

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: Faith for the Long Haul

Joshua 14:6-14 NIV

Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly. So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.' "Now then, just as the LORD promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said." Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance. So Hebron has belonged to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite ever since, because he followed the LORD, the God of Israel, wholeheartedly.

STEWARDSHIP –SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

GIVING

Budget

Weekly Need	\$ 7,204.86
Given	\$ 7,069.00
Behind	\$ 3,931.54

Other Funds

Facility Repair	\$ 450.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 500.00
Youth Fund	\$ 90.00

ATTENDANCE

CenTered Service	73
Traditional Worship	229
Total Worship	302
Sunday School	181

Community Mission Fund	\$ 20.00
Mission Team Fund	\$ 25.00

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Center United Methodist Church

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Center United Methodist Church
Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 16, 2018

11:00 AM **Nursery with pagers available**

Greeting and Announcements	Tim Williams, Lay Leader
Ministry Moment	Molly Long
Prelude	Marty Stanbery
Lighting of the Christ Candles	Graylin Snyder
Presentation of God's Holy Word	Karis Koontz
Entering of the Cross of Christ	Hamilton Kepley
*Greeting with the Love of Christ	The People
Greet those sitting nearest to you in Love – especially those you do not know!	
*Hymn No. 2270 (The Faith We Sing) <i>“He Has Made Me Glad”</i>	Karen Stutzman
Please Bring Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center Offering to the Altar	
Acknowledging Attendance - Pew Pads and First Time Attendants	
Voices of the Children <i>“Praise Ye the Lord”</i>	Children's Choir
Children's Time	Molly Long
Following Children's Time, children K-2 nd grade may go to Children's Church	
Prayer of the People	
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
Offertory	<i>“Down by the Riverside”</i> Chancel Choir
*Hymn No. 396	<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised”</i> Karen Stutzman
*The Reading of the Word	<i>Joshua 14:6-14 NIV</i> Rev. Mitch Wilson
The Preaching of the Word	<i>“Faith for the Long Haul”</i> Rev. Mitch Wilson
*Hymn of Dedication No. 714 <i>“I Know Whom I Have Believed”</i>	Karen Stutzman
The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn	
*Christ's Light and Cross into the World	Graylin Snyder and Hamilton Kepley
*Dismissal with Blessing	Pastor 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

Today – Doyle Leonard & Sheila McKinney
Ron and Nancy Cheek
Next Sunday – Pete and Rita Jones
Ed and Becky Wassum

ACOLYTE

Today – Graylin Snyder
Next Sunday – Aubrey Adkins

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Karis Koontz
Next Sunday – Quinn Talley

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Hamilton Kepley
Next Sunday – Autumn Johnson

CHILDREN'S TIME

Today – Molly Long
Next Sunday – Margaret Story

DOORSTEP VISITATION

Today – Robert and Lisa Bates
Next Sunday – Ed and Becky Wassum

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 – Gray Boger (Head)
Kent Nifong, Nathan Nifong,
Klynt Nifong, Monty Pendry
Next Sunday – Gray Boger (Head)
Lee Sadler, Jim Scott,
Dean Slabach, Blake Smith

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery
Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Joseph Talley & Tina Fulcher
Next Sunday – Dawn Essick & Tina Fulcher

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today – Sarah Williams
Next Sunday – Ruby Combs & Glenda Stabler

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Tess McCrary
Next Sunday – Dawn Essick

Joys and Concerns for September 16

RECENT JOYS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

- Thank you, Center youth for washing the church windows. It is great to see out our windows because of your hard work.
- Center had a wonderful Children's Sunday last week with our children sharing and serving during our worship service. Each child did so well in their appointed place of service and the workers in the Children's Ministry did a great job behind the scenes training them. This was a great time of shining for Jesus.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor of the Children's Ministry and their hard work and dedication. Their participation in last week's worship service was great and we thank you! Please enjoy my plant today from the Grandparent's Day drawing last Sunday. Diane Henderson

SYMPATHY:

June Smith passed away Saturday, September 8, at Piedmont Crossing in Thomasville. A private graveside service was held at Center United Methodist Cemetery prior to the memorial service at 2:00 PM Monday, September 10, at Center United Methodist Church and visitation followed the service. Please remember June's family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

DAY OF SACRIFICE, 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.

