



**Day School Items of the Month:
Tissues**

Envelopes for Angels

Thank you so much for your participation in our Envelopes for Angels fundraiser for the Day School. It has been a huge success! The children get so excited to receive a gift! Envelopes for Angels will continue through January 31. Please be sure to check your angels' envelopes in the hallway for thank you cards and new art work. Thank you for being such a blessing to our little angels!

Children & Family Ministries

Happy New Year! I can't wait to dig in with your awesome kiddos and grow together in our walk with Jesus! I tend to send email updates; if you are not getting these emails and would like to keep up with what's going on in Children's Ministry, please let me know!

We would like to wish a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Sydney Hayes...10 looks great on you!

We will resume our Wednesday night program: Eat, Pray, Serve on January 10th. Please remember you can pick up monthly calendars in the Day School hallway, just outside of the choir room.

We will have an **Acolyte Refresher training** on Sunday, January 28th, following church. We will serve the children lunch, then walk our new servants through the process. We will also talk about expectations involved in being an acolyte. If your child is an acolyte, I need you to make every effort to have them here for this training. No need to RSVP, but please let me know if your child will not be here.

We will have a **Safe Sanctuary training** on January 14th at 2:00, in the FLC Conference room. If you are involved with youth, children's or older adult ministry in any way, please plan to attend this meeting. Please call Heather or the office to let us know you will be attending so we can have enough materials for everyone.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join us for Sunday School & Worship this week! Our Middle School students meet in their classroom, and our High School students meet in the Gathering Area.

MYF: Join us this Sunday beginning at 6:00 pm! We'll enjoy dinner followed by some fun & fellowship! Tonight we will wrap things up at 7:30 pm.

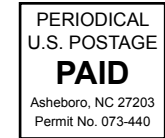
YOUTH WINTER RETREAT ORIENTATION: All those going and a parent need to be at our Orientation this evening at 7:30 pm! We will meet in the FLC Conference Room to go over all the exciting details and answer any questions. We will also have NEW 2018 Medical Release Forms to be completed!

BREAK THRU: Join us this Wednesday night for a light dinner and more... It all starts at 6:00 pm. Invite a friend! We'll wrap things up at 7:35 pm.

CENTRAL BREAKFAST CLUB: Meet us at Chick-fil-A this coming Thursday morning at 6:45 for a warm meal and an encouraging word! Bring \$3.25 to cover your breakfast!

WEEK OF HOPE: This summer's destination = Nashville, TN, July 8-14, 2018 (Sun. through Sat.)! Register today by turning in a \$50 deposit to secure your spot. Team member cost for this exciting week will be \$325.00! Our youth fundraisers will help offset the additional program expense and transportation per team member.

NEW CENTRAL UMC INK PEN'S: This pen has a stylus for your phone and/or notepad, twist open blue ink, and a flashlight on the head that you simply depress after taking off the yellow protector. It even has our church's web address on it!! If you'd like one for a friend, family member, or to simply share with a neighbor - we're asking \$3.00 per pen, or you can get 2 of these awesome pens for just \$5.00! All proceeds go to support our Youth Missions!



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Endowment Fund

Cash Received: **\$52,368.00** Challenge Cash Received: **\$150,000.00**
Pledges (committed but not yet received) **\$181,500.00**
Total Cash & Pledges: **\$368,868.00**

UMW NEWS FOR JANUARY 2018

SUSANNAH WESLEY---**MONDAY, JANUARY 8** at 1:30pm in the PARLOR
FOLLOWERS---**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28** at 2:30pm in the FLC CONFERENCE ROOM

****UMW UNIT MEETING****

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28---3:00pm to 4:30pm in the FLC CONFERENCE ROOM
(Officers will provide refreshments)



**"Commissioned"
Stephen Ministry**

Information and
Discussion

Kickoff Training Meal
January 7, 2018
After second service
In Family Conference Room

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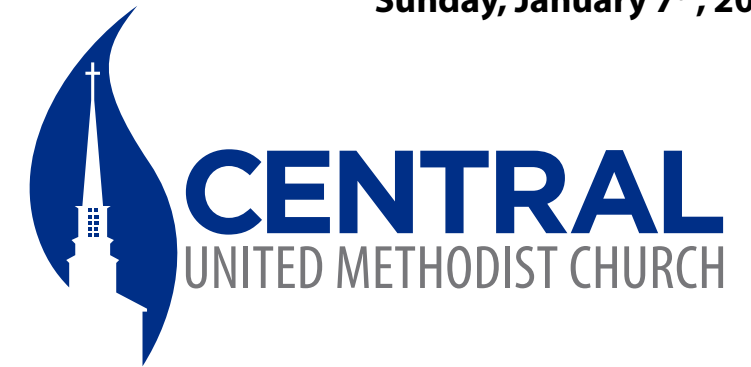
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Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world.
We are about making connections — connecting people to God and to each other.

