

TODAY IS GIDEON SUNDAY

Today is Gideon Sunday and the guest speaker for both the CenTered Service and the 11:00 Worship Service is Fred Hege. Please take time to read the insert in today's bulletin to learn more about how the sharing of God's Word can transform lives.



STEWARDSHIP –APRIL 15, 2018

GIVING

Budget

Weekly Need	\$ 7,204.86
Given	\$ 9,242.00
Behind	\$ 2,614.79

Other Funds

Non-Cash	\$ 133.90
Prom	\$ 250.00

ATTENDANCE

CenTered Service	59
Traditional Worship	171
Total Worship	230
Sunday School	170

Community Mission Fund	\$ 50.00
Youth Fund	\$402.00

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Center United Methodist Church

Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor

Gideon Sunday

April 22, 2018

11:00 AM

Nursery with pagers available

Greetings and Announcements
Prelude

Tim Williams, Lay Leader
Bethany Burgess

Lighting of the Christ Candles
Presentation of God's Holy Word
Entering of the Cross of Christ

Danielle Shillinglaw
Connor Talley
Amelia Brinkley

***Greeting with the Love of Christ**

The People

Greet those sitting nearest to you in Love – especially those you do not know!

***Hymn No. 89**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Bud Sink

Bring Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center Offering to the Altar

Acknowledging Attendance: Pew Pads and First Time Attendants

Voices of the Children *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”* Soloist, Gentry Smith Children's Choir

Children's Time

Steve Long

Following Children's Time, children K-2nd grade may go to Children's Church

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“In the Twinkling of an Eye”

Chancel Choir

***Hymn No. 601**

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

Bud Sink

Gideon Testimony

Fred Hege, Gideon Speaker

***Hymn of Dedication No. 600**

“Wonderful Words of Life”

Bud Sink

The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn

***Christ's Light and Cross into the World**

Danielle Shillinglaw and Amelia Brinkley

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Postlude**

Bethany Burgess

*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

Today – Clifton and Lynda Beck

Mike and Kim Craver

Next Sunday – Charles and Vickey Kepley

Gray and Barbara Boger

ACOLYTE

Today – Danielle Shillinglaw

Next Sunday – Amelia Brinkley

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Connor Talley

Next Sunday – Graylin Snyder

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Amelia Brinkley

Next Sunday – Lynlee Brinkley

CHILDREN'S TIME

Today – Steve Long

Next Sunday – Beth Leonard

DOORSTEP VISITATION

Today – Tommy and Diane Henderson

Next Sunday – Clifton and Lynda Beck

SAFE SANCTUARY

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**

Audio CDs of the worship service are available at the mailboxes in the hallway.

USHERS

Today – Kent Nifong (Head)

Kenneth Leonard, Mike Leonard,

Tad Leonard, Tony Leonard

Next Sunday – Kent Nifong (Head)

Rod Loflin, Steve Long,

Jason Martin, Jeff McCrary

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery

Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Ashley Snyder & Angie Leonard

Next Sunday – Joseph Talley & Angie Leonard

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today – Ruby Combs & Glenda Stabler

Next Sunday – Angie Leonard & Mitzi Tesh

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Wendy Talley

Next Sunday – Tess McCrary

Joys and Concerns for April 22

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are placed in the church today to the Glory of God and in honor of Dot Craver's 90th birthday today by her family.

IMPORTANT LUNCH AND LEARN

THURSDAY, MAY 10 AT 11:30 AM IN FH

On May 10th at 11:30 AM (Thursday), the Health and Wellness team will be hosting a lunch and learn with our guest speaker, Angela Nicholson from Hospice. She will be addressing Hospice care and care giving. Don't miss this opportunity for a great lunch and information to help us all. We all will one day either need a caregiver or be a caregiver for a loved one. Don't miss this important opportunity to lunch and learn!

