

**SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: What if everyone was a witness just like me?**

**John 13:31-38 NIV**

When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus replied, “Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.” Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” Then Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!

**STEWARDSHIP –AUGUST 19, 2018**

**GIVING**

**Budget**

Weekly Need	\$	7,204.86
Given	\$	4,456.00
Behind	\$	1,565.96

**ATTENDANCE**

Centred Service	71
Traditional Worship	175
Total Worship	246
Sunday School	175

**Other Funds**

Kitchen	\$	250.00	Community Mission Fund	\$ 25.00
Youth Fund	\$	85.00	Non-Cash	\$651.23

# Center United Methodist Church

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***SEEK - LEARN - FULFILL - SHARE***

# Center United Methodist Church

Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor  
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 26, 2018

11:00 AM

Nursery with pagers available

Greeting and Announcements

Tim Williams, Lay Leader

Prelude

Marty Stanbery

Lighting of the Christ Candles

Isabelle Johnson

Presentation of God's Holy Word

Morgan Wood

Entering of the Cross of Christ

Lilly Leonard

\*Greeting with the Love of Christ

The People

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

\*Hymn No. 77

*“How Great Thou Art”*

Bud Sink

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

Acknowledging Attendance - Pew Pads and First Time Attendants

Ministry Moment - *Sacrifice Sunday*

Tommy Henderson

Children's Time

Steve Long

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

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*“We've a Story to Tell the Nations”*

Chancel Choir

\*Hymn No. 571

*“Go, Make of All Disciples”*

Bud Sink

Reading of the Word

*John 13:31-38 NIV*

Rev. Mitch Wilson

Preaching of the Word

*“What if everyone was a witness just like me?”*

Rev. Mitch Wilson

\*Hymn of Dedication No. 156

*“I Love to Tell the Story”*

Bud Sink

The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn

\*Christ's Light and Cross into the World

Isabelle Johnson and Lilly Leonard

\*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 – Van and Rita Wood

Dean and Martha Slabach

### ACOLYTE

Today – Isabelle Johnson

Next Sunday – Autumn Johnson

### BIBLE BEARER

Today – Morgan Wood

Next Sunday – Nate Johnson

### CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Lilly Leonard

Next Sunday – Mycah Kepley

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Today – Steve Long

Next Sunday – Beth Leonard

### DOORSTEP VISITATION

Today – Carroll and Karen Tysinger

Next Sunday – Bud and Jean Sink

### 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 – Gregg Stabler (Head)

Mike Leonard, Tad Leonard,

Tony Leonard, Rod Loflin

Next Sunday – Gray Boger (Head)

Steve Long, Jason Martin,

Jeff McCrary, Jeff Mendenhall

### INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery

Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery

### TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Beth Wilson & Reida Snyder

Next Sunday – Anna Shillinglaw &

Tina Fulcher

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today – Ruby Combs & Glenda Stabler

Next Sunday – Wendy Talley &

Danielle Herron

### EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Lucinda Black

Next Sunday – Amy Brauser

## Joys and Concerns for August 26

### RECENT JOYS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

- The Children's Committee would like to thank everyone who came out to our Pool Party last Sunday. Even with the bad storm, it was still a huge success!! We had 32 kids to come swim and more than 60 people total!!! We can't wait to do it again next year!!!
- Wow! If you have not noticed the difference in the lighting in the Narthex, just take a look. Thank you to Tommy Henderson, Chair of Trustees, for his hard work in installing new lighting.

### ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor of Curtis and Denise Dorwart's wedding anniversary.

### CUMC AND SCOUT VAN AND BUS DRIVERS

*If we don't have a copy of your Drivers License by the end of August 31, 2018 you will be ineligible to drive the Bus or Van, until July 2019 next year. Our insurance company requires this information. Please comply with this request. Thank you*

### CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY FOR SALE

LOCATION: Davidson County, Anne Street, Lexington, NC, in Choyce Acres off Walser Road  
19 lots (2 Acres)  
Tax Value: \$37,280.00  
Yearly Tax: \$283.00  
CUMC Trustees have approved to lower the price to \$20,000.00.  
If you or anyone you may know is interested in the purchase of this land, please contact Trustees' Chair, Tommy Henderson, at 336-242-3890.