Prayer Concerns and Updates

- Dan and Shannon Maloy – Pray that God would use “tabling” pizza outreaches, club fairs and the like to intercept students with the Gospel and change their lives for eternity.
- Josh and Kristie Aberle – Security is getting tighter and the tension is felt by all. Pray especially for local teammates to be full of boldness and not fear.
- 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
- Frances Kiger – Recovering at home following rehab
- Paul & Nichole Koontz (Via Tony & Karen Koontz) – Their unborn daughter will face heart surgery within a week of her birth this fall.
- Nancy Marlow (Lisa Bates's Mother) – Is in a skilled nursing home with serious health issues
- Bill Lanier – Recovering at home from recent hospital stay
- Jerry (Doc) Cecil (Rita Wood's Brother) – Stage 4 metastatic adrenal gland cancer & taking immune therapy
- Herb Snyder – At Forsyth receiving treatment for fluid retention
- Lois Weaver – Finished therapy and gaining strength slowly
- Katy Culler – Continued prayers for inoperable artery blockages and mitral valve leakage
- Kitty Minter – Serious health issues
- Marlene Wood – Prayer for upcoming procedure
- Kim Dorton – Serious health issues
- Jean Teague (Martha Varner's Sister) – Diagnosed with a tumor in her left lung
- Bob & Crissy 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 Sableson'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 – Patriot Living, P. O. Box 759, Yadkinville, NC 27055 PLEASE NOTE CHANGE
- Tony Koontz – Spring Arbor, Room 204

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.eneews@gmail.com or cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com

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.

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

THIS WEEK AT CENTER

Sunday (September 16)

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM **NO Sunday Servings (CFC) Cancelled**
3-5:00 PM JOY Kids, (CFC)
3-5:00 PM JAM Kids (Basement)
6:00 PM Youth
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Monday (September 17- Newsletter Deadline)

2:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC Kitchen)
5-9:00 PM Family Night Volleyball (CFC)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday (September 18)

12-8 6:00 PM Relay for Life (CFC)

Wednesday (September 19)

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

Thursday (September 20)

6:15-9:00 PM AHG (Basement) Parents (FH)

Next Sunday (September 23)

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

MEMORY AND HONOR

In Memory of Betty Laws

Budget Fund

Wesley McEachern Sunday School Class

In Memory of June Smith

Facility Repair Fund

Kay Weaver Wagner

In Memory of June Smith

Mission Team Fund

Steve and Molly Long

In Memory of June Smith

Budget Fund

Goodwill Sunday School Class

Elwood and Ruby Blackmon

Rocky and Kay Hedrick



HOW DO I JOIN CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?

Several times each year, a class is scheduled. We are calling it "A Taste of Center". During the sessions, we will have the opportunity to meet the church staff and build relationship with others who are new to Center. We will also discuss what it means to live faithfully as a follower of Jesus. We will dive deeper into our own faith walk and have the opportunity to join the family of God at Center. Membership is a joy and a responsibility to our Lord and one another. The next class will begin Sunday, October 14, during the Sunday School hour and meet in the library.

PICTURES FOR HOMECOMING NEEDED!

Reida Snyder is putting together a special Homecoming video presentation and we need your help. We are looking for old photographs from the "good old days" when Center first took roots. Some of you may have photos of various events from the past, groups that met whether in church or in the home, or our lovely members who may no longer be with us. Please submit a scanned copy of your photo(s) to ReidaCSnyder4@gmail.com. Reida can also work with the actual photo if you will put it in an envelope with the name of the person submitting the photo(s) and phone number. The absolute ***deadline is Monday, Sept. 17***. Thank you for helping us make this Homecoming one to remember.

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. This is a time of remembrance and fellowship with our church family.

GAMES 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 September, we are asking for small games for boys and girls of all ages. These items may include: Uno cards, go fish, old maid, travel games, 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. On November 15 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, 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.

THREADS OF LOVE NEWS

Threads of Love will meet Tuesday, September 25 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Projects include, pillowcases for Brenner's Children Hospital, backpacks for Jamaica and toboggans for Cancer Center and Homeless Shelter. Please join the group as we work on are mission projects!!

RESCHEDULED ADULT SENIOR EVENT FOR OCTOBER 5!

Charles and Shirley will be hosting our September Senior Event at their home on the lake! On October 5th, we will have a Low Country Boil and plan to eat between 5 & 6:00 PM.

Following will be jug fishing for all who love to jug for catfish! If the catch is good....we will have a fish fry on Saturday at 12:00 featuring fried catfish, hushpuppies, slaw and chips. (Maybe even a dessert or two).

Remember, the low country boil is shrimp, sausage, potatoes and corn on the cob. Folks, it just doesn't get any better than this! Whew, be there or be square.