

ISAIAH 43:18-10 NIV

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in
the wasteland.

Wishing all a very blessed 2019!

STEWARDSHIP –DECEMBER 23, 2018

GIVING

Budget
Weekly Need \$ 7,204.86
Given \$ 12,520.00
Behind \$ 2,803.68

ATTENDANCE

CentTered 79
Worship Service 235
Total 314
Sunday School 165

Other Funds

Mission Team Fund \$ 120.00 Youth Mission Trip \$ 145.00
Pastoral Staff Bonuses \$ 848.00

Center United Methodist Church

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**Center United Methodist Church
Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor
Combined Worship Service
December 30, 2018**

10:30 AM

Nursery with pagers available

Prelude	Marty Stanbery
Greeting and Announcements	Tim Williams, Lay Leader
Call to Worship	Marty Stanbery
PRESENTATION of the LIGHT of CHRIST	Isabelle Johnson
The Gift of God's HOLY WORD	Nate Johnson
The Marvelous CROSS of CHRIST	Sophia Johnson
*GREETING and SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST	The People
*HYMN NO. 220 <i>"Angels from the Realms of Glory"</i>	Molly Long
Please Bring Crisis Ministry Cash Offering to the Altar	
Registration of Attendance	
Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER	
VOICES OF THE CHILDREN <i>"A Wondrous Birth"</i> Children's Choir (Soloist, Lilly Leonard)	
CHILDREN'S TIME	Margaret Story
Following Children's Time, children K-2 nd grade may go to Children's Church	
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY <i>"A Time of Hope, A Time of Peace"</i>	Chancel Choir
*HYMN NO. 254 <i>"We Three Kings"</i>	Molly Long
*The Reading of the Word	Rev. Mitch Wilson
The Preaching of the Word	Rev. Mitch Wilson
*HYMN of COMMITMENT NO. 245 <i>"The First Noel"</i>	Molly Long
The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn	
*CHRIST'S LIGHT and CROSS of CHRIST GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD	Isabelle Johnson and Sophia Johnson
*BLESSING	Rev. Mitch Wilson
*POSTLUDE	Marty Stanbery

*Congregation Stands

WELCOME

We welcome you to our church! If you are a guest, we are especially glad you are here and ask that you give your name, address, and phone number by filling out a Visitor's Card found on the back of each pew and placing it in the offering plate as it is passed. If you do not have a church home, we cordially invite you to share in the life of this congregation.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

GREETERS	USHERS
Today – Clifton and Lynda Beck Mike and Kim Craver	Today – Charlie Minter (Head) Tony Leonard, Rod Loflin, Steve Long, Jason Martin
Next Sunday – Mardie Broadway & Libby Michael Tim and Debbie Williams	Next Sunday – Rocky Hedrick (Head) Jeff McCrary, Jeff Mendenhall, Richard Mendenhall, Chris Michael
ACOLYTE	INFANT NURSERY
Today – Isabelle Johnson Next Sunday – Autumn Johnson	Today – Parenting Nursery Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery
BIBLE BEARER	TODDLER NURSERY
Today – Nate Johnson Next Sunday – Gracie Black	Today – Dawn Essick and Danielle Herron Next Sunday – Debbie Wood & Reida Snyder
CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Today – Sophia Johnson Next Sunday – Gracin Hill	Today – Angie Leonard & Mitzi Tesh Next Sunday – Wendy Talley and Danielle Herron
CHILDREN'S TIME	EARLY SERVICE NURSERY
Today – Margaret Story Next Sunday – Richard Bates	Today – Tess McCrary Warren Next Sunday – Dawn Essick
DOORSTEP VISITATION	SAFE SANCTUARY
Today – Ed and Becky Wassum Next Sunday – Lanny and Vicki Sink	Children remain in the Sanctuary during Worship or with our trained teachers in Children's Church. Children are not permitted to sit in empty classrooms or roam the hall without adult supervision.
MISSION OFFERINGS	
First Sunday - Community Mission Offering	
Second Sunday - Macaroni & Cheese and Sugar Offering	
Third & Fourth Sundays - Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center	
Fifth Sunday – Crisis Ministry Cash Offering	

RECENT JOYS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

- For all who attended the Christmas Eve Candle Light Services and all who participated in these services to the Glory of God.
- For the bags of fruit and candy given to each family who attended last Sunday. This was done in memory of Bud Hayes by his loving family.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES!

- Dan and Shannon Maloy (with CRU on College Campuses in the low country) – Thank you for all the ways you empower our ministry and care for our family. We are grateful for you! Please visit the church website and enjoy a few recent photos of our family. We will be resuming our normal ministry communications at the end of the month. Please pray for us to see more students sign up and join us at our Winter Conference December 28-January 1.
- Josh and Kristie Aberle – Thank you so much for your love and support over the last year! We are so excited to reconnect with many of you over the next few months and are so grateful for your partnership in reaching the B people and other unreached peoples of SE Asia. Please be in prayer for our family during this transition to another area in SE Asia and for all the logistics involved in this international move involving three different countries.
- Dustin and Faith Minter – Prayers that we can learn and grow together as a team and all be known by His love throughout Bitola, Macedonia. Prayers for our continued transition of moving to another country, language and cultural acquisition and that God's peace extends to all borders around us and no matter what the decision around the name change is – that His love is known.

