

Children & Family Ministries

Sunday, March 26th, 2017

Our Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on **Saturday, April 15th from 10:00-12:00!** We will have a devotion from Pastor JF, a visit from a special friend, a fantastic egg hunt and then we will end the morning with free hot dogs!!! Please spread the word around the community! I will have flyers available in the church office that you are more than welcome to post at businesses or hand out to families. If you are willing to help with the event, we have several opportunities for you to get involved. We will need folks to donate candy, goodies (small enough to go inside of the eggs), plastic eggs or pre-filled eggs. We will need volunteers to stuff the eggs; some folks have already volunteered to take the eggs and goodies home to stuff in their free time (which is great!) and I have set aside 3 dates to come and stuff eggs. Those dates are March 27th & April 3rd from 1:00-3:00 pm in the church office, or April 12th from 10:00-12:00. Our youth will also be helping stuff eggs Sunday, April 2nd at 6:30 pm. The morning of the event, we will need a few volunteers to help register the children as they arrive, and we will also need volunteers to help in the kitchen and folks to hide eggs! Thank you for considering giving of your time, talents and resources!!!



New Day School Director

The Day School board is excited to introduce Camela Nixon as the Central United Methodist Day School director beginning after the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year. Camela has a long and deep connection to the Day school. As a child Camela attended our Day school. As a mother, Camela sent her children to our Day school. As a teacher, Camela taught in our Day school. Camela Nixon has deep roots in, and a deep love for, Central United Methodist Day School. The Day School Board wholeheartedly believes Camela Nixon is an outstanding choice, from among a group of exceptional candidates, to serve as our director in this exciting new season of ministry and care for our children. Please continue to pray for this ministry, specifically regarding enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: This Sunday our Middle School Class will meet in the (old Youth Room) which is now the Kindergarten Classroom, and our High School Class will meet in the former College Classroom for our Sunday School time while our Youth Rooms are getting a face lift.

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): There's something special about a warm breakfast, sharing in an encouraging word, and lifting each other up in prayer to start the day. We'd love to see U!

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: Invite a friend to join you at Wesley Williams' house tonight from 7:03 till 8:33. Makes for a great time of discussion and fellowship! Bring your Bible!

MOVIE RUN! Order your ticket today to go see "Facing Darkness" with us! This is another one day only release in theaters with a 7:00 pm show time. We will meet to leave from the church this Thursday, March 30th, at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$13.34 and once again your cost will ONLY be \$10.00! Text Fred @ 302-0624.

WEEK OF HOPE: *Note: All of our Team Members can register online now! Check your email!

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Work Out!

Come join us for a 30 minute cardio/strength training class held in the FLC by Fitness professional Anna Bigelow. Come ready to sweat, work hard and have a good time! All levels are welcome. Monday's @ 5:30am and Thursday's @ 5:30pm. Spring into this new challenge. Invite your friends! Donations accepted.



UMW MEETINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 27th 6:00pm in the FLC Conference Room
FOLLOWERS--- **MONDAY, MARCH 27th** 5:15pm in the FLC Conference Room
SUSANNAH WESLEY--- **MONDAY, APRIL 3rd** 1:30pm in the Parlor

REMINDER: Uwharrie Prayer Breakfast---Saturday, **April 29th** at Flag Springs UMC

CUOC Items
Any item

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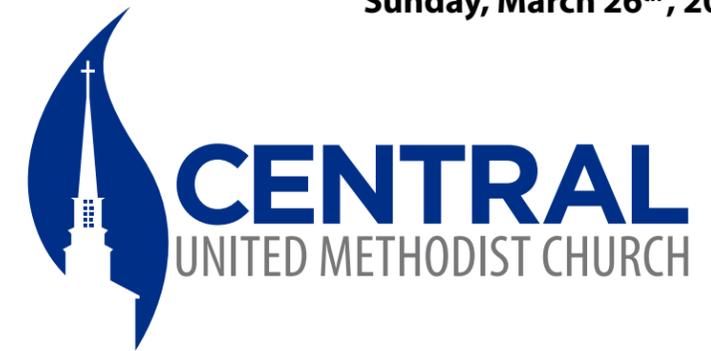
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Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world.
We are about making connections — connecting people to God and to each other.

Blind Spots

After an annual eye exam this week I remembered a story written by the famous author H.G. Wells called "The Country Of The Blind."

