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April 30th Newsletter

LET
— love —
LEAD
YOUTH SUNDAY

Please join us to show
your support for our
youth on *Youth Sunday*!
(one service only)

Sunday
May 7th
11:00 am
in the Sanctuary

PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL OUT A *CONNECT CARD*
TODAY AND PUT IN THE OFFERING PLATE
(LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE SEAT/PEW IN FRONT OF YOU)

DINNER
CHURCH



Tuesday nights at 6 pm
in the Family Life Center

Jesus said, "I was hungry and
you gave me food."
(Matthew 25:35 NRSV)

Come join us as we **CONNECT**
WITH OUR COMMUNITY by
sharing a meal and worship.

Central Kids During both services!
KIDS Worship

It's Worship Just for Kids

Children birth-2nd grade are invited to
attend Nursery or Kid's Worship during
the service. Sermon activities are
available for 3rd-5th grade at the entrance.



Scholarships

applications now being accepted

Sally Shirley Bivens Scholarship

Application due date 5/1

centralumcmonroe.org/bivensscholarship

Jane Neese 704.776.3227 | Jneese773@gmail.com

Starnes Scholarship

Application due date 5/09

centralumcmonroe.org/starnessscholarship

Please email your intent to apply to Julie Miles
at jmiles@centralumcmonroe.org

Get ready! Central is hosting our
Missional Network's Mobile Food
Pantry on Wednesday, May 3rd. Folks
start showing up around 7:30 am and
we are usually done by 10:30 am.
Please reach out to David Paschal if
you have any questions.



 **Prevent Child Abuse**
North Carolina



Central's Youth and Jr. Youth are planting a Pinwheel Garden to
help support Child Abuse Prevention. You can purchase a pinwheel
for \$3 from the youth each Sunday in April at the Crossroads &
Narthex. This organization works throughout the year advocating for
the prevention of child abuse. All money raised will go to support
their efforts in raising awareness. Prevent Child Abuse NC ensures
that prevention is a priority in North Carolina and that all
communities have the knowledge, skills, and resources to prevent
child abuse and neglect at the local level.



For more information, please visit
<https://preventchildabusenc.org/>

The Chuck Wagon

Blessing Box

Most needed items:

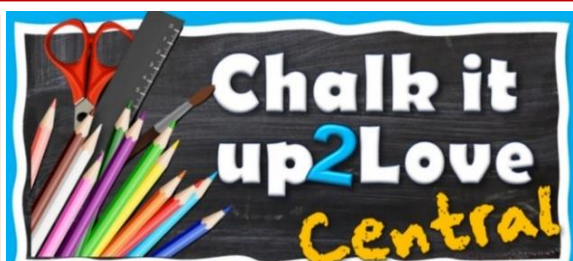
Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Ham, Vienna Sausages, etc.)
Canned soups, Beanie Weenies or Chili
Canned pasta with meat (ravioli, spaghetti, etc.)
Peanut butter and alternatives (any type of nut butter)
Jelly (plastic jar)
Instant grit or oatmeal packets
Crackers/granola bars/protein bars
Individual serving size items
Single-serve dried fruit/trail mix/nuts



For questions or more information, please call Cheri Barker
704.242.4851 or Jean Semken 704.301.0435

Soul Food Bible Study

Join us as we discuss the "I am"
statements of Christ. This will
be a 4-week study. We meet on
Thursdays at 10:00 am in the
Hospitality Room. All ladies are
invited to attend!



Visit our "Amazon Wish List" link from the main email page

April
SHARE
Back



Most needed items:

Chicken or beef bouillon
Canned vegetables
Canned or dried beans
Sugar
Syrup
Pancake mix
Spices
Kosher salt
Oats
Grits
Vinegar



Amazon wishlist link is on
the main email blast page

Cleaning supplies
Trash bags 25 gallon & 50 gallon
Laundry detergent
Dish soap
Glass cleaner
Shower shoes (cheap flip flops)
Paper towels
Toilet paper



CHUCK WAGON STOCKERS

Chuck Wagon stockers are
needed! Please sign-up on
the sheet on the wall at the
Crossroads!

Altar
Flowers



Would you like to put
flowers on the altar in
honor or memory of a
loved one? Stop by the
Crossroads and sign-up
on the flower calendar.

DONATE
BLOOD OR
PLATELETS



Central United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 7
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

All donors will receive*:

- \$20 eGift Card
- OneBlood T-shirt
- Wellness Checkup including
blood pressure, pulse,
temperature, iron count, and
cholesterol screening.

Fact: One in three of us will need a blood
transfusion.

Sign-up online from the e-blast link or
contact Irene Ward at 980.328.0520

ID REQUIRED

*One eGift card per donor. No cash value. Donor must be 18 or older. ID required. Blood donation and platelet donation are separate events.

Donors
Receive



- PLUS -



- PLUS -



oneblood

Attendance

Week of 4/23-452

8:45 am Service-52
Sunday School-62
11:00 am Service-71
Online Service-197
Dinner Church-61
Jr. Youth-3
Youth-6

Lay Reader

4/30-Janet Lancaster
5/7-Youth Sunday

Altar Guild

April

Annette Ratliff &
Susan McInnis

May

Julie Hendley &
Pat Rabon

Make a... joyful noise

Celebration Singers

Children's Choir | 1st -5th Graders Welcome

Wednesdays

@ 6:00 pm in the Choir Room

Contact Barbara Pfau - 704.282.6770

Weekday Children's Ministries
is hiring!

