



Day School Items of the Month:
Hand Sanitizer



Envelopes for Angels

Thank you for your participation in Envelopes for Angels! We still have until January 31 to participate. There will be new art projects in the envelopes on January 14, so please stop by to get your priceless piece of art! The children have LOVED getting surprises from their "church friends", and I have LOVED playing "Secret Deliverer". Thank you again for your generosity in the lives of our precious students!

Mitten Garland

BRR!! IT'S COLD OUTSIDE! The Day School is collecting new and gently used mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves OF ANY SIZE on garlands in the Sunday School halls through the month of January. The items will be donated to our local men's and battered women's shelters and CUOC. You may attach items to the garlands in the halls or give items to Camela, Heather or Jill. We are teaching our Day School students that it is a BLESSING to give to others and to help our community! Thank you for your participation!

Children & Family Ministries

Calling all Acolytes.... 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.

Eat, Pray, Serve – We will be staying at Central this week, January 17th, for a night of reading to the Day School children. We have invited Day School parents to drop off their preschoolers/kindergarteners with us for a night of reading. The children of Central will read to the Day School children one-on-one or in small groups from 6:45-7:45. Please have your children here by 6:30, in the church office parlor, and return to pick them up at 8:00. We can't wait to bless the Day School children, and their parents!

Baby Bottle Collection – Your Choices Randolph
Your Choices Randolph (YCR) serves this community by offering programs for prevention, intervention and restoration. Through the love and truth of Jesus Christ, YCR empowers women and men to make life-affirming choices regarding biblical sexuality, pregnancy, and abortion restoration. As a non-profit, Christian organization, YCR embraces its partnerships with local churches... We will be partnering with YCR through the Baby Bottle Campaign. It's simple; pick up a baby bottle in the narthex, fill it with cash or coins, and return it to Central by February 18th. 100% of the money collected will be donated to YCR to support their ongoing efforts to serve Randolph County. If you would like to help with this campaign (collecting or counting the money) please see Heather Cagle. PICK UP YOUR BOTTLE TODAY!

Pictorial Directory – With the cancelation of photographs on Thursday, January 4th and Monday, January 8th due to inclement weather, we will be offering a make-up date of January 30th. If you need to reschedule, or have not scheduled, please call 866-557-2253 to schedule a time for you/your family. We appreciate your willingness to be part of our church directory!

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 for Youth Group from 6:00 till 7:45 pm! We'll enjoy dinner followed by some fun & fellowship.

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!

LUGGAGE DROP OFF: All luggage for the Winter Retreat needs to be brought to the church this Thursday, Jan. 18th, between 6:00 & 7:00 pm that evening. You're welcome to drop it by sooner if needed!

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT: Be at the church by 4:00 pm on Friday ready-to-go! Please make sure I have a notarized copy of your 2018 Medical Release Form!

WEEK OF HOPE: This summer's destination = Nashville, TN, July 8-14, 2018 (Sun. through Sat.!) Check to see if space is still available!! Team member cost for this exciting week is just \$325.00!

HOT CHOCOLATE & BAKED COOKIES: Stop by the Kitchen this Sunday and pick up a hot chocolate with marshmallows or whip cream to-go, and a couple fresh baked cookies! ALL proceeds go to support our Youth Missions! Thanks for your support!!



Warm, welcoming people wanted for a warm, welcoming ministry! Central UMC is planning to launch an outreach ministry to provide a warm welcome to our first time worship guests by a brief door step visit and the delivery of a "thank you for attending" gift. If you would like to serve in this important ministry of follow up hospitality, or if you would just like more information, contact Fred Huffstetler. We are planning the training and launch of this ministry as soon as we have our ministry team in place.

Budget

Needed to Date \$13,441.51 Received to Date \$17,628.00

Endowment Fund

Cash Received: **\$99,893.92** Challenge Cash Received: **\$150,000.00**
Pledges (committed but not yet received) **\$147,000.00**
Total Cash & Pledges: **\$396,893.92**

UMW NEWS FOR JANUARY 2018

SUSANNAH WESLEY ---SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 at 2:30 pm
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)



The Martha Group will meet at 9:00 am in the FLC conference room on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, to cut and sew hospital gowns for the medical mission team going to the Dominican Republic in March. Bring a portable sewing machine, if you have one, and scissors. Fabric and patterns are provided.