He tells the story about a beautiful valley in Ecuador where, as the result of a rare disease, everyone who lives there is blind. After several generations of this condition no one can remember what it's like to be able to see.

Then one day a man from the outside stumbles into their valley. But this man can see. Once the outsider realizes that everyone in the valley is blind he does his best to explain to them what it's like to have sight. After several conversations with the inhabitants of the valley he realizes that no one believes the things he says. In fact the people of the valley believe he is truly crazy.

To make matters more complicated, the outsider falls in love with a young woman from the valley during his stay. She too is blind, and is the daughter of a man named Yacob. When her father realizes the seriousness of the relationship between his lovely daughter and the insane outsider, Yacob goes to visit the local doctor to ask for advice. He inquires of the doctor if there's anything that can be done to cure the mental state of the outsider. The doctor informs Yacob that it would only take a minor surgery to remove the outsider's "irritant bodies" [his eyes!] and restore the man to sanity. Yacob is elated. The outsider's mental illness cured with just a minor surgical procedure? The doctor tells him that after the surgery the outsider will be perfectly sane and a fine suitor for his daughter. Yacob rejoices, "Thank heaven for science!"

Now the outsider found himself in a dilemma. The only way he would be allowed to marry the love of his life would be to first undergo an operation that would leave him completely blind.

The outsider climbs up on a ridge to spend some time in solitude before undergoing the sacrificial surgery. As he sat there gazing down upon the beautiful valley he watched the dawn of the new day, and the sunlight spread across the valley until everything glowed in golden hues.

H.G. Wells writes:

"It seemed to him that before this splendor, he and this blind world in the valley, and his love and all, were no more than a pit of sin. And the man who could see escaped the country of the blind with his life."

Isn't that a powerful word? All of us have our blind spots, don't we? We all, to some degree live in "The Country Of The Blind." There is a saying I first heard in elementary school: "There are none so blind as those who refuse to see."

Jesus came into the world to free us from our blind spots! Proclaiming the nature of His mission, Jesus said,
¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind..." {Luke 4:18}

What blind spots do you have? Are you willing to ask Jesus to reveal them to you? Are you willing to surrender your blind spots to Jesus and allow Him to open your life with restoring grace?

How would you respond to Jesus when He asks,
¹⁸ **Do you have eyes and not see; do you have ears and not hear? And do you not remember?** {Mark 8:18}

PASTOR J.F.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday March 26 th 2017	Fourth Sunday in Lent	8:45AM
WELCOME		Heather Cagle
OPENING PRAYER		Heather Cagle
WORSHIP SONGS	"Better Is One Day" "Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone"	Praise Team
*TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		Fred Huffstetler
PRAYER		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Psalm 50:10-12	Pastor J. F.
¹⁰ For every animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. ¹² If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and everything in it is mine.		
GIVING OF GIFTS		
OFFERTORY SPECIAL	"What A Beautiful Name"	Praise Team
SCRIPTURE	John 9:1-11(See insert)	
MESSAGE	The Blind Seeing or The Seeing Blind?	
	SERIES: "No Shortcuts"	Pastor J. F.
CLOSING SONG	"Open Our Eyes"	Praise Team
AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP <i>The kneeling rail in the United Methodist Churches has traditionally been a place of prayer. If you have made a decision today that you would like to express publicly; if you would like to join this church on a profession of faith or by transferring your membership, or if you have a need for prayer, you are invited to come forward at this time. Decisions that could change your life are made at the altar.</i>		
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Fred Huffstetler

USHERS 8:45 AM
Tammie Walker, Tim Dunn, Rick Flickinger

GREETERS 8:45 AM -
Tim & Debi Setzer

USHERS 11:00 AM
CHAIRMAN – David Allen
Captain -Roy Kirkman, Mike Chewning,
Dr. Charles Betts, Worth Winslow,
Van Rich, Talmadge Baker, Eddie Pugh,
Bill Croom, Tal Hardin, Dr. Kelly Harris

GREETERS 11:00 AM - Rachel Hargett, Deborah Martin, Gracie Allred,
Betty Pugh, Bonnye York

Lillie Pearl Wood Nursing Scholarship
If you live in Randolph County and have been accepted in an accredited school of nursing, you may be eligible to apply for the Lillie Pearl Wood Nursing Scholarship (\$1000.00/year for full time students) Contact the Church Office for an application. Deadline is June 20.