Please reserve your spot by calling Karen Tysinger at 336-250-6398

Attention Parents:

Due to the lack of participation, the children's ministry has decided to turn the infant nursery (ages: birth to 2 years old) into a "Parenting" nursery. This nursery will remain open during the traditional service but will no longer have volunteers helping. Instead, parents should stay with their children. This will allow quiet feeding opportunities. There is also a television placed in the room so parents will be able to watch the service. The volunteers previously in this nursery will now transfer into the toddler nursery (Age: 3-4 years old). We are still in need of volunteers for the toddler nursery. Please pray about becoming a volunteer with our children. It's a wonderful way to bring your spiritual influence into their lives. Please see Angie Leonard with any questions. And thank you to all those who volunteer!

Friday, April 27, Steam Source will be cleaning the CFC carpet and the carpeted classrooms upstairs and down along the stair steps and hallway. It would be a big help for classroom members to set small items, boxes, trash cans, etc. up off the floor, and chairs on top of tables in some rooms. If you can do this **Sunday morning (4/22/18)** after class, it will help the cleaning crew. Otherwise it will not be moved. Any questions, you can speak with Gayle Nifong.

Prayer Concerns and Updates

- Dan and Shannon Maloy – Prayer for recruiting efforts to upcoming conferences and mission trips that will help the students grow in their faith and ministry skills
- Josh and Kristie Aberle – Prayers for their serving God in their village and for their new baby
- Roger Berrier – Recovering from artery bypass surgery in his leg last week
- Brian Grubb (Don Grubb's Son) – Awaiting defibrillator surgery
- Bill Minter – Recovering at home from surgery to remove his gall bladder and appendix
- Richard Mendenhall – Recovering at home from insertion of a pacemaker
- Maggie Burleson (Charles Richardson's great, great niece) - Maggie is 19 months old and is diagnosed with cancer and being treated at St. Jude's Hospital
- Jean Teague (Martha Varner's Sister) – Diagnosed with a tumor in her left lung
- June Smith – Continuing to improve
- Lois Weaver – Recovering from shingles
- Dot Craver – Continuing to improve at home
- Brenda Leonard – Continuing to improve at home
- Katy Culler – Continued prayers for severe blockage of carotid arteries and surgery not an option
- Bob and Crissy Wagner – Home health care needs
- Chris Briggs (Wayne Briggs's Brother) - Cancer has returned
- Laura Cecil Laws (Gina Wimmer Cecil's Daughter and Bob Wimmer's Granddaughter) – Recovering at mother's home (Gina)
- Diane Whitley – (Don's wife) Please remember her and Don in prayer as she struggles with ongoing health issues
- Bill and Pansy Trantham (Per Barbara Kesler) – Health concerns and aging
- Elinor Jones (Patti Miller's Mother) – Receiving Hospice Care
- Bryan Martin (Donna Muraco's Son-in-Law) – Dialysis and waiting on kidney transplant
- Mark Connell (Faye Sambleson's Brother) – Still undergoing chemo
- Paul Stevens (Steve and Molly Long's Friend) – Return of cancer and undergoing chemo

SHUT-INS AT HOME

- Ann Clodfelter
- Dot Craver
- Mozelle Koontz
- Bill & Sherry Lanier
- Betty Laws
- Charles and Bonnie Minter, 199 Heritage Drive, Lexington, NC 27295
- Bruce and Betty Regan
- Treavie Weaver

REST HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

- Marian Funderburk – Arbor Acres
- Don Grubb – Grayson Creek, Room 203
- Joy Jones - Elkin Assisted Living, Room 121
- Tony Koontz – Spring Arbor, Room 204
- June Smith – Piedmont Crossing Retirement, Room 330

IN THE MILITARY

- Aaron Kepley
- Aaron Lineberry

NOTE: Please fill out a "Prayer Request" card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate or into the pastor's hand.

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.enevs@gmail.com or cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com

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

THE FLOWER CALENDAR HAS LOTS OF BLANK SUNDAYS

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.

