

Children & Family Ministries

I am excited to announce that our Easter Extravaganza will be held on **Saturday, April 15th from 10:00-12:00!** We will have a fantastic Easter egg hunt, a devotion from Pastor JF for the children and free hot dogs! This is going to be our best Easter event yet and we want to get our community involved this year!!! Please let me know if you are willing to help with this event; I will need some volunteers ahead of time to prepare Easter eggs, as well as several volunteers to help out during the event. Thank you for prayerfully considering this!



The **9th annual Day School Dinner & Auction** will be held on March 24th @ 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$12 each which includes a catered meal by George's Carryout (lasagna, salad & bread), as well as dessert and beverage. We have some fantastic items coming in for the silent auction and the live auction...you do not want to miss these awesome deals! It's a double bonus; you walk away with an amazing deal and all of the money goes straight to the Day School! You can purchase your tickets now. I am available to sell tickets Monday-Friday in the mornings, and we will have a table set up on the narthex during March after both services to offer you a convenient way to purchase your tickets! Childcare is available if your child is registered prior to the event. Thank you for your support! It's our church family that makes this event so successful each year!

The Day School is needing some folks to help us make our Dinner & Auction a success this year. If you are able to help in any of the following areas, please let me know: childcare (this is our biggest need at this time – we will feed you for free!), donations for our silent or live auction and various desserts to serve with our meal. Thank you so much!!

YOUTH NEWS

MYF: We meet tonight at 6:00! Come enjoy a light dinner followed by games, worship and more! Don't miss out!!

TBC (Prayer Breakfast): Come bless us with your presence! Chick-fil-A! 6:54 AM! \$3.25 gets you a chicken biscuit, hash browns and a refillable drink!

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: We're back at Wesley Williams' home this Wednesday, March 8th, from 7:03 till 8:33. Stick around if you can afterwards for some added fellowship & refreshments. Bring your Bible!

BREAK THRU: Join us for some food, fun, fellowship and more this Thursday from 6:30 till 8:00 pm.

WEEK OF HOPE: June 25-30, 2017! Charleston, SC! If you have not registered — get on the "wait list" TODAY, by turning in your \$50 deposit made out to Central UMYF. *Note: All of our Team Members should be able to register online this month! I will pass the link on to you when Group Cares has it up and ready.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Attention ALL 7th Graders and those that may have missed or have not gone through Confirmation. Please contact the church office to make sure YOU are on our list and so we have the opportunity to include you!! We will be taking this year's group to the Confirmation Retreat at Lake Junaluska the weekend of April 28-30. More details coming soon...

Dear Church Family,
I'm collecting soap for a Philippines medical mission by Worlds Apart One Heart and would appreciate your soap donations. They prefer Ivory soap or something similar. It will be split in half and sent home with the surgical patients to wash their hands with before changing their dressings.
There will be a collection box in the church Welcome Center until March 12th

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WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Our next class will begin **Tuesday, March 7th**. We are searching for individuals (Allies) who have a heart for those in poverty. An Ally is someone who is willing to walk alongside those in poverty, allowing your perspectives to be challenged, and open to change within yourself as well. We are all poor in some aspects of our lives but we all have strengths to share.

Join the adventure to change our community.

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"On the road again" on Tuesday, March 4th, 2017. Enjoy Entertainment and Luncheon with Jennifer Campbell, and the Radiant Club of First Baptist Church, High Point, NC. Our program is PEARL COMES A CALLIN'! "There's a "PEARL" in every church and Martha McDowell will bring us her version of "PEARL". The cost is \$10.00 for entertainment luncheon, and transportation. We will meet in the FLC @ 10:45am to gather and have devotions, then be on the road by 11:00am. We will

return by 2:30pm RESERVATIONS: We need reservations and payment in by March 6th. Pay by cash or check to CUMC (marked Good Times Club). Place payment and registration form in the Good Times Club letterbox in the office area. There will be additional registration forms and envelopes in the letter box if needed.