### Prayer Concerns and Updates

- Dan and Shannon Maloy – Prayer for Dan & other team leaders as they guide our team into launching ministry this fall, especially with fewer staff resources to coach each campus and to labor with integrity and for continued growth as a couple.
- Josh and Kristie Aberle – Prayers for fruit of their labor as they serve God in their village
- Dustin and Faith Minter – Praise & prayers God has provided 89% of their start up funding & 39% of their monthly funding to go Macedonia
- Max Leonard – Continue to pray for recovery at home following hospital stay
- Frances Kiger – Recovering from surgery for broken hip
- Paul & Nichole Koontz (Via Tony & Karen Koontz) – Their unborn daughter will face heart surgery within a week of her birth this fall.
- Bill Lanier – Recovering at home from recent hospital stay
- Mary Sue Martin – Prayers for continued healing
- Herb Snyder – Receiving physical therapy
- Lois Weaver – Receiving physical therapy at home and gaining strength slowly
- Katy Culler – Continued prayers for inoperable artery blockages and mitral valve leakage
- Kitty Minter – Health issues
- Marlene Wood – Prayer for recovery from surgery and upcoming procedure
- Kim Dorton – Serious health issues
- Jean Teague (Martha Varner's Sister) – Diagnosed with a tumor in her left lung
- Bob Wagner – Health concerns
- Chris Briggs (Wayne Briggs's Brother) - Cancer has returned
- 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
- 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 - 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](mailto:hhayes.enevs@gmail.com) or [cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com](mailto:cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com)

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

### 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](mailto:cumcw.aa@gmail.com), by note or by phone (336-731-6616) the week before the flowers are to be placed in the church.

**Be sure to check the information board for updates on our missionaries. Dustin and Faith Minter just sent an update! We have had the blessing of meeting these missionaries and sharing with them in their faith walk.**

## THIS WEEK AT CENTER

### Sunday (August 26)

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
6:00 PM Youth

### Monday (August 27)

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

### Tuesday (August 28)

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

### Wednesday (August 29)

12-9:00 PM Lion's Club Event (CFC)  
6:00 PM Youth (MoJoe's)  
6:00 PM Praise Team Practice (CFC)  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir  
7:00 PM Trustees' Meeting (FH)

### Thursday (August 30)

6:00 PM Hot Dog Supper (CFC)  
6:00 PM Parent Meeting for AHG (FH)  
6:15-9:00 PM AHG (Basement)  
7:00 PM Pickin' & Grinnin' (CFC)

### Next Sunday (September 1)

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

## MEMORY AND HONOR

*In Memory of Bill Thompson*  
*Budget Fund*  
Dottie Wilkes  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kepley

*In Memory of Betty Laws*  
*Budget Fund*  
Friendship Sunday School Class



Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center  
Come join us for an evening of Pickin' & Grinnin' in the Christian Fellowship Center on **Thursday, August 30, 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 Workshop of Davidson

## "MEET & GREET"-TODAY, AUGUST 26-CFC-4 to 5 PM

The Staff Parrish will host a "Meet and Greet" for our new Music Director/Praise Team Leader, Karen Stutzman, today, August 26, in the Christian Fellowship Center from 4 PM to 5 PM. Light refreshments will be served. Please join Center in welcoming Karen and meet her family, Paul, Kaylee and Joshua.

## DAY OF SACRIFICE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

**Mark your calendar for a Day of Sacrifice on Sunday, September 23.**

**To insure safety at Center, the Trustee Committee has assembled a list of items that we need to complete to implement a safe place to worship:**

- 1. Crash bars and closers on nine doors.**
- 2. Update our fire alarm system.**
- 3. Install a parking lot camera system.**
- 4. Update lighting in hallway areas and classrooms.**

**The cost of these projects will be approximately \$30,000.00 and will be completed in the order listed above. As the money is given, these items will be paid from the Facility Repair Fund. Please designate your giving to the Facility Repair Fund.**

## THREADS OF LOVE – FH – TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 – 6:00 PM

Threads of Love will meet Tuesday, August 28, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please come join us as we begin our next mission project, which is making children's pillow cases for Brenner's Children Hospital. Also, toboggans will continue to be made!! Bring a snack to share and join us! Even if you don't sew, we could use your help in cutting and pressing fabrics.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES 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 August, we are asking for school items for boys and girls of all ages. These items may include: coloring pads, coloring books, picture books, glue stick (Do not include liquid glue), small adhesive tape, watercolor set, [finger paint palette/crayons/markers] non-liquid containers, scissors, erasers, notebooks, paper.. 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.

## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS SCOUTING TROOP (AHG)-SIGN UP NOW

**All girls ages 5-18 sign up now for this scouting program here at Center UMC starting this month. Our parent information night is Thursday, August 30 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. AGH will meet every Thursday from 6:15-8:00 PM starting this month for the 2018-2019 program year. Please contact Angie Leonard at 336-250-7033 if you have any questions.**

## CUMC HOMECOMING – SEPTEMBER 30

**On Sunday, September 30, Center will be having our Homecoming Celebration with guest speaker, Rev. Clay Morgan! Make your plans now to come and be a part of this annual time of remembrance and fellowship. The worship service will be held in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM and is a combined service with the CenTered Service joining the regular worship service. Please remember to bring a well filled covered dish basket to share during the meal in the CFC following the service.**