

**SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: A Childlike Faith**

**Matthew 18:1-6 NIV**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

**STEWARDSHIP –AUGUST 26, 2018**

**GIVING**

**Budget**

Weekly Need \$ 7,204.86  
Given \$ 6,709.00  
Behind \$ 3,795.68

**ATTENDANCE**

CenTered Service 51  
Traditional Worship 174  
Total Worship 225  
Sunday School 145

**Other Funds**

Facility Repair	\$ 300.00	Community Mission Fund	\$ 25.00
Pickin’ & Grinnin’	\$ 625.00	The Workshop of Davidson	\$781.00 (P&G)

# Center United Methodist Church

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**SEEK - LEARN - FULFILL - SHARE**

**Center United Methodist Church**  
**Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor**  
**Children's Sunday & Grandparent's Day**  
**September 9, 2018**

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

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<b>Greeting and Announcements</b>	Hank Fulcher
<b>Prelude</b>	Marty Stanbery
<b>Lighting of the Christ Candles</b>	Lilly Leonard
<b>Presentation of God's Holy Word</b>	Gracie Black
<b>Entering of the Cross of Christ</b>	Hadley Smith
<b>*Greeting with the Love of Christ</b>	Colby Williams
Greet those sitting nearest to you in Love – especially those you do not know!	
<b>*Worship Song</b>	McKinlee Hollingsworth
<i>“Here I Am to Worship”</i>	
Please Bring Macaroni & Cheese and Sugar Offering to the Altar	
<b>Acknowledging Attendance - Pew Pads and First Time Attendants</b>	
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Graylin Snyder
<b>Ministry Moment</b>	Finn Noel and Millie Talley
<b>Sunday School Showcase</b>	The Children
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>	Reece Meredith
<b>Offertory</b>	Lilly Leonard and Gentry Smith
<i>“A Song for Grandma and Grandpa”</i>	
<b>*The Reading of the Word</b>	Autumn Johnson
<b>The Preaching of the Word</b>	Rev. Mitch Wilson
<i>“A Childlike Faith”</i>	
<b>*Worship Song</b>	Isabelle Johnson
<i>“There Will Be A Day”</i>	
The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn	
<b>*Christ's Light and Cross into the World</b>	Lilly Leonard and Hadley Smith
<b>*Dismissal with Blessing</b>	Hamilton Kepley
<b>*Postlude</b>	Marty Stanbery
<b>*Congregation Stands</b>	

**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 – Katlyn Leonard, Quinn Talley, Micah Hollingsworth, Bella Price, Ann Marie Kurtzman, Cora Kurtzman  
Next Sunday – Doyle Leonard & Sheila McKinney

**ACOLYTE**

Today – Lilly Leonard  
Next Sunday – Graylin Snyder

**BIBLE BEARER**

Today – Gracie Black  
Next Sunday – Karis Koontz

**CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER**

Today – Hadley Smith  
Next Sunday – Hamilton Kepley

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Today – Children's Sunday  
Next Sunday – Molly Long

**DOORSTEP VISITATION**

Today – Jim and Anita Scott  
Next Sunday – Robert and Lisa Bates

**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 – Devlyn Whittington (Head)  
Cole Hutchins, John Adam White,  
Connor Meredith, Hamilton Kepley  
Next Sunday – Gray Boger (Head)  
Kent Nifong, Nathan Nifong,  
Klynt Nifong, Monty Pendry

**INFANT NURSERY**

Today – Parenting Nursery  
Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery

**TODDLER NURSERY**

Today – Ashley Smith & Tina Fulcher  
Next Sunday – Joseph Talley & Tina Fulcher

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Today – No Children's Church  
Next Sunday – Sarah Williams

**EARLY SERVICE NURSERY**

Today – Wendy Talley  
Next Sunday – Tess McCrary

# Joys and Concerns for September 9

## RECENT JOYS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

- A good night at Pickin' & Grinnin' with 251 in attendance and raising \$781 from the offering for The Workshop of Davidson with \$625 from the meal for P&G Fund. A huge thanks goes out to the musicians, loyal helpers and bakers that pitch in each month to make this event possible.
- Congratulations to Tommy and Diane Henderson in the birth of their great-granddaughter, LochLynn. She was born last Sunday morning, September 2, to Silena Henderson and Ryan Watkins. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21 inches long.

## ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor of my children and grandchildren by Marcia Craver.

## ADULT SENIOR EVENT FOR SEPTEMBER 14!

Charles and Shirley will be hosting our September Senior Event at their home on the lake! On September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## THREADS OF LOVE NEWS

Threads of Love are in need of any color of cording, such as macramé cording. If you have any supplies you would be willing to share for our next mission project, please see Molly Long.

## 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
- June Smith – Receiving fluids for dehydration
- 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 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 & 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
- 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.eneews@gmail.com](mailto:hhayes.eneews@gmail.com) or [cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

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

**THIS WEEK AT CENTER**  
**Sunday (September 9)–Children’s Sunday and**  
**Sunday School Showcase**

7:30 AM UMM Meeting (CFC)  
8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
4:30 PM COM Meeting (FH)  
6:00 PM Youth  
6:00 PM Admin. Board Meeting (FH)  
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

**Monday (September 10)**

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

**Tuesday (September 11)**

6:00 PM UMW (CFC)

**Wednesday (September 12)**

6:00 PM Praise Team Practice (CFC)  
6:30 PM Youth (MoJoe’s)  
6:30 PM Children’s Choir Practice  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

**Thursday (September 13)**

9-11:45 AM ND Chamber of Commerce (FH)  
6:15-9:00 PM AHG (Basement) Parents (FH)

**Friday (September 14)**

All Day set up for Friday Jam Night (CFC)  
5-6:00 PM Friday Night Jam (CFC)  
5:00 PM Adult Senior Lake House (Richardson’s)

**Saturday (September 15)**

12:00 PM Adult Senior Lunch (If Catch Fish) (Richardson’s  
Lake House)  
2-6:00 PM Feeding the Homeless Shelter (CFC Kitchen)

**Next Sunday (September 16)**

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
3-5:00 PM JOY Kids, CFC)  
3-5:00 PM JAM Kids (Basement)  
6:00 PM Youth  
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

**MEMORY AND HONOR**

*In Memory of Betty Laws*  
*Budget Fund*  
Richard and Mary Swing  
Bud and Jean Sink  
Henrietta Hayes

**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.**



**BIBLE STUDY – BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 10:00 AM- SIGN IN ROOM**

In an effort to grow our Sunday school program and most importantly grow disciples, Tim and Debbie Williams will begin a Bible Study on what Jesus meant when he said “Follow Me”. The eight week series will begin on Sunday, September 16, at 10 AM and will meet in the classroom on the first floor across from the Good Samaritan class. If you are currently not attending a Sunday school class, we encourage you to attend. The nursery will be available and this is a great time to get your kiddos in Sunday school as well.

**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](mailto: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.

**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*.

**Friday Night JAM... September 14**

Hey Kids, Do you love music? Do you love dancing??? If you do... then we would love to invite you to the Friday Night JAM!! We are having a community dance for kids Kindergarten through 5th grades on September 14 from 6-8pm. Please contact Angie Leonard at 336.250.7033 for more information. Can't wait to see your "cool moves"!!!

**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.