Happy New Year

The Christmas Story of the birth of Jesus reaches a crescendo with the declaration of the angel
10... "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." {Luke 2:10b-11}

We concluded our Christmas Eve worship services by singing, *"Joy to the world, the Lord is come."*

People experience what is referred to as "Christmas spirit" throughout the days of December. And then comes the cold and barren days of January. Where did the joy and happiness go? How did it dissipate so quickly?

Pastor Timothy Keller says, *"While other world views lead us to sit in the midst of life's joys, foreseeing the coming sorrows, Christianity empowers its people to sit in the midst of this world's sorrows, tasting the coming joy."*

I believe we can find happiness that exists and endures long after the presents are opened, the wrapping paper has been discarded, and the tree has been taken to the curb, but it is a daily decision we have to make.

The writers of Forbes magazine published an article that I read just after the first of the year entitled, "10 Habits Of Incredibly Happy People." In the article the author focused on how much of our experience and attitude in life is based on our choices.

Here are the habits of happy people from Forbes magazine:

1. They slow down to appreciate life's little pleasures.
2. They exercise.
3. They spend money on other people.
4. They surround themselves with the right people.
5. They stay positive.
6. They get enough sleep.
7. They have deep conversations.
8. They help others.
9. They make an effort to be happy.
10. They have a growth mindset.

George Whitefield, the preacher who lit the fires of a great spiritual awakening in America in the 1700's once said, *"Does [Jesus] want your heart only for the same end as the devil does, to make you miserable? No, he only wants you to believe on him, that you might be saved. This...is all the dear Savior desires, to make you happy, that you may leave your sins, to sit down eternally with him."*

In January we begin a new teaching series at Central UMC we are calling *"Happy You Year!"* We are going to explore Paul's Letter to the Philippians and see if happiness is based on happy situations only, or if there are ways to find happiness from God even in the midst of trials, tribulations, and troubles. I think Philippians is the place to start. In this very short letter, the Apostle Paul uses the words for "joy, rejoice, happy, glad" nearly two dozen times. What makes this notable is that Paul wrote this letter while held in prison for his faith and ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. Paul has something here that he can teach us, and that we will benefit from learning.

I am looking forward to this new series in 2018. I pray you will join me each Sunday!

Pastor J.F.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday January 7 th 2018	Epiphany Sunday	8:45AM
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Heather Cagle
WORSHIP SONGS	"Chainbreaker" "Deep"	Praise Team
TIME OF GREETING		
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		
PRAYER		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Lamentations 3:21-24	Pastor J.F.
<p>²¹ Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: ²² Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."</p>		
GIVING OF GIFTS		
OFFERTORY SPECIAL	"Eye Of The Storm"	Praise Team
SCRIPTURE	Philippians 1:1-11 (See insert)	
MESSAGE	BFFs	Pastor J.F.
SERIES:	HAPPY YOU YEAR!	
CLOSING SONG	"Lord I Need You"	Praise Team

AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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.

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 – 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 - Frank Lamb, Becky Hughes, Delette Self, Kaye Rich, Becky Cooper



The Endowment Fund Founders Committee would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the members of Central who have given, pledged, or plan to give. We ask that you prayerfully, boldly and expectantly continue to lift up the Endowment Fund.

II Corinthians 9:15 states that whoever sows generously will also reap generously. If we continue to sow the seed for future generations and leave a legacy here at Central, God will PROVIDE and give us a great harvest! Please remember all gifts to the Endowment Fund benefit Central and that in the initial stages,

we need as much cash infusion as possible so that the principal can begin creating the interest we need. The Fund is a marathon not a sprint, so may we follow the words of Paul in Hebrews 12 and let us run the race marked out for us with perseverance and let us always fix our eyes on Jesus, The Author and Perfecter of our Faith. Happy New Year, God Bless You and to God Be the Glory!!!

