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26th September Newsletter

Pastor Lanny's Lyrics

"When [Paul] had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all: they embraced Paul and kissed him, grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship."—Acts 20:36-38, NRSV

What a leave-taking this must have been! After all, the Apostle Paul, leader in the early church, had poured out Christ's love in his work of ministry to the Ephesian Church. He had risked his life to preach the Good News of the Risen Christ to them and to lead them in growing as a church. He had rejoiced with those who rejoiced and wept with those who wept. He had been a pastor to them.

The parting of ways is never easy when someone has loved you deeply and when you have loved them deeply. We join together in giving thanks for 45 years of ministry by Britt Hadley here at Central. Some of those years were years as a pastor on staff (twice) and many more were years of ministry in leadership of countless teams, committees, and initiatives. When I arrived here two years ago, Britt was the Chairperson of the Weekday Children's Board. He shared with me his heart for the children, teachers and staff, and his passion for the wonderful mission of our Weekday Children's Ministries. He prayed and labored hard for this great ministry that helps children who might otherwise start their education way behind others. I got to know Britt's heart for people right off the bat!

This is just one example of the countless ministries in the church and the wider community that Britt has thrown his heart into and rolled up his sleeves, using all his experience and wide array of skills and time to make a real and lasting difference in Central United Methodist Church, Union County, and beyond! I suppose if we listed all those ministries here, the newsletter would have to be several more pages in length.

I am sure most of you reading this article can share testimony after testimony to Britt's heart and love for people. We rejoice at this new chapter in Britt's life as he moves to the coast to be close to one of his dear sons. But we also grieve deeply his physical move. I say, "physical move," because we know that he will *never* move from our hearts. It would be most fitting to have a huge public celebration of Britt's time with us here and his laudable service to Church and Community, but alas, he made me take a vow not to do a public recognition. I am sure that this is no surprise to us who are aware of Britt's desire to serve out of love and not for recognition. Were it not for that vow, I would be busting at the seams to lead us in celebrating Britt in worship on Sunday.

As it is, I want to invite each one of you to thank Britt in your own way for what he means to you and his kind and generous ministry at Central for so many years. We know that Britt's investment in individual lives and the life of the Church and Community will continue to bear fruit for years to come. As we say "farewell" to Britt with tears in our eyes and gratitude in our hearts, I know that the best honor we could pay to Britt is for us to duplicate the kind of Christian service and love he has shown us for so many years. Because Christ in Britt Hadley looks a lot like Britt Hadley!

Britt, we love you and are so thankful for you! May God bless you in this exciting new chapter in your life, hold and care for you in his loving hands, and remind you that Central UMC is always your home!



Central Youth Mum Sale

Three color options: Rusty orange, Purple, Golden yellow

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

Online order form address: <http://bit.ly/YouthMumSale21>

PICK UP DATES:
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th - 4:00pm - 7:00pm
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th - 8:00am - 11:00am

Location: Central's Family Life Center

Kid's Consignment Fall 2021 Update

It's been 2 1/2 years, March 2018, since the last Children's Consignment Sale. We we're back! Over the weekend of September 11th! We heard from countless numbers of thankful sellers and shoppers that this sale (what we refer to as a ministry) has returned! Although on a much smaller scale than past years, it was just wonderful to be together again, seeing familiar faces and sharing the love of Christ through this ministry!

The Children's Consignment Sale has been a ministry of Central UMC since 2007. If we measured success of the Consignment Sale in dollars and cents, it would appear as a failure compared to year's past. However, we choose to measure success by the number of smiles we saw, the many "thank you's" we received, the seeds that were planted and the stories about how a single parent or a grandparent with several children just trying to make ends meet were able to clothe their children for a season with a nominal amount of funds. What a blessing it is to be a part of this ministry!