EXPERIENCE THE WISDOM KEEPERS DIFFERENCE AND HAVE A GOOD TIME

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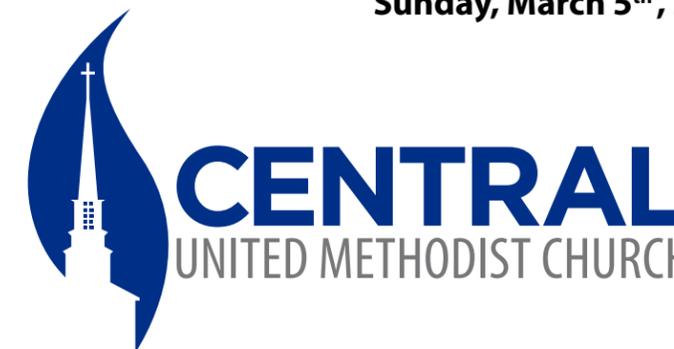
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Sunday, March 5th, 2017



Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world.
We are about making connections — connecting people to God and to each other.

Nothing But The Blood

As I was preparing for the Ash Wednesday service, I pondered the songs that I wanted in the service. I thought of songs that spoke of the cross, the sacrifice of Jesus, and the resurrection. But as I thought about our series "**No Shortcuts**" I wondered what songs would capture the faithfulness and completeness of Jesus' journey to the cross, the tomb, and the resurrection. Then I remembered the old gospel song, "*Nothing But The Blood*" with the lyrics, "*What can wash away my sin, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*" I thought to myself, "That is just the song for our Ash Wednesday service!"

And then I started to think about how rare it is to hear about the blood of Jesus in the church today. When I came to faith in Jesus as a teenager, the church I attended sang songs like, "*There Is Power In The Blood*," "*Are You Washed In The Blood?*" and of course, "*Nothing But The Blood*." We don't sing those songs much anymore. Maybe it is the imagery that goes along with the songs that causes people to refrain from singing them.

So for a few moments I want to think about the meaning of "the blood of Jesus" in the Bible, and how it relates to the message of God's good news.

1) It is through the blood of Jesus that we receive forgiveness.

Ephesians 1:7 declares,

⁷ *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.*

2) It is through the blood of Jesus that our consciences are cleansed.

Hebrews 9:14 asks,

¹⁴ *How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!*

3) It is through the blood of Jesus that we are made holy before God.

Hebrews 13:12 tells us,

¹² *And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.*

4) It is through the blood of Jesus that we gain victory over the enemy.

Revelation 12:11a asserts

¹¹ *They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.*

5) It is through the blood of Jesus that we are delivered from the futile life of sin.

1 Peter 1:18-19a testifies,

¹⁸ *For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

6) It is through the blood of Jesus that we can have bold access into the presence of God.

Hebrews 10:19 proclaims,

¹⁹ *Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus.*

In the old gospel song we would sing, "**There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder working pow'r, ...in the precious blood of the Lamb.**" I guess I am still one of those who believes in the "power of the blood!" How about you?

PASTOR J.F.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday March 5 th 2017	First Sunday in Lent	8:45AM
WELCOME		Heather Cagle
OPENING PRAYER		Heather Cagle
WORSHIP SONGS	"Hosanna" "Humble Thyself / Awesome God"	Praise Team
*TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		Fred Huffstetler
DR MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING /Tammie Walker		
PRAYER		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Philippians 4:15	Pastor J. F.
¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only.		
GIVING OF GIFTS		
OFFERTORY SPECIAL	"I Will Rise"	Praise Team
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 4:1-11 (See insert)	
MESSAGE	God's Way or My Way SERIES: "No Shortcuts"	Pastor J. F.
COMMUNION		
CLOSING SONG	"I See The Lord"	Praise Team
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Fred Huffstetler

USHERS 8:45 AM

Tammie Walker, Tim Dunn, Rick Flickinger

GREETERS 8:45 AM -

Jerry & Karen Raines

USHERS 11:00 AM

CHAIRMAN - Archie Priest
Captain - Dr. John Matkins, Bill Beaver, Walker Moffitt, Ken Prochnau, Dr. Larry Simpson, Jerry Jeffers, Derrick Grantham, Randy Ferree, Rudy Rich

GREETERS 11:00 AM -

Don Barrett, Vicki Jarrell, Nancy Hardin, Kaye Rich, Becky Cooper

CUMC Attendance	
February 26 th	
Contemporary Worship	121
Traditional Worship	170
Total Worship	291
Sunday School	184



A big "Thank You" to the Martha Group for sewing the hospital gowns for the surgery patients in the Dominican Republic. -----The DR Medical Team