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday January 7 th 2018	Epiphany Sunday	11:00 AM
PRELUDE		Joy Menius
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Fred Huffstetler
*HYMN OF PRAISE	"Come Christians Join To Sing"	#158 (UMH)
*MISSION STATEMENT (In Unison)		Fred Huffstetler
<p><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></p>		
*THE APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)		#881(UMH)
<p><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></p>		
*THE GLORIA PATRI		*(Universal Church) #70(UMH)
*A TIME OF GREETING		Heather Cagle
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Lamentations 3:21-24	Pastor J.F.
<p>²¹ Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: ²² Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."</p>		
* OFFERTORY		
DOXOLOGY		#95(UMH)
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		
PRAYER FOR OTHERS		Heather Cagle
THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)		#895(UMH)
<p><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></p>		
ANTHEM	"In Every Land Begin The Song"	Joseph Martin
<p>In ev'ry land begin the song, let alleluias fill the air. Sing praise to whom all praise belongs, a song of joy declare. God's love, all love excelling, is ever sure. God's love is never failing, love transcending, never ending, ev'ry land begin the song. In ev'ry church begin the song, let alleluias fill the air. Sing praise to God with voices strong, your song of joy declare. God's love, all love excelling, is ever sure. God's love is never failing, love transcending, never ending, ev'ry church begin the song. In ev'ry heart begin the song, let alleluias fill the air. Sing out the truth and right the wrong; God's wondrous love declare. God's love, all love excelling, is ever true. God's love is never failing, love transcending, never ending, Alleluia, alleluia, ev'rywhere begin the song!</p>		

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.

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* Children leave for Children's Church

SCRIPTURE	Philippians 1:1-11 (See insert)	
MESSAGE	BFFs	Pastor J.F.
SERIES:	HAPPY YOU YEAR!	
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	"His Name Is Wonderful"	#174 (UMH)
AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		
<p><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></p>		
*CLOSING PRAYER		
*POSTLUDE		*Congregation please stand if you are able



Sincere Sympathy from the Staff & Congregation to the family of **Barbara Arnold** at her passing on Monday, December 18th, 2017.
Sincere Sympathy from the Staff & Congregation to Tal & Gay Hardin & family at the passing of Gay's sister, **Linda Diane Smith** on Saturday, December 21st, 2017.
Sincere Sympathy from the Staff & Congregation to Gary & Barbara Strider at the passing of Gary's mother, **Marizelle Strider** Thursday, December 28th, 2017
Sincere Sympathy from the Staff & Congregation to Robbie & Vicki Jarrell & family at the passing of Robbie's mom **Lola Anne Griffin Jarrell** on Thursday, December 28th, 2017.

Thank You... A gift was given in loving memory of Lola Anne Griffin Jarrell from the Jarrell Family

Memorials & Gifts



HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

CUMC Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th

8:45 AM – Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
12:00 PM – Stephen's Ministry Meal

MONDAY, JANUARY 8th

1:30 PM – Susannah Wesley / Parlor
5:00 PM – Volleyball

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th

11:30 AM – Good Times Club
5:45 PM – Pilates
7:00 PM – Open Gym

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th

10:00 AM – Wednesday Morning Prayer
1:00 PM – Chair Chicks
5:30 PM – Welcome Table / Bible Study

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th

7:00 PM – Open Gym

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12th

7:30 AM – Men's Coffee Break @ The Table
9:00 AM – Operation Red Sleigh 5K



ATTENTION SENIORS! Our first luncheon of the year is Tuesday, January 9th @ 11:30 am in the FLC conference room. Our program will be music by our very own Pastor J. F. Howard. This meeting of food, fun, fellowship and music you won't want to miss. Come and also bring a friend. Experience the 'Wisdom Keeper's' Difference and have a GOOD TIME!

CHAPEL RENOVATION FUND

In Honor of **Rusty Hammond, Fred Huffstetler, & Ken Hicks**
By Christian Homemakers Class
In Memory of **Marizelle Strider**
By Christian Homemakers Class
In Memory of **Norman Nance, Dr. J. Brady Kinlaw, Cassandra Church, Harris Sanders & Thelma Renigar**
By Carolyn Abernethy



January

- 07 Betty Asbill
Sylvia Ferree
- 09 Kim Bass
Julia Griffin
Adam McCauley
Kyle Robbins
- 10 Cecelia Pritchard
Mike Skinner
Michael McKinnon
Benjamin Clauser
Elizabeth LaPlante
- 11 Susan Swiers
Paul Harris
Blake Brewer
Jonathan Krause
Chase Azelton
- 12 John Matkins
Austin Oliver
Josh Faircloth
Lacey Davis
- 13 Nan Kemp
Benjamin Johnson

Welcome Table and Bible Study
begins this Wednesday, January 10th at 5:30pm
Pick up a card in the narthex

