

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY

Luke 22:39-46 NIV

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

STEWARDSHIP –APRIL 22, 2018

GIVING

Budget

Weekly Need \$ 7,204.86
Given \$ 5,140.00
Behind \$ 4,679.65

Other Funds

Cemetery Fund \$ 150.00

ATTENDANCE

CenTered Service 52
Traditional Worship 166
Total Worship 218
Sunday School 137

Prom \$ 250.00

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Bethany Burgess, Accompanist

Joyce Rector, Administrative Assistant

Center United Methodist Church

Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 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

Amelia Brinkley
Graylin Snyder
Lynlee 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. 327**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Bud Sink

Bring Crisis Ministry Cash Offering to the Altar

Acknowledging Attendance: Pew Pads and First Time Attendants

Voices of the Children

“The Butterfly Song”

Children's Choir

Children's Time

Beth Leonard

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

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision”

Chancel Choir

***Hymn No. 454**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Bud Sink

Reading of the Word

Luke 22:39-46 NIV

Rev. Mitch Wilson

Preaching of the Word

“Our Need for Direction”

Rev. Mitch Wilson

***Hymn of Dedication No. 2152** (The Faith We Sing) *“Change My Heart, O God”* Bud Sink

The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn

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

Amelia Brinkley and Lynlee 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 – Charles and Vickey Kepley
Gray and Barbara Boger

Next Sunday – Gregg and Glenda Stabler
Richard and Terri Bates

ACOLYTE

Today – Amelia Brinkley
Next Sunday – Seth Hutchins

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Graylin Snyder
Next Sunday – Morgan Wood

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Lynlee Brinkley
Next Sunday – Mycah Kepley

CHILDREN'S TIME

Today – Beth Leonard
Next Sunday – Molly Long

DOORSTEP VISITATION

Today – Clifton and Lynda Beck
Next Sunday – Dean and Martha Slabach

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)
Rod Loflin, Steve Long,
Jason Martin, Jeff McCrary
Next Sunday – Tad Leonard (Head)
Jeff Mendenhall, Chris Michael,
Richard Mendenhall, Duff Michael

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery
Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Joseph Talley & Angie Leonard
Next Sunday – Dawn Essick & Wendy Talley

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today – Angie Leonard & Mitzi Tesh
Next Sunday – Wendy Talley & Danielle
Herron

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Tess McCrary
Next Sunday – Dawn Essick

A PINK ROSEBUD:

A pink rosebud is placed on the side altar today to celebrate the birth of Eleanor Jane Shook on Monday, April 23, to Corbin and Kelsey Shook. She weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces.

YOUTH EVENTS

May 5 is Special Needs Prom. Anyone interested in helping can contact Hunter Duncan.

May 12 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Youth will be having a CARWASH at Advanced Auto in Welcome. Please stop by and make a donation and leave with your ride looking shiny and new.



May 18 – 20: Youth 6th–12th grade will be attending CAMP ROCKFISH in Parkton, NC. Cost for active youth and church members is \$60.00. If you want to bring a friend, they will need to pay full price of \$120.00.

Don't forget to join us on Wednesday evenings at Mo Joe Coffee House from 6:30 – 8:00 PM for GROUNDED. Ephesians 3:17 – “and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.”

All events are listed on the calendar. Formal announcements must be given to the church office. Ongoing events will be listed as scheduled unless changes are given to the church office.

Joys and Concerns for April 29

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
- Mary Jane Leonard – Recovering from back surgery
- Roger Berrier – Recovering at home from artery bypass surgery in his leg
- Brian Grubb (Don Grubb's Son) – Awaiting defibrillator surgery
- Kathryn Talley – Recovering from a serious car accident
- 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
- 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 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

Monday (April 30)

2-5:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC-Kitchen)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday (May 1)

12:00 PM Chamber of Commerce (FH)

Wednesday (May 2)

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

Thursday (May 3) - National Day of Prayer

6:15 PM American Heritage Girls (FH)

Friday (May 4)

All Day Set Up for Special Needs Prom (CFC)

Saturday (May 5)

All Day Set Up and Special Needs Prom (CFC)

Next Sunday (May 6) - Communion

7:00 AM UMM (CFC)
8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC) - Communion
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service - Communion
12-4:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive (FH)
3-6:00 PM Children's Day at the Park (Lake-Thom-A-Lex)
4:00 PM Youth Council Meeting (Sign In Room)
5:00 PM Confirmation Class Meal (FH)
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

MEMORY AND HONOR

In Memory of Jack Thrift, Sr.

Budget Fund

Tony and Phyllis Leonard

In Honor of Roger Berrier, Bill Minter, and Mary Jane Leonard

Cemetery Fund

Goodwill Sunday School Class

SUNDAY SERVINGS

The Goodwill Sunday School Class will have Sunday Servings on Sunday, May 20, in the Christian Fellowship Center immediately following the morning worship service. The menu will be announced later. Plan to come eat with your church family.



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.

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

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.

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

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.