

CUMC DaySchool



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! A sign-up sheet for donations is available in the narthex

Children & Family Ministries

Eat, Pray, Serve – On Wednesday, March 7th, the children will be making place mats for Meals on Wheels to distribute with the food. The children will draw artwork and use words to encourage the recipients of the placements. The place mats will be laminated so that the recipient can display and use their placement mat over and over, as a constant reminder that Jesus loves them! Please join us in prayer, that these place mats end up with folks in need of this daily reminder!

Camp Weaver – On Saturday, April 21st, we are headed to Camp Weaver in Greensboro, NC for a day of camp fun. We will engage in lots of fun activities... archery, arts & craft, the climbing tower, the nature center, etc. The cost for the day is \$25.00 and your child will need to pack a lunch; scholarship assistance is available if needed. Please let me know if your child is interested in attending this event. The deadline for registration is April 11th.

Easter Fun – Our day of fun will be Saturday, March 31st, 10am-12pm. We will have a devotion, a magic show with Fish the Magish, an egg hunt and a free hotdog meal! Are you willing to donate some candy? If so, you can drop the candy by the church office, or in the plastic tote in the Narthex. Candy will need to be small enough to fit inside of an egg; please avoid, small hard candy that may be unsafe for young children. Please prayerfully consider being part of this event as we reach outside of our walls to show the love of Jesus to our community!

WISH LIST: candy, candy filled Easter eggs, volunteers to help the morning of our Easter event

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!! This is your final reminder!

TEEN X-TREME '18 (LOCK-OUT!): Where can you stay up all night, hang out with friends, eat pizza, play flag football, basketball, indoor soccer, volleyball, video games, bowling & laser tag?!? We will meet at the church at 8:00 PM Friday, March 16th, for this ALL-NIGHT OF NON-STOP FUN! It begins at Proehlfic Park in Greensboro. The cost is ONLY \$10.00! You can be picked up at the church Saturday morning, March 17th, at 6:00 AM! *You need to reserve your spot & pay in advance BY this Sunday, March 4th!!

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, March 7th, for 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: We have our first costume & design meeting this Monday, March 5th, at 6:30 pm. Interested in being a part of our Cast OR Crew??? Please contact Fred @ 302-0624!



Uwharrie District Lay Servant Ministries Classes Central UMC, Asheboro April 7, 2018

"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 \$107,532.28 Received to Date \$100,403.66

Endowment Fund

Total Cash Received: **\$274,613.79 (corrected)**



UMW Subgroup March Meetings

Susannah Wesley-----Monday, March 5th at 1:30pm in the Parlor

Followers-----Tuesday, March 6th at 4:30pm in the FLC/Kitchen
(prepare and serve NetworX Meal)



grass during the summer camp season. If this sounds like a ministry you would enjoy, contact the church office for more information.

2) Does your group want to host a Wednesday meal? All proceeds go directly to your group to advance your ministry and mission! We have dates available Wednesday evenings through April 25th. If your group is interested in participating, call Shirley McNulty at 336-625-4577 for details and availability.

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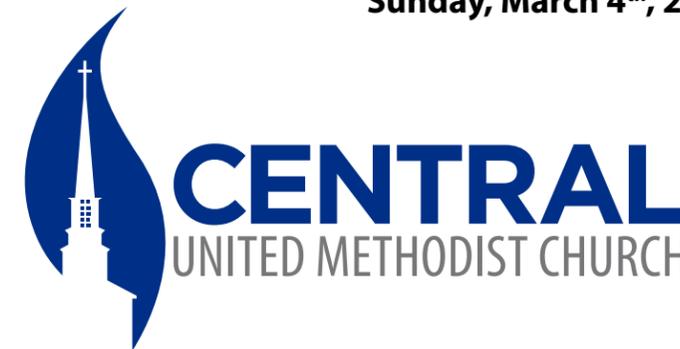
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Sunday, March 4th, 2018



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.

A Reason To Believe

Since I first became a pastor in the 1980's I have always admired the people of Issachar. Do you know them?