THIS WEEK AT CENTER

Sunday (April 22)-Gideon Sunday

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC) –Gideon Speaker
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service-Gideon Speaker
12-6:00 PM Alison Brinkley’s Wedding Shower (CFC)
5:00 PM Evangelism Meeting (Sign In Room)
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
7:00 PM High School Graduate Parent Meeting (FH)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Monday (April 23)

12-9:00 PM Youth Fund Raiser (CFC)
2-5:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC-Kitchen)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday (April 24)

3-9:00 PM Pickin’ & Grinnin’ Set Up & Practice (CFC)
6:00 PM Threads of Love (FH)

Wednesday (April 25)

5:30 PM Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)
6:30 PM Youth (MoJoe Coffee House)
6:30 PM Children’s Choir Practice
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice
7:00 PM Trustee Meeting (FH)

Thursday (April 26)

3-6:00 PM Pickin’ & Grinnin’ Set Up (CFC)
6:00 PM Hot Dog Supper (CFC)
6:15 PM American Heritage Girls (FH)
7:00 PM Pickin’ & Grinnin’ (CFC)

Friday (April 27)

All Day Steam Clean Cleaning Carpets CFC and Classrooms

Saturday (April 28)

12-9:00P AM Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (CFC)

Next Sunday (April 29)

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
12-4:00 PM Angie Leonard (FH)
5:00 PM Confirmation Class (FH)
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Attention HS Graduate Parents:

There will be a meeting today, April 22 at 7 pm for the parents of the high school graduates in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Jennifer Brinkley if you cannot attend.

EVANGELISM MEETING – APRIL 22

There will be an Evangelism Meeting on today, April 22, at 5:00 PM in the Sign In Room. Please come!

THREADS OF LOVE-APRIL 24

Threads of love will meet Tuesday, April 24, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be working on Fidget Lap quilts for Alzheimer patients and toboggans. Come join us!

ADULT SENIORS-LAKE PARTY THURSDAY-MAY 17

On May 17, the Adult Seniors will have a lake party at the home of Charles and Shirley Richardson on High Rock Lake. Fishing begins at 5PM (jug) and we will have a cookout as well. A signup sheet will be passed around just prior to the event. Be there or be square!!! For more information see Karen Tysinger.

TRUSTEE MEETING

The trustees will meet Wednesday, April 25, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

There are several nice coats and jackets that were left in CFC kitchen coat rack and FH coat rack. ALL THE COATS AND JACKETS left at the church have been placed in the CFC COAT CLOSET (on left). Please check to see if one belongs to you. Most of them are men’s jackets.



Pickin’ & Grinnin’ at Center

Come join us for an evening of Pickin’ & Grinnin’ in the Christian Fellowship Center on

Thursday, April 26, at 7:00 PM

A Hot Dog Meal will be sold for \$5 starting at 6:00 pm

The Offering this month will be given to:

The Arc of Davidson County

Small Stuffed Animals NEEDED FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The American Heritage Girls, the Scouts, and the Youth are teaming up for a great cause! This year, for Operation Christmas Child, the three groups are asking for your help. Each month we are asking for donations of certain items to help fill the boxes. For the month of April we are asking for small stuffed animals for boys or girls that can fit in shoeboxes. We will have a bin at the narthex in the CFC as well as the sanctuary. After receiving the different items each month, we hope to have a large amount of items to be able to pack. In November, we will host a packing night for the entire church to come, fellowship and pack the donated items. Then the Youth will go and deliver all the boxes. Please note: we will still offer boxes for you to take home as well in fall. This is a great opportunity for the scouting programs and the Youth to come together with our church family for a great cause! We will keep you updated monthly on what items are needed next. Thank you for your support and please contact Angie Leonard or Hunter Duncan with any questions.

ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE-SUNDAY MAY 6 - CFC

Our Annual Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, May 6, immediately following the 11:00 church service. Appointment times run from 12:00 to 4:30 PM. We have a goal needing 45 people to donate on this date.

We will have a grilled hot dog meal with all the trimmings for those donating blood. Please be sure to drink a lot of water and liquids the Saturday before so that you will be well hydrated before donating blood.

To register on the internet please visit: redcrossblood.org and select CUMCW 186 for our blood drive OR call Karen Tysinger at 336-250-6398 and I will be happy to enroll you for that date.

Let's get that Christian blood in those blood banks! Karen Tysinger