



Central United Methodist Day School's 10th annual **DINNER AND AUCTION** will be held **Friday, April 20th, 2018** in the Family Life Center. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event! More information will be coming.

Children & Family Ministries

Eat, Pray, Serve – The children will be visiting with Mr. John Lewis this week. Our visit with him in January was canceled, but fortunately we were able to reschedule! 'Tis a blessing to be a blessing... who can you bless this week?

Easter Egg Fun – Believe it or not, Easter is right around the corner!! Our day of fun will be **Saturday, March 31st, 10am-12am**. We will offer an egg hunt, entertainment and a free hot dog meal. That being said, it's time for us to start collecting candy for our egg hunt. Will you please consider donating candy as we prepare to bless the children in our community? Last year we served 79 children with our hunt, which means we will need at least 1600 pieces of candy. **Candy will need to be small enough to fit inside of a plastic Easter egg.** Please avoid small, hard candy that may be unsafe for a younger child. You may be asking... what can I do to help??? **We will need some volunteers for stuffing the eggs with candy in late March, prior to the event, and we will need a small army of volunteers for the actual event (kitchen volunteers, folks to hide eggs, direct the children, provide hospitality, etc).** Please prayerfully consider being a part of this event as we reach outside of our walls to show others the love of Jesus!

YOUTH NEWS

MATT MAHER IN CONCERT: Come go with us to see and hear Matt Maher Friday, March 9th, at First Wesleyan in High Point! Pre-Order your \$20 ticket THIS Sunday!! Tickets are going fast!

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

MYF: Join us tonight from 6:00 till 7:45! Dinner is provided! We'll enjoy some good food, fellowship, games, worship and more!

BREAK THRU: Join us this Wednesday night for a light dinner and more... It all starts at 5:30 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!

LAST SUPPER DRAMA CAST & CREW: Gentlemen! It's time to begin growing those beards in preparation for this year's Drama & Service. Holy Thursday is March 29th and rehearsals will begin soon!! Interested in being a part of our Cast OR Crew??? Please contact Fred @ 302-0624!



Gideon: Your Weakness. God's Strength. is a 7 session women's Bible study by Priscilla Shirer. This study will encourage you to recognize your weakness as the key that the Lord gives you to unlock the full experience of His strength in your life. Join us

beginning Monday, February 26 at 10:00 AM in the Family Life Center Conference Room.

To learn more contact:

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if have questions or would like to participate in this study.



"Introduction to Lay Ministry" (Basic Course)
Teacher: Rev. Leslee Wray, New Mount Tabor UMC
"Preaching" Teacher: Teacher: Rev. J.F. Howard, Central Asheboro UMC
"United Methodist Heritage" Teacher Mrs. Vicki Moss, Lay Leader, CUMC
"Prayer" Teacher: Rev. Jacob Kyker, Gray's Chapel UMC
8:00 - 8:30 A.M. Welcome, Registration, Coffee
8:30 A.M. - 12:00 Class
12:00 - 12:30 Lunch
12:30 - 4:00 P.M. Class
4:00 - 4:30 P.M. Closing Worship

The cost of the training event is \$30 per student to cover mailings, books, handouts, and meal.
Call the office for Registration Forms.

Budget

Needed to Date \$80,649.06 Received to Date \$77,621.66

Endowment Fund

Total Cash Received: \$287,253.79

Sunday, February 25, 2018

District Laity Conference -North

First UMC, Lexington

2pm-6pm

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dan Pezet,

WNCC Director of Congregational Development

Although the first shipment of 102 adult gowns, 12 youth gowns, 14 jams and 27 pillowcase dresses for the Dominican Republic medical mission trip in March has shipped, the Martha group will still meet on Tuesday, February 20, at 9:00 am in the FLC conference room to work on projects. We have been using funds donated by Central's SS classes and used bed linens from Central members to make the gowns. After this year's shipment, we are out of material. Please contact any member of the Martha Group: Emily Matkins, Lisa King, Kaye Rich, Becky Hughes, Imogene Bulla, Sara Baker, Kathryn Barrett, Melissa Cox or Mary Lee Hartley if you have linens you no longer need or if your SS class would like to make a donation. Following is a note from Tammie Walker "Would like to say thank you so much to all of you who helped make this possible for the DR!!! They are Great."



