galard Moore

#### September

Nancy Gustafson  
Mary Engel

#### October

Elaine Davis  
Edie Anderson

#### November

Carolyn & Ed Moore

#### December

Carolyn Kindley  
Ruth Wall  
Beth Hargett  
Libby Helms



### DEADLINE

Deadline for the August 29<sup>th</sup> & September 6<sup>th</sup> newsletter and bulletin is MONDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> 5 PM as Shannon will be on vacation!

## Central UMC Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday 08/22 Back to School Blessing Sunday

8:45am Contemporary Service-Central Hall  
9:00am **Blood Drive**-The Big Red Bus  
9:45am Sunday School  
10:15am Traditional Music Rehearsal-Sanctuary  
11:00am Traditional Service-Sanctuary  
11:00am Livestream Worship-Online  
**NO** Central Youth Sunday Night

#### Monday 08/23

**5:00pm Newsletter Submission Deadline**

6:00pm Civitans-Scout Hut

#### Tuesday 08/24

9:30am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's Office  
11:00am Staff Meeting-Chapel  
6:00pm Union EMS Honor Guard  
6:00pm Knitting Girls-Library  
7:00pm AAU Basketball Practice-FLC

#### Wednesday 08/25

7:00pm Chancel Choir-Zoom  
7:00pm Disciple Bible Study-Pathfinders  
7:00pm AAU Basketball Practice-FLC

#### Thursday 08/26

8:30am Men's Breakfast Group-Hilltop  
10:00am Soul Food-Library  
7:00pm Trinity  
7:00pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut

#### Friday 08/27

9:00am Vaccine Appointments-FLC

#### Saturday 08/28

8:00am Supervised Visitation-Children's Hall  
10:00am InnerChange-Central Hall

#### Sunday 08/29

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  
2:00pm Tom Lathan Memorial Service-Chapel & CH  
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