In 1 Chronicles 12 the Bible describes them this way:
23 Now these were the numbers of the divisions that were equipped for war, and came to David at Hebron to turn over the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the Lord... 32 of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do... {1 Chronicles 12:23, 32a}

The people of the tribe of Issachar were important to the nation of Israel because "they understood the times" in which they lived, and they "knew what to do."

Whenever I come across these words in the Bible I cannot help but pause and ask, "How about us today? Do we 'understand the times and know what to do?'" Honestly, I am not very optimistic right at the moment. It seems like the culture around us is changing rapidly and those of us in the church are struggling to find a coherent message to offer.

In 2007 a Pew Forum survey discovered that 16.1% of the U.S. population described themselves as "having no religious affiliation." Today these folks are referred to as the "nones." By 2014 the "nones" had grown to 22.8% of the U.S. population. That is an astonishing number! Nearly one out of every four people in our nation have no religious affiliation.

Michael Lipka has drawn some insights about the "rise of the nones":
About half of current religious "nones" who were raised in a religion (49%) indicate that a lack of belief led them to move away from religion. This includes many respondents who mention "science" as the reason they do not believe in religious teachings, including one who said "I'm a scientist now, and I don't believe in miracles." Others reference "common sense," "logic" or a "lack of evidence" – or simply say they do not believe in God.

Apparently, a large number of the "nones" were once raised in religion but over time abandoned their faith because no one helped answer their questions or gave them a reason to believe.

I remember a particular experience of mine with one of these "nones." "Chrissy" had been raised in the church, sang in the praise band, and was the President of the Youth group, before graduating from high school and going off to college. After her freshman year of college she returned home to declare that she no longer believed in God. She wasn't even certain that Jesus had ever actually existed. Apparently when she had gone off to college she had been given reasons not to believe, but in all the years before, her church had never given her reasons to believe.

For us to reach the "Chrissy's" today, the church (that means you and me) is going to have to up our game. I think what the spirit of "Issachar" looks like today is something similar to the encounter between the Apostle Paul and Lydia that is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles:

13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. 14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. {Acts 16:13-14}

Notice the four key ingredients to this event:

- 1) someone talking (Paul)
- 2) something spoken (gospel)
- 3) someone listening (Lydia)
- 4) the Lord opening the heart

The "Chrissy's" of today need to hear people like you and me who will speak to them a message of the gospel, and trust the Spirit of God to open their heart to receive the transforming love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Are you willing to be one of those people?

Pastor J.F.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday March 4 th 2018	Third Sunday in Lent	8:45AM
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Heather Cagle
WORSHIP SONGS		"Hosanna" "Old Church Choir"
TIME OF GREETING		Praise Team Heather Cagle
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		Fred Huffstetler
PRAYER		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT		Exodus 35:4-5 Pastor J.F.
<p>⁴ And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying: ⁵ Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord: gold, silver, and bronze.</p>		
GIVING OF GIFTS		
OFFERTORY SPECIAL		"Diamonds" Praise Team
SCRIPTURE		Matthew 12:38-4; Matthew 16:21 (See insert)
MESSAGE		Don't Miss The Sign! Pastor J.F.
SERIES:		Stepping Stone or Stumbling Block
CLOSING SONG		"Amazing Love" Praise Team
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>		
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Fred Huffstetler

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

GREETERS 8:45 AM -
Kathy Norris & Judy Oliver

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 - Jerry Tugwell, Wanda Tatum, Peter Brisley,
Mary Lynn Brisley, Kaye Rich, Becky Cooper

ATTENTION SENIORS!

We are now taking reservations for our March 17th trip to Narroway Dinner Theater in Fort Mill, S.C. to witness their moving presentation of "The Fourth Cross" and enjoy a delicious, authentic Biblical meal. The \$35.00 registration fee includes transportation, show, and meal. We have reserved 30 tickets so get your reservation in quickly. Registration ends March 2nd. Extra information and registration forms are in the Good Times box in the office area.

"Experience the 'Wisdom Keeper's' Difference and have a GOOD TIME!"