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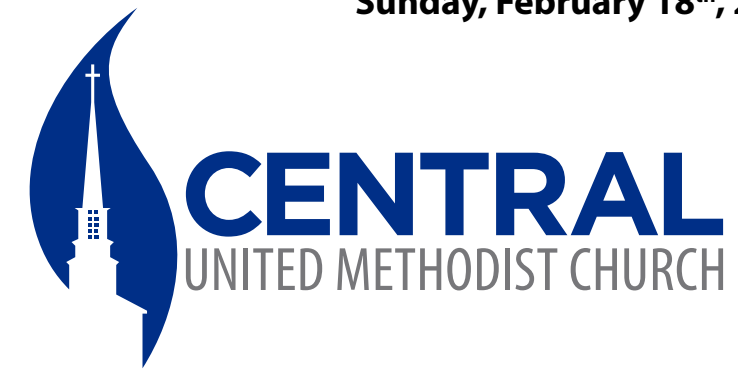
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CENTRAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.

Hospitality As A Means Of Incarnating The Gospel (Part 2)

Last week I wrote about the need for today's church to raise our level of hospitality in order to reach the increasingly indifferent and disconnected unchurched people in our world. In this second installment I would like to highlight some of the best practices that I think will better enable us to be effective in hospitality.

Jesus gives us a clear picture of what hospitality looks like in His mind with these familiar words from the Gospel of Matthew:
³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothed You? ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' {Matthew 25:34-40}

According to Jesus, hospitality is treating other people the way we would treat Jesus Himself; or treating everyone we encounter as if they were Jesus incognito!

Here are some of the ways we can do this:

1) Parking lot greeters: Every major church event would benefit from having servers in the parking lot to help folks find the best parking space to suit their need (small children, special needs, mobility issues, etc.)

2) Outside greeters: I have learned the importance of this from our own Jerry Raines. This helps people find the "right" door. Not everyone who shows up knows the best entrance. These folks look for ways to assist people as they arrive (maybe with an umbrella on a rainy day).

3) Inside greeters: I love how Central UMC does this! We have people at all the main entrances leading in to our sanctuary on Sunday and they are staffed with the warmest and friendliest people. They are vital to our ministry of hospitality!

4) Ushers: Central UMC has great ushers! I have seen them seating people, welcoming people, and providing good first impressions. They look people in the eye and smile. They say "good morning" and "welcome." They provide bulletins and special handouts. They demonstrate the love of Jesus in tangible and practical ways.

These are some of the best practices I see in offering hospitality. Added to these will be a Sunday security plan that a number of our leaders are currently working to complete. I expect they will be ready to fully implement this in 2018.

I have a few more ideas about hospitality that I want to share with you so check here next week for Part 3.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday February 18th 2018 First Sunday in Lent 8:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Heather Cagle
 WORSHIP SONGS "From the Inside Out"
 "And All the People Said Amen" Praise Team
 TIME OF GREETING Heather Cagle
 TIME OF THANKSGIVING
 PRAYER
 STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Ephesians 2: 8-10 Pastor J.F.
⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
 GIVING OF GIFTS
 OFFERTORY SPECIAL "Even If" Praise Team
 SCRIPTURE Philippians 4: 4 -13(See insert)
 MESSAGE The Choice To Rejoice Pastor J.F.
 SERIES: HAPPY YOU YEAR!
 CLOSING SONG "Jesus, He Loves 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 Heather Cagle

USHERS 8:45 AM
 Tammie Walker, Tim Dunn,
 Ross & Debbie Reaves

GREETERS 8:45 AM -
 Jim & Wendy Kinlaw

USHERS 11:00 AM
CHAIRMAN – Dee Bulla
Captain – Hal Powell, Jerry Little, Ray Hargett
 Bill McAnulty, Dean Lail, Tony Pugh,
 Boyd Thomas, Tom Allred

GREETERS 11:00 AM - Frank Lamb, Becky Hughes, Delette Self, Nancy Hardin

NETworX for Hope Randolph

is having a Spaghetti Supper & BINGO night to help raise funds for programming!



When: **Saturday, February 24th** – starting at 5:00.

Where: CUMC Family Life Center

Tickets are \$10.00 per adult; \$6.00 for children 10 & under

Bingo cards will be sold at the door separately.

To purchase tickets, contact Peter Brisley at 336-302-4093

or come by the church office. If you would like to donate an item for the Bingo

prizes please see Peter Brisley, Vickie Moss, Kristy Priest, Kellie Garcia, or Angie Kern!

