



## Day School Items of the Month:

Baby Wipes & Paper Towels

### Children & Family Ministries

Monthly calendars and important flyers will be available regarding Children's Ministry in the Day School hallway, right outside of the choir room.

On Wednesday, September 27th, we are headed to Clapps Nursing Home for the children to visit and deliver their beautiful, painted rocks! Please pray that God will use us to witness to those we encounter and that He give the children a sense of joy that comes from serving others! If you have a loved one that you would like for us to visit at Clapps, please let me know.

It's that wonderful time of the year when we begin collecting candy for Trunk or Treat, which will be October 31st, 6:00-8:30pm. Last year we collected lots of candy and bought candy...only to find we needed more candy toward the end of the event! That's how many folks came to Central to receive this blessing! Please join us again this year as we begin collecting candy; there will be a donation box in the Narthex. We will also need folks who are willing to provide trunks that evening. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this outreach to our community. You can email me or call the church office if you are willing to provide a trunk this year. Something so simple as a piece of candy holds the message 'we love you and care about your children'.

### YOUTH NEWS

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Join us for Sunday School & Worship! Our Middle School Class meets in their new room, and the High School Class meets in the Gathering Area.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** We continue our sessions this Sunday. \*Parents please remind your students to read through the next unit which addresses the next 2 questions. (Unit 7, Questions 13 & 14!) This is easy to understand reading as part of their assignment each week!!

**MYF:** We meet tonight from 6:00 till 7:45! Come enjoy dinner, games, worship and more!

**SEE YOU AT THE POLE!** Check with your School or FCA to see what time you will meet for this student led time of prayer NEXT Wednesday morning, Sept. 27th! If you're helping as a leader at your school and would like a SYATP handbook OR poster — see Fred.

**CENTRAL BREAKFAST CLUB:** Meet us THURSDAY this week at Chick-fil-A, at 6:45 AM! BRING \$3.25 for your chicken or sausage biscuit, hash browns and drink!!

**ADULT BEACH RETREAT:** We've got a great 2-Night get-away for Adults!! Mark your calendars for The CLUB Beach Retreat at Myrtle Beach, SC, November 28-30 (Tuesday thru Thursday)! Questions? See Fred.



Make plans now to attend the "Welcome Table" fellowship dinner this Wednesday. It is a time for good food, good friendship, and a great opportunity for us to connect with our neighbors in sharing God's love!

Wednesday, September 27th Cook Out on the grounds @ 5:30pm.  
Our menu includes Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Potato Salad  
Dessert & Beverage.

Hosted by NetworX for Hope  
Chefs Al Morton & Archie Priest

Donations will be taken. Bring a friend! Fill out your card Sunday!

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PRISCILLA SHIRER

The Armor of God

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Priscilla Shirer's, **Armor of God** Wednesday,  
Oct. 4 - Nov. 15 at 6:30 PM (location TBA). To  
register, contact Joanne Moffitt at  
jlwmoffitt@gmail.com or 336-629-9996.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Central UMC is now a certified Stephen Ministry congregation. Our membership will be active for the life of our church. Who and what is Stephen Ministry? In the book of Acts, Chapter 6, Stephen was chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need. He was a martyr. Since the time of the Apostles, caring ministry has been considered part of the Christian faith community. Contact Cindy at cindy.e.m.lowe@gmail.com or Trenten Lowe at 336-420-3800.

**COLLEGE ADDRESSES NEEDED!** Parents! Students! Please contact the church office @ (336) 629-1425 with your current college or university mailing address, your year/class, and any other helpful contact info. We'd love to keep in touch!

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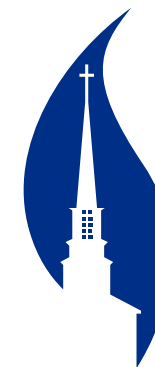
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Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017



**CENTRAL**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.

### Happy Are The Sad?

This week we continue in our new message series called, "God Bless You." We are taking a close look at Jesus' teaching about the life God blesses. We learned last Sunday that the word "blessed" in Greek means "happy." So look at this week's verse from Jesus:

**"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."**

--Matthew 5:4

It seems beyond belief, but is Jesus implying that happy people are sad people? That it is a blessing to experience sorrow? The Bible scholar William Barclay once wrote, "It's an astonishing thing to speak of the joy of sorrow, of the gladness of grief, and of the bliss of the brokenhearted." Astonishing for sure!

Jesus promises a blessing in the midst of mourning. He promises comfort in the midst of sorrow. Specifically, Jesus promises the closeness and presence of God with us when we are sorrowful and mourn.

