



# Connect at Central

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Did you get enough sleep last night? If you are like the average American, then you probably did not. We are an ambitious lot! Most of us try to cram as much as we can into our days. We work hard. We play hard. Many co-workers I have had through the years have told me that they had to come back to work to get some rest.

## Pastor Lanny's Lyrics

I find it fascinating that the climax of our Lord's Creation was not some staggering new galaxy with colors that we did not even know existed. No! The Climax of Creation was Rest. Rest that is called "Sabbath." As we heard last Sunday, *"on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation."*—Genesis 2:2-3 NRSV

What gives you rest? An early morning walk or yoga or dancing, singing your favorite song, watching the birds, hitting the stuffing out of a golf ball, crocheting...We all have different things that make us breathe a little deeper, relax, and simply enjoy life. These are all ways to bring a little sabbath into our daily grind.

The quintessential Sabbath is to celebrate the Beauty and Truth of God in worship together. When we gather on Sundays for worship in person or online, we unite all our hearts in praise, prayer, and listen for God's word. We sing God's songs. We rejoice in being children of God. The weekly pattern of worshiping on Sundays is a gift Christ gave to us in his Rising from the Dead on a Sunday. It reminds us of the natural order of things, that God is God and we are not.

There is so much liberation in remembering that we are not in charge of making everything turn out right in this world. We do are part; each one of us is important, but in the end, it is God's power that redeems the world. There is so much liberation in knowing that we belong to God and in God's hands, we are cared for now and forever. Why not take 5-15 minutes today to simply breathe a little deeper and slower and give God thanks for all God's blessing. And on Sunday, why not gather with all us ragamuffins who celebrate the Victory we have in Jesus? Indeed, this is the best Rest of all!

Peace,

**CENTRAL YOUTH GROUP**  
**FALL KICKOFF THIS SUNDAY!!**  
 SEPTEMBER 12, 2021  
 4:00 – 6:00PM (FAMILY LIFE CENTER)  
 GRADES 6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup>

Weekday Children's Ministries  
**NC PreK**  
 Prekinder de Carolina Del Norte  
 704-289-5244  
**GRATIS FREE**

 **First Responders**  
**Celebration & Recognition**  
**TODAY**  
 September 12<sup>th</sup>  
 at 8:45am  
 and 11am



Please join us for a special blessing for **First Responders!**

**Faith, Hope & Charity Circle**  
Faith, Hope & Charity Circle will meet tomorrow Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Hospitality Room. Any questions please call Nancy Gustafson at 704.773.8686.

**Lay Reader**  
**September**  
 19- Eric Shupe  
 26-Tim Patton

**Altar Guild**  
**September**  
 Nancy Gustafson  
 Mary Engel

**New Beginnings Circle**  
New Beginnings Circle will meet next Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Hospitality Room. Please call Linda Deese at 704.219.7199 with any questions.

# Prayer Requests

Family of Shelby Ford | Family of Tom Shore (Linda Deese's Father) | Family of Chuck Anderson | Carolyn Kindley | Ellen Lancaster  
 Larry Shell | Irene Patrus (Susan Helms' Mother) | Caroline Steed | Family of Matthew Earnhardt | Family of Jimmy Mason  
 Family of Ramona Taylor | Couples preparing for marriage | Michael Blanton | Edie Anderson | Betty Lathan | David McClure  
 Ginger Patterson Family | Libby Lane | Stephanie Griggs & Family | Billi Starnes | Carol Courtney | Marshall Kania | Meaghan Broome  
 The Frank Broome Family | Those under Tyranny | Those who do not know Jesus | Families of the 13 Marines  
 Those in Afghanistan under the Taliban | Jason Beane | Marianne King | Isabella Love | Reggie & Pam Carriker (Death of Daughter)  
 Fallen Service Men & Women | Nurses | EMS | Firemen & Women Afghanistan | Tom Hunter Family | Don Taylor Family  
 Nancy Glidwell Family | Our Country | Our Military | Those facing natural disaster | Frieda Roos | Bill Phifer | Mike Taylor  
 Melony Cordero | Maddie Cordero | Ted Teagle | Wayne Coley | Ann Furr | Troops in Afghanistan  
 The Family of Robert Treadaway (Patsy Madden Treadaway's husband)



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

## Ongoing Prayer Requests

Joel Kurtz | Lynda Moore | Peggy Shell | Arthurine Rivers | Gareth Simpson | Daniel Mackay  
 Elaine Hall | Andrew Gloege (Dixon & Elaine Hall's grandson) | Dennis & Dilaine Gloege | Rev. Bruce Handy  
 Dallas Rollins | Mike Welchel | Jonathan Mackay | Rob Morris | Chuck Anderson | Jean Semken | Paula Russell | Bob Sullivan  
 Jason Hill | 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 | 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](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 September 5, 2021

Tithes & Offering	MTD	YTD
Received	\$ 9,241	\$453,265
Expenses	(1,889)	(426,984)
Difference	\$ 7,352	\$ 26,281

Make a... joyful noise

### Celebration Singers

Children's Choir  
1st -5th Graders Welcome

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm

Any questions contact Barbara Pfau - 704.282.6770

## Central UMC Calendar

### Sunday 09/12

- 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
- 4:00pm Central Youth Group Kickoff-FLC

### Monday 09/13

- 1:30pm Faith, Hope & Charity Circle-Hospitality
- 5:00pm Newsletter Deadline
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts-Pathfinders, 114 & 115

### Tuesday 09/14

- 9:30am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's Office
- 11:00am Staff Meeting-Chapel
- 6:00pm Knitting Girls-Library
- 6:30pm Administrative Council-Hospitality Room
- 7:00pm AAU Basketball Practice-FLC

### Wednesday 09/15

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

### Thursday 09/16

- 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 09/17

- 6:30pm AAU Basketball Practice-FLC

### Saturday 09/18

- 10:00am InnerChange-Central Hall

### Sunday 09/19

- 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
- 4:00pm Central Youth Group-FLC

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# KIDS Worship

After the *Children's Message* during both services!

It's Worship  
Just for Kids

Children's Time follow-up & review, scripture memorization, prayers and praises, God sightings, singing and dancing!

## Central Youth MUM SALE

### Three color options



Fall is here! Please support our YOUTH by ordering chrysanthemums! Proceeds will support the Central UMC Youth ministry.

The Youth will be at the crossroads this Sunday before and after Sunday School.

prices!  
one = \$20  
two or more = \$16 each

### PICK UP DATES:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup> - 4:00pm - 7:00pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am - 11:00am

Location: Central's Family Life Center

## Connecting with each other

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

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