

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY

John 15:18-27 NIV

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father as well. If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

STEWARDSHIP –MAY 20, 2018

GIVING

Budget

Weekly Need \$ 7,204.86
Given \$ 6,727.00
Behind \$ 4,665.09

ATTENDANCE

CentTered Service 52
Traditional Worship 206
Total Worship 258
Sunday School 140

Other Funds

Youth Fund	\$ 998.00	Community Mission Fund	\$ 20.00
Bus Fund	\$ 2,000.00	Mission Team Fund	\$ 60.00
Facility Repair	\$ 100.00		

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Rev. Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor

Rev. Edward L. Evans, Jr., Assistant Pastor

Dr. Hunter Duncan, Youth/Young Adult Minister

Marty Stanbery, Accompanist

Joyce Rector, Administrative Assistant

Center United Methodist Church

Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor

Memorial Day

May 27, 2018

11:00 AM

Nursery with pagers available

Greetings and Announcements

Tim Williams, Lay Leader

Prelude

Marty Stanbery

Lighting of the Christ Candles

Hadley Smith

Presentation of God's Holy Word

Chase Fountain

Entering of the Cross of Christ

Nicholas Brauser

***Greeting with the Love of Christ**

The People

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

***Hymn No. 717**

“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Bud Sink

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

Acknowledging Attendance: Pew Pads and First Time Attendants

Memorial Day Remembrance Video

Reida Snyder

Sunday School Showcase

Children

Following Sunday School Showcase, children K-2nd grade may go to Children's Church

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“God Bless the USA”

Smiley Tysinger

***Hymn No. 2158** (The Faith We Sing)

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Bud Sink

Reading of the Word

John 15:18-27

Rev. Mitch Wilson

Preaching of the Word

“A People of the Kingdom for the Kingdom”

Rev. Mitch Wilson

***Hymn of Dedication No. 420**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Bud Sink

The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn

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

Hadley Smith and Nicholas Brauser

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***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

Today – Leroy and Frances Kiger

Carroll and Karen Tysinger

Next Sunday – Butch and Marlene Wood

Alan and Tammy Broadway

ACOLYTE

Today – Hadley Smith

Next Sunday – Gracin Hill

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Chase Fountain

Next Sunday – Colby Williams

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Nicholas Brauser

Next Sunday – Ethan Snyder

CHILDREN'S TIME

Today – Sunday School Showcase

Next Sunday – Anna Shillinglaw

DOORSTEP VISITATION

Today – Jim and Anita Scott

Next Sunday – Robert and Lisa Bates

USHERS

Today – Tad Leonard (Head)

Blake Smith, John Snyder,

Wayne Snyder, Gregg Stabler

Next Sunday – Elwood Blackmon (Head)

Craig Thrift, Jack Thrift,

Britt Wagner, Aaron Whitfield

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery

Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Karri Hollingsworth and

Wendy Talley

Next Sunday – Elizabeth Shillinglaw

and Wendy Talley

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today – Ruby Combs & Glenda Stabler

Next Sunday – Wendy Talley and

Danielle Herron

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Amy Brauser

Next Sunday – Wendy Talley

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.



Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center

Come join us for an evening of Pickin' & Grinnin' in the

Christian Fellowship Center on

Thursday, May 31, 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:
Backpack Program for Welcome School*

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are placed in the church today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Louise Murphy, for her birthday. Denise Dorwart and family

SYMPATHY:

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Dennis Johnson in the passing of his father, Hugh Johnson, on May 22. Please remember Dennis and his family during this time.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

GRADUATES (AND PARENTS)! Sunday, June 3rd is graduation Sunday and we desperately need your survey information. Please go to the church website, <http://centermethodistwelcome.org>

- Go to the Events tab and click on Current Events
- Scroll down and click on Graduate Questionnaire if you have any problems please contact Jennifer Brinkley: prayin4you@gmail.com or Debbie Williams: twilliams28@triad.rr.com

We need this information as soon as possible please. Thank you!!!