Thank you!

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday February 18th 2018 First Sunday in Lent 11:00 AM

PRELUDE Joy Menius
 THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR
 CALL TO WORSHIP
 WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Heather Cagle
 *HYMN OF PRAISE "Come Thou Almighty King" #61 (UMH)
 *MISSION STATEMENT (In Unison)
*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 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*
 *(Universal Church)
 *THE GLORIA PATRI #70(UMH)
 *A TIME OF GREETING Heather Cagle
 STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Ephesians 2: 8-10 Pastor J. F.
⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
 * 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 "Love of Jesus Medley" arr. Russell Mauldin
 Includes "More About Jesus" and "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"
 More about Jesus would I know, more of His grace to other show,
 More of His saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me.
 More about Jesus let me learn, more of His holy will discern,
 Spirit of God my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me,
 More of His saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me.
 His love reaches to the highest mountain. It flows to the lowest valley.
 Oh, the blood that gives me strength from day to day,
 it will never lose its pow'r.
 The blood that Jesus shed for me, way back on Calvary,
 the blood that gives me strength from day to day,
 it will never lose its pow'r.

*Children leave for Children's Church

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4: 4-13(See insert)
 MESSAGE The Choice To Rejoice Pastor J.F.
 SERIES: HAPPY YOU YEAR!
 *HYMN OF RESPONSE "Spirit Song" #347 (UMH)
 AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
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 *CLOSING PRAYER
 *POSTLUDE

*Congregation please stand if you are able

Sincere Sympathy from the Staff & Congregation to Sandra Grant and family at the passing of here sister Shirley Labohm-Serio on January 26th, 2018.

Sincere Sympathy from the Staff & Congregation to Irene Allen and family at the passing of Irene's sister Helen Spillman on February 6th, 2018.

Sincere Sympathy from the Staff & Congregation to Richard Jurgensen & family at the passing of Carmen Jurgensen on Friday, February 9th, 2018.



Memorials & Gifts

ENDOWMENT FUND

In Memory of Warren & Harriet Yeatts
In Memory of Brady & Billie Kinlaw
 By Jim & Wendy Kinlaw

WISDOM KEEPERS

In Memory of Marizelle Strider
 By Sidney & Kay Craven

BUILDING FUND

In Honor of Mark Trollinger
 By Charles & Jaci Betts
In Memory of Carmen Jurgensen
 By Boyce & Betty Asbill

CHAPEL RENOVATION FUND

In Memory of Shirley Labohm-Serio
 By Christian Homemakers
 By Nancy Hardin
In Memory of Carmen Jurgensen
 By Jim & Pat Pittillo
In Memory of Marizelle Strider
 By Nancy Hardin

CHOIR FUND

In Memory of Carmen Jurgensen
 By Boyd & Linda Thomas
In Memory of Helen Spillman
 By Boyd & Linda Thomas



February

- 19 Zhifen Lane
Judy Phillips
Lori Anne Strickland
- 20 Rebecca Briles
Kay Forester
- 21 George Fleetwood
Josh Hall
Angi Morton
Aaron Pugh
- 22 Braydon Jurgensen
- 23 Henry Bryant
Betty Pugh
- 24 Riley Clark
Michael R. King
Haley Pugh
Jack Ragland
Rosiland Walker
Annah Wells



HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

CUMC Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th
 8:45 AM – Contemporary Worship
 9:45 AM – Sunday School
 11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
 6:00 PM – MYF
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th
 1:00 PM – Chair Chicks
 5:00 PM – Volleyball
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th
 5:45 PM – Pilates
 6:00 PM – NETWORX
 7:00 PM – Open Gym
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
 10:00 AM – Wednesday Morning Prayer
 1:00 PM – Chair Chicks
 5:30 PM – Welcome Table / Bible Study
 6:30 PM – Hand Bells
 7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd
 6:30 PM – Stephen Ministry
 7:00 PM – Open Gym
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th
 7:30 AM – Men's Coffee Break @ The Table
 4:00 PM – NetworX Bingo Fundraiser



Welcome Table and Bible Study
 Wednesday, February 21st at 5:30pm
 Menu: Chicken w/ Rice, Glazed Carrots,
 Roll, Desserts & Beverage
 Pick up a card in the Narthex