Incredibly 400-500 people from our community and beyond walked through our doors this weekend. What an awesome sight! We always start each Sale circled up in prayer, connecting with God; we connected and reconnected with each other; and we had the opportunity to connect with our community. Total sales were \$6550. Of course, the majority of these funds will be returned to the respective sellers and 20% of the net proceeds will be given back to the general budget of Central UMC.

We certainly hope to return next spring. Cannot wait to see how the Lord will continue to bless this ministry!

Prayer Requests

Nita Williamson | Ben Hunter (Rose Ann Mull's grandson) | Marshall Kania | Amanda Abee & Family | Irene Patrus (Susan Helms' mother) Shauna Leonard (Kalli Clement's sister) | Joy Goforth Family (loss of Father) | Meghan Broome | Persecuted Christians | Unspoken Those under Tyranny | UCBOE-Decision on Schools | Michael Blanton | The Clarke Family | Dennis Baucom & Family Melony & Maddie Cordero | Zack Outen | Mike Taylor | Frieda Roos | Ben Skardon | Jodi/Family | Bill Phifer | Chris & Crystal P. | God Bless Us All | Praying for PEACE in this world | May God thwart evil | Daniel Mackay | Amy Shelton | Ed Moore Eleanor Abbott | Arthurine Rivers | The Family of Ron Williams | Our Country & Continued Freedoms | Joyce Mullis | Hubert Mullis Covid | Nurses | Medical Staff | Alyssa Jenkins | Carol Courtney | Arturo Lasso | Our Troops



(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 | Joel Kurtz | Lynda Moore | Peggy Shell | Arthurine Rivers | Gareth Simpson | Elaine Hall Rev. Bruce Handy | Dallas Rollins | Mike Whelchel | Jonathan Mackay | Rob Morris | Jean Semken | Paula Russell | Bob Sullivan Jason Hill | Maxine Wally | John Michael (Jack) Harper III | Penny Kiker | Ellie Walden | Kirby VonEgidy Brenda Murray (Shannon's mother) | Our President | Our Governor | 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 September 12, 2021

Tithes & Offering	MTD	YTD
Received	\$ 24,988	\$469,012
Expenses	(32,839)	(457,934)
Difference	\$ (7,851)	\$ 11,078

NOTE: Numbers in **RED** indicate the Church is experiencing a shortfall in Finances.

Altar Guild

October

Elaine Davis
Edie Anderson

LESSIE ANNE CIRCLE

Lessie-Anne Circle will meet on October 5th at 10:00am in the Library. Ruth Wall will present the program. Questions? Call Mary Engel 704.226.1176.

Do you have a **First Responder** you would like to share a cross and special prayer with? We have small olive wood crosses and the prayer Pastor Sigrid shared at our blessing of **First Responders**. Please contact the church office if you would like to pick them up.



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Make a... joyful noise

Celebration Singers

Children's Choir
1st-5th Graders Welcome

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm

Any questions contact Barbara Pfau - 704.282.6770

DISCIPLE

Sermon Series
during both services

Central UMC Calendar

Sunday 09/26

LAST DAY TO PURCHASE MUMS

- 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

Monday 09/27 Shannon off

- 5:00pm Newsletter Deadline
- 6:00pm Civitans

Tuesday 09/28

- 9:30am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's Office
- 11:00am Staff Meeting
- 4:00pm Apprentice Academy Volleyball Game-FLC
- 6:00pm Knitting Girls-Library
- 7:00pm AAU Basketball Practice-FLC

Wednesday 09/29

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

Thursday 09/30

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast Group-Hilltop
- 10:00am Soul Food-Hospitality Room
- 4:00pm Apprentice Academy Volleyball Game-FLC
- 6:30pm Nominations Team Meeting-Library
- 7:00pm Trinity
- 7:00pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut

Saturday 10/02

- 10:00am InnerChange-Central Hall

Sunday 10/03

- 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

If you have Newsletter/Bulletin information please email Shannon at skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org



SAVE THE DATE!



More information to coming soon!

October 31st 4-6 pm

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.



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