Soup Pot for Local Missions this Sunday.
Habitat for Humanity
Networx, Mission Adonai, CUOC

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday March 5 th 2017	First Sunday in Lent	11:00 AM
PRELUDE		Joy Menius
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
CALL TO WORSHIP		Joy Menius
WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER		Fred Huffstetler
*HYMN OF PRAISE	"Grace, Greater Than All Our Sin"	#356(UMH)
*MISSION STATEMENT (In Unison)		Fred Huffstetler
<i>Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world. We are about making connections. Connecting people to God and to each other.</i>		
*THE APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)		#881 (UMH)
<i>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, *the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen</i>		
*THE GLORIA PATRI		#70(UMH)
*A TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Philippians 4:15	Pastor J.F.
¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only.		
OFFERTORY		#95(UMH)
*DOXOLOGY		Heather Cagle
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		Heather Cagle
PRAYER FOR OTHERS		#895 (UMH)
THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)		
<i>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory forever. Amen.</i>		

ANTHEM

"Lord Most Holy" Arr. Mark Hayes
Lord, most holy, fount of grace, joy of heaven fill this place; Grant this blessing from above. Come, sweet Spirit, Thou art loved, Lord, most holy. Lord, most holy, ever near, Pilgrim seeker, find us here. Make Thy dwelling in our hearts; Grant a glimpse of who Thou art, Lord, most holy. There is none above Thee. There is none beside Thee. Make Thy presence known to Thy servants below, Lord, most holy. Lord God Almighty. Holy, Holy Lord! Lord most holy, stir our faith. Quench this thirst to seek Thy face. Hear us as we humbly call; pour Thy lifestream on us all, Lord, most holy. Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord, Holy is our God. He who always liveth evermore the same, Heav'n and earth He ruleth; come and praise His name. Lord, most holy, joy of heaven, Lord, most holy.

*Children leave for Children's Church

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 4:1-11(See Insert)	
MESSAGE	God's Way or My Way	
SERIES:	No Shortcuts	Pastor J.F.
COMMUNION		
HYMN OF RESPONSE	"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"	#359 (UMH)
*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.		Pastor J.F.
*POSTLUDE		

*Congregation please stand if you are able.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

CUMC Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, March 5th

8:45 AM - Contemporary Worship
11:00 AM - Traditional Worship
6:00 PM - MYF

MONDAY, March 6th

10:00 AM - Women's Bible Study
1:00 PM - Chair Chicks
5:30 PM - Volleyball

TUESDAY, March 7th

5:45 PM - Pilates

6:00 PM - Networx

7:00 PM - Open Gym

WEDNESDAY, March 8th

10:00 AM - Morning Prayer Group
1:00 PM - Chair Chicks
5:30 PM - Wednesday Night Meal & Bible Study

6:30 PM - Hand Bells

7:30 PM - Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, March 9th

7:00 AM - "Walk and Worship"
10:00 AM - Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM - CHURCH COUNCIL

7:00 PM - Open Gym



April 9th - Palm Sunday / Cantata

April 13th - Holy Thursday Communion Service

April 15th - Easter Egg Extravaganza 10:00am -12:00pm

April 16th - Easter Celebration Services

MARCH SUB-GROUP AND UMW NEWS

SUSANNAH WESLEY-----MONDAY, MARCH 6---1:30pm ---PARLOR FOLLOWERS-----TUESDAY, MARCH 7---10:30am---STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM

(Remember: FILL THE PURSE and LINDLEY PARK ITEMS)

UMW UNIT MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 27TH ---6:00pm FLC CONFERENCE ROOM



Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible Study

When: Wednesday March 8th, 2017

Where: Family Life Center

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Good News

Chicken & Rice Casserole

Broccoli Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Beverage

Cost: \$5 per person, \$15 per family

Tear this off or drop in the offering plate,

or call the church office by 12:00 noon on Monday.

NAME: _____

Attending: _____

Memorials & Gifts

BUILDING FUND

In Memory of Sam Clodfelter

By Les & Marylin Fowler



March

- 05 Bernard Miller
Kay Craven
- 06 Brian Hayworth
- 07 James Millikan
- 08 Richard Pugh
Michael King
- 09 Joanne Moffitt
Lauren Lelewski
- 10 Annie Shaw
- 11 Ed Ellis
Derrick Grantham
Sandy Jones