Current Openings

Floater/Translator
Bus Driver

Openings of the 2023-2024 School Year

Lead Teacher
Assistant Teacher

If you are interested in applying call or text
Erica 704-290-4607 or email weekday@centralumcmonroe.org.

FREE ONE-ON-ONE CONFIDENTIAL CARE

PROVIDED BY TRAINED CAREGIVERS

Your Stephen Minister will walk with you, listen to you as you search through the pieces of your heart. To connect with a Stephen Minister call or text Pastor Sigrid Mottram 980.240.2370 or you can email her smottram@centralumcmonroe.org.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for YOU!



Marriage & Family Therapy

Here at Central

Todd R. Matson, D. Min., LMFT
704.375.5354, ext.407 | 704.242.3694

Central Squares Men's Group

Central Squares Men's Group will meet next on Saturday, May 6th. We start cooking breakfast at 7:30 am with the devotion at 8:00 am. Come join us for breakfast, fellowship, and devotion. Central Squares meets on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month. For more information or questions please contact Eric Shupe 803.370.3693 or Gabe Febus 704.774.0342.

Prayer Requests

The Family of Karsyn VonEgidy | Bill Phifer | Mike Taylor | Melony Cordero | Jodie & Family
Emily & Family | War victims | Children of St. Jude & Shriners Hospitals || Linda Deese-Praise
John & Kim Cattie | Terri Schneider | Colton Montgomery | Charles Magee

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

pray

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Betty Lathan | John Young | Jim Gordon | Linda Deese | Daniel Mackay | Sandy Deskins
Paula Russell | Elaine Davis | Rosey Olsen | John Tice | Dixon & Elaine Hall | Barbara Pfau
Jimmie Hargett | Maeson Sutton & Family | Patsy Treadaway | Chris Wiggins | Martha Rollins
Lynda Moore | Elaine & Dennis Lord | Joel Kurtz | Barbara Horack (Shelley Loberger's mother)
Eldoris Loberger (Dale's mother) | Karen Dyer (Lisa Kania's sister-in-law) | Meghan Broome | Kappy Giblin
Doris Wheeler | Mary Jones Jean Semken | Maxine Wally | Robert Rylander | Dillon Brantley
Jonathan Mackay | Bob Sullivan | Jason Hill | Marlene McCain (Lynda Moore's sister)
Don Gardner (Debi Patton's brother) | Gareth Simpson | Jack Harper III | Ronnie Haigler
Darlene Childers (Doris Campbell's sister) | Our President | Our Governor | Our Military
Our Country | Bishop Ken Carter | DS Laura Auten | Central UMC Staff

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

Ushers

8:45 am Contemporary Service

4/30-Cheri Barker & Amy Garrison

11:00 am Traditional Service

4/30-David, Kalli, James & Grace Clements

5/7-Youth Sunday-only 11:00 am Service



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United Women in Faith

Lessie Anne Circle will meet Tuesday, May 2nd at 10:00 am in the Library. Ruth Wall will present our program. Contact Mary Engel at 704.226.1176 with any questions.

Lessie Anne Circle meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the Church Library. Contact Mary Engel for more information at 704.226.1176.

Faith, Hope & Charity Circle meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Hospitality Room. Contact Nancy Gustafson for more information at 704.733.8686.

New Beginnings Circle meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Hospitality Room. Contact Linda Deese for more information at 704.219.7199.

Grace & Mercy Circle please contact Donna Young at 704.226.5954 if you have any questions or need information.

Men's Breakfast Group meets at the Derby Restaurant



Thursday mornings
8:00 am

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

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Are you interested in joining a Cancer Support Group? If so, please contact Jean Semken at 704.301.0435 or at jsemken@twc.com.

Central UMC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 4/30

8:45 am Contemporary Service-Central Hall
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Traditional Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 am Traditional Service-Sanctuary
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online
3:30 pm CENTRAL YOUTH
4:00 pm Jr. Youth

MONDAY 5/1

ALL DAY Pastor Lanny on call/Pastor Sigrid Sabbath
5:00 pm Newsletter/Bulletin Submission Deadline
6:30 pm SPPRC-Library

TUESDAY 5/2

9:30 am Worship Planning-Pastor Lanny's office
10:00 am Lessie Anne Circle-Library
11:00 am Weekly Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Knitting Girls-Library
6:00 pm Dinner Church-FLC
6:30 pm Central Ringers

WEDNESDAY 5/3

5:30 pm Youth Sunday Practice
6:00 pm Celebration Singers-Choir Room
6:00 pm InnerChange (vocals)-Chapel
7:00 pm AAU Basketball Practice-FLC
7:15 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

THURSDAY 5/4

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group-The Derby
10:00 am Soul Food-Hospitality Room
6:00 pm Trinity-Choir Room
6:00 pm AAU Basketball-FLC
6:30 pm Outreach/Missions Meeting-Zoom
7:00 pm Union Big Book-Scout Hut

FRIDAY 5/5

ALL DAY Pastor Sigrid on call/Pastor Lanny Sabbath

SATURDAY 5/6

8:00 am Central Squares-Hospitality/Upstairs Kitchen
9:00 am Kenny Brown Basketball-FLC

SUNDAY 5/8

9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Traditional Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 am Traditional Service-Sanctuary
11:00 am Livestream Worship-Online
3:30 pm CENTRAL YOUTH
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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MONDAYS AT 5 PM DROP OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR SUBMIT VIA EMAIL TO skeesler@centralumcmonroe.org