



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 one body..."—1 Corinthians 12:12-13a

"**Ubuntu**" is a beautifully deep word from the Bantu language in Africa. In fact, it is so deep, that it is somewhat challenging to translate into English. A common definition is: "I am because you are" or 'My humanity is inextricably bound up in yours.' We belong in a bundle of life."¹ It expresses the deep interconnectedness of us all. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the great religious and civil leader, who endured unbelievable terror and suffering through the years of South African Apartheid, often talks about **Ubuntu**. He was a strong voice and leader for moving forward through apartheid and beyond with the vision of South Africa becoming a nation where all belonged, all were respected, and all were valued as people made in the image of God.

It was a grueling process to change the nation of South Africa. There had been so much racially motivated violence, oppression, and suffering. For Archbishop Tutu and the whole nation to have the faith and hope to move forward, there had to be a deep abiding trust in **Ubuntu**, "I am because you are," a deep abiding trust that what affects you affects me and what affects me affects you. The story of how South Africa moved forward, including being honest and open about the depths of oppression that happened there, is truly inspiring.

Ubuntu is a great word to describe God's Vision for our connection as sisters and brothers in Christ in the Church. As the Apostle Paul states in the Scripture, there are many members (of the Church) but One Body. This is a reality because of the unity of the Holy Spirit that binds us together. This is a reality because we all are TRULY made in the image of God. How are you being called to live into this reality today? How might you renew your CONNECTION to your sisters and brothers in Christ? I invite you to pray this simple prayer this week for your fellow church members and staff, "I am because you are." In Christ, we truly belong to each other.

Peace,

DISCIPLE
Sermon Series
Starting TODAY
during both services

Thankyou

Mary Ann Burns, Elaine Davis, Rose Ann Mull, Amy Shelton & Tim Patton for helping out in the office this week so I could go on vacation! I appreciate you all so much!!! Hugs! Shannon :)



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 OR Linda Deese at 704.219.7199 or linda.deese@gmail.com OR contact the church office at 704.289.3186.



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

For more information, please contact Donna Young @ 704.226.5954



First Responders

Celebration & Recognition

Sunday
September 12
at 8:45am and 11am



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Prayer Requests

The Family of Robert Treadaway (Patsy Madden Treadaway's husband) | Daniel Mackay
The Family & Friends Cortni Carriker Schenker | Tom Shore, Marianne King, Jason Beane & Linda Deese (Linda Deese's father & family)
My neighbors | For Our Church & Members | UCPS Teachers & Students | David Cianelli (Beth Abbott's brother) | Nick Cianelli
Sally Shough | Kenny Brown | Linda Thomas | Sue Brown | Carol Hill | Marshall Kania | Search Team | Shirley Jackson
Vivian Mandracchia | Nurses dealing with Delta Variant | Carlotta Thomas | Tim & Teresa Cope | Billi Starnes | Bill Phifer | Mike Taylor
Frieda Roos | Ted Teagle | Melony Cordero | Maddie Cordero | Our Nation | Jodi & Family | Our Country | Our Community
Students returning to school | Those affected by the floods in TN | Haiti | Afghanistan | Shauna Leonard (Kalli Clements' sister)
Healthcare Workers | Mike LoPresto | Evelyn Trigg (Neal Lauber's sister-in-law) | BC Griffin | Teachers & Kids returning to school
College Students & Parents | Cassi Bowlin



Ongoing Prayer Requests

(Prayer Request's stay on the above list for 2 weeks unless requested to be put on the "ongoing prayer requests")

Joel Kurtz | Lynda Moore | David McClure | Shelby Ford | Peggy Shell | Arthurine Rivers | Gareth Simpson
Elaine Hall | Andrew Gloege (Dixon & Elaine Hall's grandson) | Dennis & Dilaine Gloege | Rev. Bruce Handy
Dallas Rollins | Mike Whelchel | 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 | Penny Kiker | Ellie Walden | Kirby VonEgidy
Brenda Murray (Shannon's mother) | Our President | Our Governor | Retiring Bishop Paul Leeland | New WNCC Bishop Ken Carter
District Superintendent Laura Auten | Pastor Lanny | Pastor Sigrid | Administrative Council Task Force | Music Ministries Search Team

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

Our Faithfulness

Week of August 22, 2021

| Tithes & Offering | MTD | YTD |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Received | \$ 50,662 | \$435,539 |
| Expenses | (36,078) | (409,482) |
| Difference | \$ 14,284 | \$ 26,057 |

Lay Reader

September

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

Altar Guild

September

Nancy Gustafson
Mary Engel

Central UMC Weekly Calendar

Sunday 08/29 DISCIPLE SERMON SERIES STARTS

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
NO Central Youth Sunday Night
4:00pm Central Music Ministries Get together at Barbara Pfau's House

Monday 08/30 Shannon Vacation

5:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline
7:00pm AAU Basketball Practice-FLC

Tuesday 08/31 Shannon Vacation

9:30am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's Office
11:00am Staff Meeting-Chapel
2:00pm Chalk Distribution Day-FLC Portico
5:15pm UMW Board Meeting-Library
6:00pm Knitting Girls-Library

Wednesday 09/01 Shannon Vacation

7:00pm Chancel Choir-Zoom
7:00pm **Disciple** Bible Study-Hospitality Room
7:00pm AAU Basketball Practice-FLC

Thursday 09/02 Shannon Vacation

8:30am Men's Breakfast Group-Hilltop
10:00am Soul Food-Hospitality Room
4:00pm Apprentice Academy Volleyball Game-FLC
7:00pm Trinity
7:00pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut

Friday 09/03

6:30pm AAU Basketball Practice-FLC

Saturday 09/04

10:00am InnerChange-Central Hall

Sunday 09/05

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
3:00pm Fall Consignment Sale Set-up-FLC
NO Central Youth Sunday Night

Monday 09/06 LABOR DAY-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

ALL DAY Fall Consignment Sale Set-up-FLC

Tuesday 09/07 Shannon Vacation

9:30am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's Office
10:00am Lessie Anne Circle-Library
11:00am Staff Meeting-Chapel
2:00pm Chalk Distribution Day-FLC Portico
6:00pm Knitting Girls-Library
6:00pm Fall Consignment Sale Set-up-FLC

CENTRAL MUSIC MINISTRY

Attention all singers, musicians, bell ringers, and families! We need some fellowship, so come outside and breathe, swim, play games and just talk and eat together! Sunday afternoon, August 29th, at 2201 Lancaster Ave, Monroe from 4PM to until! Marshmallows will be available! Bring a dish to share, a chair, and a swimsuit. RSVP via text or call to 704-282-6770.

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.

Lessie Anne Circle

Lessie-Anne Circle will meet at 10:00am on Tuesday, September 7th in the church library. Susan Ashworth will present our program. Any questions, please call Mary Engel 704.226.1176.

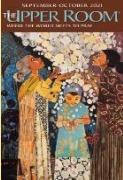
UMW BOARD MEETING

The UMW will have a board meeting on Tuesday, August 31st in the church library at 5:15pm Please call Sandi Mills with any questions 704.242.0239.

The church office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 6th! We will be open on Tuesday, September 7th at 8:30am.

THE UPPER ROOM

The September/October Upper Rooms are up on the hall rack. If you need one mailed to you please call the church office at 704.289.3186 or you can email us 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 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!