Joys and Concerns for May 27

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
- Gerald Wimmer (Bob Wimmer's Son) – Scheduled for esophagus surgery May 29 at Baptist Hospital
- Carroll Tysinger – Recovering from surgery for pain relief
- Becky Wassum – Recovering from recent heart stent placement
- Phillip Dorton – Recovering from recent hernia surgery
- Kim Dorton – Upcoming important liver and kidney tests
- Mary Jane Leonard – Recovering from back surgery
- Roger Berrier – Recovering at home from artery bypass surgery in his leg
- Richard Mendenhall – Recovering at home from insertion of a pacemaker
- Jean Teague (Martha Varner's Sister) – Diagnosed with a tumor in her left lung
- June Smith – Continuing to improve
- 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 – Recovering slowly and continuing rehab
- 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
- 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 (May 27) – Memorial Day Celebration

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service – Sunday School Showcase
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Monday (May 28) – Memorial Day

OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday (May 29)

3-9:00 PM Pickin' & Grinnin' Set Up and Practice (CFC)

Wednesday (May 30)

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 Trustees Meeting (FH)

Thursday (May 31)

4-10:00 PM AHG Father & Daughter Dance & Set Up (FH)
3-6:00 PM P & G Set Up (CFC)
6:00 PM Hot Dog Supper (CFC)
7:00 PM Pickin' & Grinnin' (CFC)

Saturday (June 2)

All Day Set Up for Graduation Banquet (CFC)
2-8:00 PM Rocky Hedrick (FH)
6:00 PM Graduation Banquet (CFC)

Next Sunday (June 3)-Graduation Sunday

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service -Baptism
4:00 PM Youth Council Mtg. (Sign In Room)
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Parent/Guardian Rising 6th Graders

If you have a child who will be a 6th grader for the school year 2018-2019, please contact Deena Tolley (336) 239-0844 or Heather Noel (336) 403-5224 for some exciting information regarding a special event coming up on June 23, 2018. Deadline to sign up is June 10, 2018.

CENTER UMC 2018 SUMMER MISSION TRIP – CAROLINA CROSS CONNECTION

JULY 8 – 14 0 \$50.00

SIGN UP BY JUNE 1!

Dates: July 8-14

Location: South Mountain Camp, Casar, NC

Contact Hunter Duncan by phone or Email if you have any questions or need more information.

hunter.duncan@rocketmail.com

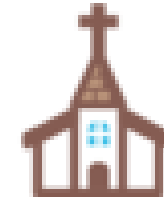
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TRUSTEE MEETING

The trustees will meet Wednesday, May 30, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

GREETERS NEEDED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

We are looking at revising the Greeters List and would like to add some couples to greet our members and guests as they arrive on Sunday mornings. If you or you and your spouse would like to be a part of this important ministry, please get in touch with Karen Tysinger 336-250-6398. Remember it is a rotation list with about 13 at present so presently one would rotate every 13 weeks. If we can add to the list that time to serve could move to 14 or more weeks.



Safe Sanctuary Training Coming Soon!!

Thank you to all those who volunteer with our children and youth. Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and we are in need of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer and have not completed the Safe Sanctuary course/ background check, please contact Angie Leonard. We will be holding 4 Safe Sanctuary training sessions in June at 6:30 PM in the basement. Those dates are June 19, 21, 26 and 28. Please contact me at 336.250.7033 to schedule an appointment. Thank you!

Small Toys and Balls 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 May, we are asking for small toys and balls for boys or girls that can fit in shoeboxes. (Examples are: toy cars, travel games, small balls, small baby dolls, pretend wands, dress up jewelry for girls, etc)

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.

VBS NEEDS CAMP LANTERNS:

VBS is looking for CAMP LANTERNS to borrow or for donation. Oil will need to be removed for use. Remember, VBS is July 15-19. You can PRE-REGISTER to volunteer or attend at:

<https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/CUMCWelcomeNC>