Isaiah the prophet foretold the type of Savior Jesus would be when He declared:

**<sup>3</sup> He was... a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief... <sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.**

{Isaiah 53:3b, 4a}

Jesus was personally acquainted with loss, grief, and mourning. The shortest verse in the Bible is "Jesus wept" {John 11:35}. Those two words describe the reaction of Jesus at the loss of His friend, Lazarus. Jesus would experience personally a deep sense of grief and mourning upon the cross. So Jesus offers a word for us when we experience loss and sorrow: **"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."**

Jesus promises to be with us when we mourn and comfort us through it.

The Bible tells us that God is ever so close to those who are experiencing grief and mourning:

**<sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.**

{Psalm 34:18}

**<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds**

{Psalm 147:3}

Our pain is like a magnet that draws to us the comforting presence of God.

What can we do in the midst of sorrow and pain? Here are three things:

**1) Grieve.** It is all right to feel sadness and sorrow over a loss. We can be honest and tell Jesus exactly how we feel. Jesus knows grief. He is with us in it.

**2) Believe.** Put your trust in the promises of God. Jesus promises to be with us when we mourn and He speaks into our lives His words of comfort.

**3) Receive.** Allow Jesus to work His strengthening and transforming grace into our lives. When Jesus defined His mission publicly, He described it using these words from Isaiah the prophet:

**<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted <sup>2</sup> to... comfort all who mourn,**

**<sup>3</sup> ... and provide for those who grieve in Zion... the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.**

{Isaiah 61:1, 2b, 3b}

Earlier this summer, Vicki Moss had a powerful experience of God's presence and comfort with her during a fall she took, and the subsequent surgery and recovery that followed. She has a testimony to God's faithful presence and comfort that we will want to hear. She will be sharing her experience and her testimony about God's comforting presence with us this Sunday. I will look forward to hearing what God has done for her! I encourage you to join us this Sunday for worship!

Pastor J.F.

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday September 24 <sup>th</sup> 2017	Sixteenth Sunday in Kingdomtide	8:45AM
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Heather Cagle
OPENING PRAYER		
WORSHIP SONGS	"Trading My Sorrows"	
	"No Longer Slaves"	Praise Team
TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
TIME OF THANKSGIVING PRAYER		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Leviticus 27:30	Vicki Moss
<i>A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.</i>		
GIVING OF GIFTS		
OFFERTORY SPECIAL	"Love Came Down"	Praise Team
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 5:4, Isaiah 61:1-4, John 10:10	
MESSAGE	Blessings Beyond the Storm	Vicki Moss
SERIES	God Bless You	
CLOSING SONG	"I Will Rise"	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 -**  
Wendy & Jim Kinlaw

**USHERS 11:00 AM**  
**CHAIRMAN** – Michael Smith  
**Captain** – Charles Swiers,  
Alice Hammond, Mike King,  
Roland Cox, Dick Renigar,  
Jack Mitchell, Steve Morgan,  
Wayne Hartley

**GREETERS 11:00 AM -** Judy Phillips,  
Bob Phillips, Kaye Bryan, Susan Huffstetler, Nancy Little, Susan Swiers



Central UMC will be host church for the  
2017 Southeastern Jurisdiction  
Disaster Response Academy  
September 26th - 29th, 2017.

The Family Life Center, FLC Conference Room, Chapel & a few Sunday School  
Classes will be in use during this time.

**Jeremiah Project Work Day-** Saturday, October 21, 8 am. We are in need of projects  
that can be accomplished in one day or less. Sign-up sheets for potential  
projects and volunteers are in the Narthex. Please join us for a great day of  
fellowship while helping meet the needs of others.



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday September 24 <sup>th</sup> 2017	Sixteenth Sunday in Kingdomtide	11:00 AM
PRELUDE		Joy Menius
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Fred Huffstetler
*HYMN OF PRAISE	"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"	#731 (UMH)
*MISSION STATEMENT (In Unison)		Fred Huffstetler
<i>Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world.</i>		
<i>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>		
<i>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		*(Universal Church)
*A TIME OF GREETING		#70(UMH)
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT		Vicki Moss
Leviticus 27:30		
<i>A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.</i>		
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		#95(UMH)
TIME OF THANKSGIVING 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.</i>		
<i>For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory forever. Amen.</i>		
ANTHEM	"Canticle of Hope"	Williams/Martin
	Lord you are God, perfect in holiness.	
	Lord you are God, of the needy and the poor.	
	A sure defender, you are our refuge.	
	You are the giver. You are Jehovah.	
	You are the God who restores.	
	Lord you are God, reigning in righteousness.	
	Lord you are God, in the time of our distress.	
	We call on you, our sure salvation.	
	Lord you are faithful. You are the God who restores.	
	Lord you are God, ruling in gentleness.	
	Lord you are God. You wipe away each tear.	
	You hear our every prayer. You give us comfort.	
	You touch our hearts and calm our fears.	
	You are eternal. Alpha, Omega. We place our hope in you alone.	
	Lord you are God, perfect in holiness.	
	Lord you are God, in our darkness you are everlasting light.	
	Our sure defender, you are our refuge.	
	You are our giver. You are Jehovah. You are the God who restores.	
	Great is thy faithfulness. Our God restores.	

