



# Connect at Central

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## 3rd Newsletter

### Pastor Lanny's Lyrics

Psalm 1:1-3, The Message: "How well God must like you—you don't walk in the ruts of those blind-as-bats, you don't stand with the good-for-nothings you don't take your seat among the know-it-alls. Instead you thrill to GOD's Word, you chew on Scripture day and night. You're a tree replanted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month, never dropping a leaf, always in blossom."

For steak lovers, part of the joy of a well-grilled steak is the fact that you have to chew on it and as you chew, the delightful flavor of the juicy meat seeps into every taste bud you have. For steak lovers, it is an intense joy. (All apologies to vegetarians and vegans out there.) Have you ever thought of "chewing on Scripture day and night?" That was the literal invitation God gave to his chosen people, the Jews in ancient times. Why is that? Because, he had made a covenant with them, a sacred promise, that if they obeyed his Law (the Holy Scriptures, God's Word for God's People), then they would be his people and he would be their God.

This Sunday, we will be focusing on the Giving of the Law to God's People, the Israelites, as they journeyed to the Promised Land. This Law, (the Holy Scriptures, God's Word for God's People) was absolutely essential for them. After all, they were going from being an enslaved people to being a free people with their own nation. They desperately needed God's guidance, direction, boundaries, so that they may find life.

We, as God's New Chosen People, the Church, are in just as desperate need for God's Law (The Holy Scriptures, God's Word for God's People). For, we live in a world of human systems that do not abide by God's Way. In fact, we find many human systems in this world that would actually lead us away from God's Way. We need a Way that will lead us to Life. We need a Way that will lead us to Truth. We need a Way that is **the** Way of Jesus Christ. One of the best ways to discover **this** Way, and follow it, the Way of Christ, is through our covenant at Central United Methodist Church, connecting and sharing this Journey of Life together.

Why not join us on Sundays on campus at 8:45 or 11am or Online at 11am? Why not try out a Sunday school class or small group? These are some of the best ways for us to "chew on Scripture (God's Law, God's Word for God's People) Together!"

**DISCIPLE**

Sermon Series during both services

**Faith, Hope & Charity Circle**  
The Faith, Hope & Charity Circle will meet in the Hospitality Room on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. Plan to fulfill your 2021 pledge and prayerfully consider your 2022 pledge. and World Thankoffering.

**LESSIE ANNE CIRCLE**  
Lessie-Anne Circle will meet tomorrow October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Library. Ruth Wall will present the program. Questions? Call Mary Engel 704.226.1176.



Central Youth Mum Sale

**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

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> 4-6pm**

TRUNK OR TREAT

More details in next week's newsletter!

**Important Update!**

The Men's Breakfast Group is now meeting at the Derby Restaurant!

Thursday mornings at 8:30 am

Come join us for great food, fellowship & a devotion!



# Prayer Requests

Thank you for God's Awesome Timing | Fred Joseph (Amy Shelton's Father) | Bonnie Luck (Irene Ward's Sister) | Britt Hadley | Anne Morris Family of Steve York | The Family of Alejandra (17) & Luis (11) Diaz | Daniel Mackay | Jess Febus | Search Team | Kenny Brown The Family of Caroline Steed | The Family of Jeff Bates | Billi Starnes | Jon Lunden | Christy Climbingbear's Mother | Debbie Parker Sarah Sealey (Debbie White-Parker's daughter) | L. Puckett | Traveling Mercies | LaDell Gardner | Wayne Coley | Ericka Thomas | Unspoken Frieda Roos, | Dennis Baucom Family | Melony & Maddie Cordero | Jodi & Family | Mike Taylor | Bill Phifer | Ben Skardon | Zack Outen Irene Patrus (Susan Helms' mother) | Emily & Family | Nita Williamson | Marshall Kania | Persecuted Christians | Amanda Abee & Family Ben Hunter (Rose Ann Mull's grandson) | Shauna Leonard (Kalli Clement's sister) | Joy Goforth Family (loss of Father) | Meghan Broome Those under Tyranny | UCBOE-Decision on Schools | Michael Blanton | The Clarke Family | Zack Outen | Chris & Crystal P.

(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 | Dallas Rollins Rev. Bruce Handy | 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

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 26, 2021

Tithes & Offering	MTD	YTD
Received	\$ 38,623	\$482,647
Expenses	(50,384)	(475,479)
Difference	<b>\$(11,761)</b>	\$ 7,168

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

### Altar Guild

October  
Elaine Davis  
Edie Anderson

November  
Carolyn & Ed Moore

### Lay Leader

October  
10-Janet Lancaster  
17-Debi Patton  
24-Vicki Bivens  
31-Barbara Pfau

November  
7-Nathan Clements  
14-Tim Patton  
21-Janet Lancaster  
28-Debi Patton

## Central UMC Calendar

### Sunday 10/03 World Communion Sunday

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 10/04 Shannon off

1:00pm Dance Club-FLC  
5:00pm Newsletter Deadline  
5:15pm UMW Board Meeting-Library  
7:00pm AAU Basketball Practice-FLC

### Tuesday 10/05

9:30am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's Office  
10:00am Lessie Anne Circle-Hospitality Room  
11:00am Staff Meeting  
4:00pm Apprentice Academy Volleyball Game-FLC  
6:00pm Knitting Girls-Library

### Wednesday 10/06

1:00pm Dance Club-FLC  
7:00pm Chancel Choir-Zoom  
7:00pm **Disciple** Bible Study-Hospitality Room  
7:00pm AAU Basketball Practice-FLC

### Thursday 10/07

8:30am Men's Breakfast Group-Hilltop  
10:00am Soul Food-Hospitality Room  
1:00pm Dance Club-FLC  
7:00pm Trinity  
7:00pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut

### Friday 10/08 Sylvia Off

4:00pm Mum Pickup-FLC

### Saturday 10/09

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

### Sunday 10/10

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](mailto:skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org) or call the church office at 704.289.3186. Deadline is Monday afternoon at 5:00pm.

Make a... joyful noise

**Celebration Singers**

Children's Choir  
1st -5th Graders Welcome

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm

Any questions contact Barbara Pfau - 704.282.6770

## BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday | October 17 | 9am - 2:30pm

Sign-up link will be available next week!

Give Blood. Give Life.

Questions? Contact Irene Ward 980-328-0520

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).



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