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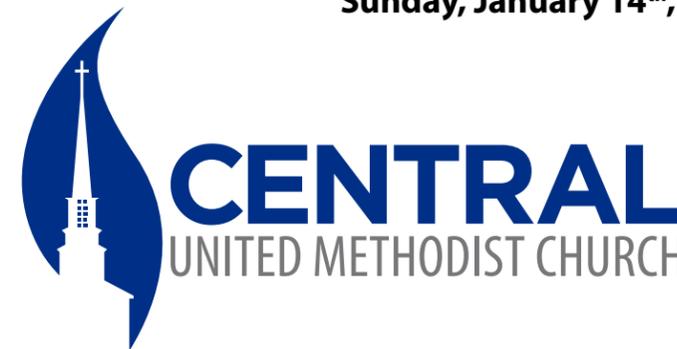
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Sunday, January 14th, 2018



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.

The "J" Word

Have you ever stopped to think about how controversial Jesus is? A few years ago I was asked to give an address in Raleigh, NC, which I readily agreed to do. But then as the day of the address approached I was given some last minute details. One of which was, "You can't mention Jesus." I thought, "Uh oh... I am a Christian pastor... that's really all I know to talk about!"

So I asked the obvious question, "Why can't I mention Jesus?" I was told, "Some people might be offended."

Have you ever stopped to consider why people are so offended by Jesus? What is it about Jesus that brings out such resistance and rejection? I have a few theories.

1) People resist and reject Jesus because they do not have accurate information about Him.

In John 7:40-43, there is this incident in the life of Jesus:
*"Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, 'Truly this is the Prophet.'"*⁴¹ Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee?"⁴² Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"⁴³ So there was a division among the people because of Him.

Notice the people were divided about Jesus because they did not have the right information about the place of His birth. I wonder how many people there are today who have made up their mind about Jesus, based on wrong information? That should make us even more passionate about proclaiming the truth of the gospel with clarity and accuracy in our worship services, Sunday School classes, and small group ministries!

2) People resist and reject Jesus because of their human pride.

In John 12:42-43 there are these words:
"Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."

Go back and read those words again slowly. John tells us that there were people who believed in Jesus, that He was who He said He was, but they would not openly affirm and accept Him, because they were more concerned about what other people thought of them, than what God thought of them.

I was a pastor, still in my twenties, the first time I heard someone admit to me, "I can't give my life to Jesus, because of what my family members would say. They would give me such a hard time if I did." I will quickly admit that it takes some real humility to surrender your life to Jesus Christ and allow Him to be your Lord and Savior. For some people, that is more than they are willing to give up in order to invite Jesus into their lives.

3) People resist and reject Jesus because of their lifestyle.

This may be the one that creates the most resistance in our day. In John 3:19-20 Jesus said these words:

"And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."²⁹ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

Not only does it take a fair amount of humility to surrender our lives to Jesus and accept Him as Lord and Savior, but it also comes with the prospect of life change. We love the idea that Jesus accepts us, and meets us where we are; but we are not always as keen on the idea that Jesus will not leave us where He finds us. To know Jesus is to experience His transforming, life-changing power.

People need to hear the "J" word in 2018! Will you help me spread it?

Pastor J.F.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday January 14 th 2018	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	8:45AM
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Heather Cagle
WORSHIP SONGS		"Good, Good Father" "Alive Forever Amen"
TIME OF GREETING		Praise Team
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		Fred Huffstetler
PRAYER		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT		Proverbs 22:9 Pastor J.F.
9 "He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor."		
GIVING OF GIFTS		
OFFERTORY SPECIAL		"Holy Spirit" Praise Team
SCRIPTURE		Philippians 1:12-21 (See insert)
MESSAGE		How to Be Happy = "Do It Anyway" Pastor J.F.
SERIES:		HAPPY YOU YEAR!
CLOSING SONG		"Your Love Defends Me" 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 -

Ann & Heath McCaskill

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 -

Rachel Hargett, Gracie Allred, Betty Pugh, Bonnye York, Susan Swiers



NETworX for Hope
ALLY Informational Meeting
Sunday, January 14, 6:30 PM
Wesley Class