Confirmation Class
Those who are 12 years and older who are interested in confirmation class, we have a target date set for after the Easter season. Contact the church office for more information.
336-629-1425



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Sunday March 26 th 2017	Fourth Sunday in Lent	11:00 AM
PRELUDE		Joy Menius
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER		Fred Huffstetler
*HYMN OF PRAISE	"Christ For the World We Sing"	#568 (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> *Universal Church		
*THE GLORIA PATRI		#70(UMH)
*A TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Psalm 50:10-12	Pastor J.F
¹⁰ For every animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. ¹² If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and everything in it is mine.		
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		#95(UMH)
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		Heather Cagle
PRAYER FOR OTHERS		Heather Cagle
THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)		#895 (UMH)
<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	"The King of Love"	David Eddleman
<i>The King of Love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth, faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine, is mine forever. Where streams of living waters flow, my ransomed soul, my soul he leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth. And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never, Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever, and ever. The King of Love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth, faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine, is mine forever.</i>		
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*Children leave for Children's Church		
SCRIPTURE	John 9:1-11(See Insert)	
MESSAGE	The Blind Seeing or The Seeing Blind?	
SERIES:	No Shortcuts	Pastor J.F.
HYMN OF RESPONSE	"Open My Eyes, That I May See"	#454 (UMH)
AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP <i>The kneeling rail in the United Methodist Churches has traditionally been a place of prayer. If you have made a decision today that you would like to express publicly; if you would like to join this church on a profession of faith or by transferring your membership, or if you have a need for prayer, you are invited to come forward at this time. Decisions that could change your life are made at the altar.</i>		
*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.		Pastor J.F.
*POSTLUDE		*Congregation please stand if you are able.

Children leave for Children's Church
SCRIPTURE John 9:1-11(See Insert)
MESSAGE The Blind Seeing or The Seeing Blind?
SERIES: No Shortcuts
HYMN OF RESPONSE "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Pastor J.F. #454 (UMH)

Children leave for Children's Church
SCRIPTURE John 9:1-11(See Insert)
MESSAGE The Blind Seeing or The Seeing Blind?
SERIES: No Shortcuts
HYMN OF RESPONSE "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Pastor J.F. #454 (UMH)

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*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION. Pastor J.F.
*POSTLUDE *Congregation please stand if you are able.

Memorials & Gifts

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
In Memory of Barbara Barnette
By Boyce & Betty Asbill

BUDGET FUND
In Honor of Mark & Rhonda Trollinger
By Sam & Missy Rankin

HAPPENING THIS WEEK... CUMC Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, March 26th
8:45 AM – Contemporary Worship
11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
6:00 PM – MYF
MONDAY, March 27th
10:00 AM – Women's Bible Study
1:00 PM – Chair Chicks
5:15 PM – Followers
5:30 PM – Volleyball
6:00 PM – UMW
TUESDAY, March 28th
5:45 PM – Pilates
6:00 PM – Networx
7:00 PM – Open Gym
WEDNESDAY, March 29th
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/Sanctuary
THURSDAY, March 30th
7:00 AM – "Walk and Worship"
10:00 AM – Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM – Open Gym
FRIDAY, March 31st

BUILDING FUND
In Memory of Howard Freemyer
By Charles & Jaci Betts
In Memory of Barbara Barnette
By Kelly & Leigh Harris
In Memory of David Hughes
By Dr. Terry Worrell



March

- 26 Carolyn Link
Mary Isley
Theresa Hicks
Ken Prochnau
Charles Spivey
- 27 Allyson Phillips
Ray Hargett
- 28 Jaci Betts
Kristy Priest
Lori Ann Turner
- 29 Ann Greene
Joyce Russell
Dee Bulla
- 30 Dr. Stanley Brower
Rebecca Williams
Jeanette Ragland
Kathryn Lail
- 31 Carolyn Johnson
David Arnold
Kelly Mandara



April 9th - Palm Sunday / Cantata
April 13th - Holy Thursday Communion Service
April 15th - Easter Eggstravaganza 10:00am -12:00pm
April 16th - Easter Celebration Services



Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible Study
When: Wednesday March 29th, 2017
Where: Family Life Center
Time: 5:30-6:30pm
Angie Kern / Pfeiffer University
Mega Salad Bar
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: _____