**\*Children leave for Children's Church**

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 5:4, Isaiah 61:1-4, John 10:10	
MESSAGE	Blessings Beyond the Storm	Vicki Moss
SERIES	God Bless You	
HYMN OF RESPONSE	"Jesus, United By Thy Grace" (vs. 1, 2)	#561 (UMH)
*CLOSING PRAYER		
AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		
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*POSTLUDE		

\*Congregation please stand if you are able.

# Memorials & Gifts

## BUILDING FUND

**In Memory of Ellen Bunch**  
By Wayne & Brenda Thomas  
**In Memory of Amy Hartley**  
By Rusty & Alice Hammond  
**In Memory of Cassandra Church**  
By Rusty & Alice Hammond  
By Pervis & Carolyn Greene  
By Jerry & Wanda Bowman  
**In Memory of Dr. J. Brady Kinlaw**  
By Rusty & Alice Hammond  
By Ralph & Carol Hall  
By Pervis & Carolyn Greene  
By The Good News SS Class  
**In Memory of Norman Nance**  
By Larry & Janice Simpson

## CHOIR FUND

**In Memory of Cassandra Church**  
By Paula Keeter  
By Norma Connell  
By Ralph & Carol Hall  
By Gary & Barbara Strider  
By Good News SS Class  
**In Memory of Amy Hartley**  
By Mary Wilhoit

## BUDGET FUND

**In Memory of Cassandra Church**  
By Richard & Betty Pugh  
**In Memory of Dr. J. Brady Kinlaw**  
By Jim & Lynne Finison  
By Pastor J.F. & Kari Howard  
By Ray & Denise McNeill  
**In Memory of Ellen Bunch**  
By Pastor J.F. & Kari Howard  
**In Memory of Thelma Renigar, Max Frazier, Amy Harley, & Mary Lou Priest**  
By Ray & Denise McNeill



## September

**24** Stan Lewis  
Heidi Atwell  
**25** Roland Cox  
Megan Nickens  
Zac Beane  
Josie Curran  
**26** Rachel Waugh  
Nada Winslow  
**27** Jay Councilman  
Jeff Smith  
Franklin Havens  
Terry Wessinger  
**28** Boyd Thomas  
**29** Sharon Way  
**30** Allison Spivey  
Morgan Cox  
Doris Lucas

We would like to give a big "Thank You" to all our church family & friends who were so generous to help our grandchildren, Jordan & Jaxon Jensen and their father, Jason Jensen, after their fire loss. It is wonderful to have a church family with warm & generous hearts helping do God's work in a time of need. Thank you so much!

Tom & Linda Hoffman

## MISSIONS FUND

**In Memory of Dr. J. Brady Kinlaw**  
By Roland & Carolyn Cox  
**In Memory of Amy Hartley**  
By Roland & Carolyn Cox  
**In Memory of Cassandra Church**  
By Roland & Carolyn Cox  
By Mary Lois Powell  
By Byron & Carolyn Johnson

## PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**In Honor of Steve Morgan**  
By Bill & Robin Croom  
**In Memory of Dr. J. Brady Kinlaw**  
By Bill & Robin Croom  
By Becky Hughes  
By Bonnye York  
**In Memory of Norman Nance**  
By Bill & Robin Croom  
**In Memory of Ed Ellis**  
By Bill & Robin Croom  
**In Memory of Pat Southern**  
By Bonnye York  
**In Memory of Cassandra Church**  
By Central Chancel Choir  
**In Memory of Amy Hartley**  
By Central Chancel Choir  
**In Memory of BC Thomas**  
By Bob & Jane Thomas

## CHAPEL RENOVATION FUND

**In Memory of Tommy York**  
**on his 75th Birthday**  
By Bonnye York & Family

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

### CUMC Weekly Schedule

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>

8:45 AM – Contemporary Worship  
9:45 AM – Sunday School  
11:00 AM – Traditional Worship  
4:45 PM – Confirmation Class  
6:00 PM – MYF

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM – Women's Bible Study  
1:00 PM – Chair Chicks

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM – "Walk and Worship"  
All Day Disaster Relief Training

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>

All Day Disaster Relief Training  
5:30 PM – Welcome Table Cookout

6:30 PM – Bible Study

6:30 PM – Kids Eat, Pray & Serve

6:30 PM – Handbells

7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM – "Walk and Worship"  
All Day Disaster Relief Training

#### FRIDAY, September 29<sup>th</sup>

All Day Disaster Relief Training

#### SATURDAY, September 30<sup>th</sup>

7:30AM – Men's Coffee Break @ The Table