We will begin our fourth NETworX for Hope Class on February 13. We are excited about all we have learned and the friendships we have made from our first three classes. We are in the process of recruiting members for our next class and would like to share some of the goals and dreams we have with anyone who might be interested in being part of this rewarding ministry. Please join us on January 14 to learn more about ways you can partner with us as an Ally in NETworX for Hope Class 4. Looking forward to sharing our journey with you. If you have questions let us know. Peter Brisley pbrisley@networxforhope.com Vicki Moss vicki.moss@gmail.com

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday January 14 th 2018	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	11:00 AM
PRELUDE		Joy Menius
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Fred Huffstetler
*HYMN OF PRAISE		"I Love To Tell the Story" #156 (UMH)
*MISSION STATEMENT (In Unison)		Fred Huffstetler
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*THE APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)		#881(UMH)
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		
*THE GLORIA PATRI		*(Universal Church) #70(UMH)
*A TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT		Proverbs 22:9 Pastor J.F.
9 "He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor."		
* OFFERTORY		
DOXOLOGY		#95(UMH)
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		Heather Cagle
PRAYER FOR OTHERS		
THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)		#895(UMH)
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.		
ANTHEM		"We Are His Gold" Joseph M. Martin
We are His gold, His sweet perfume. We are His treasure, His heart's desire. We are His joy, His own true love. We are His silver, we are His gold. Alleluia, Alleluia.		
Though God held the universe like diamonds in His hand, Christ laid down His majesty and He became a man, Seeking hidden treasure with ever loving eyes, He found us buried in our sin and claimed us as His prize. He is our God. He is the Prince of Peace. He is our Lord! We are His joy, His own true love. We are His silver, we are His gold.		
SCRIPTURE		Philippians 1:12-21 (See insert)
MESSAGE		How to Be Happy = "Do It Anyway" Pastor J.F.
SERIES:		HAPPY YOU YEAR!
*HYMN OF RESPONSE		"Something Beautiful" #394 (UMH)
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*CLOSING PRAYER		
*POSTLUDE		

**Children leave for Children's Church*

**Congregation please stand if you are able*

Looking forward to sharing our journey with you.

Memorials & Gifts

BUILDING FUND
In Memory of Marizelle Strider
By Byron & Carolyn Johnson
By Ron & Doris Lucas
By the Wisdom Keepers Club

ENDOWMENT FUND
In Memory of Carolyn Daniels
By Talmadge & Sara Baker
In Memory of Katie Bunch
By Bryan & Cheryl Freeman
In Memory of Lola Griffin Jarrell
By Jerry & Wanda Bowman

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
In Honor of Fred Huffstetler
By Kurt & Patty Sullivan

WISDOM KEEPERS FUND
By Mary Lois Powell



HAPPENING THIS WEEK...
CUMC Weekly Schedule
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th
8:45 AM - Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM - Sunday School
11:00 AM - Traditional Worship
6:00 PM - MYF
MONDAY, JANUARY 15th
1:00 PM - Chair Chicks
5:00 PM - Volleyball
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16th
9:00 AM - Martha Group
5:45 PM - Pilates
7:00 PM - Open Gym
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th
10:00 AM - Wednesday Morning Prayer
1:00 PM - Chair Chicks
5:30 PM - Welcome Table / Bible Study
6:30 PM - Eat, Serve, Pray
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18th
7:00 PM - Open Gym
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19th
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th
7:30 AM - Men's Coffee Break @ The Table



- January**
- 14 Harvey Ferree
David Grantham
Matt Hoover
 - 15 Mazie Fleetwood
Eugene Presnell
Kaye Bryan
Diane Allred
 - 16 Patty Sullivan
Heather Cagle
 - 17 Kim Fields
Bailey Black
Zack Queen
Lillian Charlesworth
 - 18 Heath McCaskill
 - 19 Byron Johnson
Kay Lail
Clara Rankin
 - 20 EJ Johnson
Charles Lane
Sherry Trudgeon
Angie Kern
Tim Walker
Stephanie Hayes



Randolph Christian Men's Valentine Banquet
February 15th, 2018 @ 6:30pm
Christian Life Center, First Baptist Church
Tickets \$25.00 Couple \$13.00 Individual Everyone Welcome
The Asbury Class will be hosting a Blood Drive on
February 15th, 2018
in the Family Life Center.
Please make plans to give the Gift of Life!!



Welcome Table and Bible Study
this Wednesday, January 17th at 5:30pm
Hosted by the Asbury Class
Menu: Chicken Pie, Green Beans,
Slaw & Dessert
Pick up a card in the narthex