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday March 4 th 2018	Third Sunday in Lent	11:00 AM
PRELUDE		Joy Menius
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
CALL TO WORSHIP		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Fred Huffstetler
*HYMN OF PRAISE		"How Great Thou Art" #77 (UMH)
*MISSION STATEMENT (In Unison)		
<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		Fred Huffstetler
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT		Exodus 35:4-5 Pastor J. F.
<p>⁴ And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying: ⁵ Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord: gold, silver, and bronze.</p>		
* OFFERTORY		
DOXOLOGY		#95(UMH)
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		Heather Cagle
PRAYER FOR OTHERS		
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 "God Will Make A Way" Moen/Schram
God will make a way where there seems to be no way.
He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me.
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side,
With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way.
He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
What e'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me.
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.
He leadeth me, O blessed thought! He will make a way.

*Children leave for Children's Church

SCRIPTURE Matthew 12:38-4; Matthew 16:21 (See insert)
MESSAGE Don't Miss The Sign! Pastor J.F.
SERIES: Stepping Stone or Stumbling Block
*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Take Time To Be Holy" #395(UMH)
AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
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*CLOSING PRAYER
*POSTLUDE *Congregation please stand if you are able

BUILDING FUND *Memorials & Gifts* ENDOWMENT FUND

In Memory of Carmen Jurgensen
By Bill & Phyllis Bizzell
By Randy & Cynthia Allen
By Jerry & Donna Tugwell
By Norma Connell
In Memory of Helen Spillman
By Charles & Jaci Betts
By Norma Connell
In Memory of Shirley Labohm-Serio
By Jerry & Wanda Bowman

In Memory of Carmen Jurgensen
By Pastor J.F. & Kari Howard
By Charles & Susan Swiers
By Gary & Marcia Parks
In Memory of Helen Spillman
By Rebecca Hughes

STEPHEN MINISTRY FUND

In Memory of Carmen Jurgensen
By Talmadge & Sara Baker
In Memory of Shirley Labohm-Serio
By Talmadge & Sara Baker



March

- 04 Jessie Kozlow Nowak
Kylie Jurgensen
- 05 Bernard Miller
Kay Craven
Linda Vuncannon
Cookie Baynes
- 06 Brian Hayworth
James Millikan
Mandee Pritchard
- 08 Richard Pugh
Michael King Jr.
Benjamin Nichols
Joanne Moffitt
- 09 Lauren Barrett Lelewski
Derrick Grantham
Sandy Jones



HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

CUMC Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, MARCH 4th
8:45 AM – Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
6:00 PM – MYF

MONDAY, MARCH 5th

1:00 PM – Chair Chicks
5:00 PM – Volleyball

TUESDAY, MARCH 6th

5:45 PM – Pilates
6:00 PM – NETWORX
6:00 PM – Permanent Endowment
7:00 PM – Open Gym

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7th

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, MARCH 8th

5:30 PM – Staff Parish
7:00 PM – Open Gym

FRIDAY, MARCH 9th

6:30 PM – Stephen Ministry

SATURDAY, MARCH 10th

7:30 AM – Men's Coffee Break @ The Table
8:00 AM – Stephen Ministry



Welcome Table and Bible Study
Wednesday, March 7th at 5:30pm
Menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fixin's
Desserts & Beverage
Pick up a card in the Narthex



Get your flower beds and landscaping ready with good quality, long leaf pine needles! **Boy Scout Troop 527** is selling, delivering, and spreading pine needle bales starting February 1 through the month of April. Pick up your own bales for \$5.00/bale; have the scouts deliver your bales for \$6.00/bale (within 5 mile radius); or have the scouts deliver and spread the bales for \$7./ bale (10 bale minimum for delivery and/or installation). Orders can be placed with any Troop 527 Scout, or contact Pauline McKee at 336-328-5507. All of the proceeds help support future camping adventures, trips and equipment for Troop 527 Scouts. All orders need to be prepaid. Deliveries and spreading will be scheduled for Saturday March 24, and April 14 . On-site pick-up dates are Saturday, March 24 and April 14 at the Bossong Hosiery Mills parking lot