On Going Prayer Concerns for December 30:

- Bob Wagner
- Elwood Blackmon
- Brian Grubb (Joy Jones's Brother)
- Kim Dorton
- Marlene Wood
- Margaret Story
- Randy Story
- Kathy Kepley – Home
- Rick Moser
- Katy Culler
- Nancy Lanier
- Jerry (Doc) Cecil (Rita Wood's Brother)
- Kitty Minter
- Jean Teague (Martha Varner's Sister)
- Chris Briggs (Wayne Briggs's Brother)
- Bryan Martin (Donna Muraco's Son-in-Law)
- Mark Connell (Faye Sambleson's Brother)
- Paul Stevens (Steve and Molly Long's Friend)

A PINK ROSEBUD:

A pink rosebud is placed on the side altar today to celebrate the birth of River Mae Tidwell on Monday, December 24, to Chris and Stephanie Tidwell. Her big brother is Ryder Lee Tidwell and her grandparents are Wayne and Reida Snyder and Rick and Sarah Tidwell. Her great grandmother is Ann Clodfelter.

PLEASE NOTE ALL UNCLAIMED ITEMS:

Unclaimed items left in the Christian Fellowship Center are under the tables across from stoves: crock pots, casserole dishes, plates and containers. Please check to see if any items belong to you. Unclaimed coats left in the CFC for a year or longer are in a box in the CFC coat closet.

SHUT-INS AT HOME

Ann Clodfelter
Dot Craver
Mozelle Koontz
Sherry Lanier

Charles and Bonnie Minter
Bruce and Betty Regan
Treavie Weaver

REST HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

Marian Funderburk – Arbor Acres
Don Grubb – Grayson Creek, Room 203
Joy Jones – Patriot Living
Tony Koontz – Spring Arbor, Room 204
Bill Lanier – Brookdale Lexington, 161 Young Drive, Room 409, Lexington, NC 27292
Nancy Marlow (Lisa Bates' Mother)

IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Kepley

Aaron Lineberry

THE FLOWER CALENDAR

Please fill in the Sundays you will be putting flowers on the Altar. The information for the Sunday bulletin should be given to Joyce Rector by email cumcw.aa@gmail.com, by note or by phone (336-731-6616) the week before the flowers are to be placed in the church.

2019 CALENDAR IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD!
Let's get off to a good start for 2019 with filling in dates for Sundays now! Thanks a lot!

Your help in this ministry is most appreciated.

DAILY UPDATES

Please check e-news for updates on joys, concerns, and announcements. If you do not receive daily e-news, contact Henrietta Hayes to be added at hhayes.eneews@gmail.com or cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com

**SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE
WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 AM**

THIS WEEK AT CENTER

Sunday (December 30)–Combined Service

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Youth
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Monday (December 31)-New Year's Eve

Tuesday (January 1)- New Year's Day Office Closed

Wednesday (January 2)

6:00 PM Praise Team
6:30 PM Youth (MoJoe's)
6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday (January 5)

11:00 AM-8:00 PM Stephanie Tidwell (CFC)
12-5:00 PM Deana Tiller (FH)

Next Sunday (January 6)

7:30 AM UMM (CFC)
8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Youth Council Meeting
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

2019 GIVING ENVELOPES

Be sure to pick up your 2019 giving envelopes located in the Narthex if you have not done so already. Please begin using them next week.

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

1 Chronicles 29:14 | NIV

MEMORY AND HONOR

In Memory of Max Leonard

Budget Fund
Barbara Alley
Ed and Becky Wassum

In Honor of Kim Dorton

Budget Fund
Good Will Sunday School Class

In Honor of the Margaret Story

Budget Fund
Good Will Sunday School Class

SPREADING WARMTH AND LOVE

Puerto Rico Mission Trip will be here soon. Please consider taking an envelope from the display board and donating to this cause. Our youth are excited to be able to spread the love of God through this ministry.

Due to snow and other changes, the display will be up until January 13. All donations can be placed in the offering plate in the envelopes provided.



JAMAICA TEAM COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The Jamaica Team will be commissioned on Sunday, January 13, in the 11:00 Worship Service. Those being commissioned are as follows: Scottie Anderson, Mike & Kim Craver, Meena Evans, Steve Long, Chris Michael, Charlie Minter, Heather Noel, Karen Stutzman & Aaron Whitfield. They will leave January 16 and return January 30. They will be working at Bethuel Methodist Church in Grateful Hill, Jamaica. Let's be sure to keep them in our prayers.

CPR & First Aid Training Saturday, January 12, at 9:00 AM

American Heritage Girls Troop NC2911 is sponsoring CPR/First Aid training on Saturday, January 12, at 9:00 AM. (It will run at least to 12 Noon) This event is open to church members and to the community at large so please spread the word. Cost is \$50.00 and pre-registration is required. To register or for questions, please contact Charlotte Crofts at chcrofts@wakehealth.edu or 336-816-2369.



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD: DELEGATION LISTENING SESSION!

The Western North Carolina Conference General Conference Delegation invites you to join them at a "Make Your Voice Heard, Delegation Listening Session". Two opportunities are available and will be identical so you can register for the one that you prefer: Saturday, January 5, at First UMC, 200 N. King St., Morganton from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or Sunday, January 6, at First UMC, 217 S. Church Street, Salisbury from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The time together will include overview information, covenant, and Q&A; table conversations with delegation members at each table; personal statements by participants; and commissioning of the delegation. Delegation members will be present and available around tables to participate in discussion and hear your perspectives.