

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: "The Wonder of Love" John: 3:16-21 NIV

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

UPCOMING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EVENTS

DECEMBER 24 - Child Changes the World
4:00 PM - Candle Light Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 PM - Candle Light Christmas Service (Sanctuary)

DECEMBER 25 - Merry Christmas, Church Family



STEWARDSHIP –DECEMBER 15, 2019

GIVING		ATTENDANCE	
Budget		Centred	68
Weekly Need	\$ 7,631.56	Worship Service	238
Given	\$ 7,041.00	Total	306
Behind	\$ 7,883.75	Sunday School	169

Other Funds: Kitchen: \$250.00; Mission Team Fund: \$1,000.00; Music \$50.00; Youth: \$1,288.00; Youth Mission Trips: \$10.00; Miscellaneous: \$1,163.00

Center United Methodist Church

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Center United Methodist Church
Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019

11:00 AM Nursery with pagers available

Greeting and Announcements Richard Bates, Lay Leader
Prelude “Ding Dong Merrily on High” & “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Hand Bells

Call to Worship

PRESENTATION of the LIGHT of CHRIST Hadley Smith
The Gift of God’s HOLY WORD Katlyn Leonard
The Marvelous CROSS of CHRIST Gracin Hill

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - LOVE

People: “This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother, Mary, was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.”

Leader: We light the fourth candle of love. Let us see love in the Lord!

***HYMN NO. 239** “Silent Night, Holy Night”

***GREETING and SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST**

The People

***HYMN NO. 238** “Angels We Have Heard on High”

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

Registration of Attendance

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER Rev. Mitch Wilson

VOICES OF THE CHILDREN “Hear the Good News” Children’s Choir

Soloists: Ann-Marie, Micah, Cora

Rev. Warren Miller

CHILDREN’S TIME

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Gary Brinkley

OFFERTORY “I Call Him Lord” Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY PAGE NO. 95** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

HYMN NO. 240 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

***THE READING OF THE WORD** John 3:16-21 NIV Rev. Mitch Wilson

THE PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD “The Wonder of Love” Rev. Mitch Wilson

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT PAGE 246** “Joy to the World”
The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn

***CHRIST’S LIGHT and CROSS of CHRIST GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD**
Hadley Smith and Gracin Hill

***BLESSING/BENEDICTION** Rev. Mitch Wilson

***POSTLUDE**
*Congregation Stands

WELCOME

Welcome to you all! If you are a guest, we are especially glad you are here and ask that you fill out the form in the pew pads with your name, address, phone number and email address. We would love to reach out and answer any questions you may have. Also, stop by the “let’s Connect” table for a gift and information about Center. If you do not have a church home, we would love to have you along side of us in worship and service.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

TRADITIONAL SERVICE GREETERS

Today – Gray & Barbara Boger

Wyatt & Tracy Kepley

Next Sunday – Tommy & Diane Henderson

Joe & Hannah Koontz (Family)

USHERS

Today –Charlie Minter (Head)

Pete Jones, Wyatt Kepley

David Kesler, Leroy Kiger

Next Sunday –Charlie Minter (Head)

Joe Koontz, Michael Kurtzman,

Chase Leonard, Doyle Leonard

TRADITIONAL SERVICE CONNECTORS

Today – Tim & Debbie Williams

Next Sunday – Tin & Debbie Williams

ACOLYTE

Today – Hadley Smith

Next Sunday – Gracin Hill

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Katlyn Leonard

Next Sunday – Morgan Wood

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Gracin Hill

Next Sunday – Gentry Smith

CHILDREN’S TIME

Today – Rev. Warren Miller

Next Sunday – Steve Long

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Today – Angie Leonard & Karen Hodge

Next Sunday – Sarah Williams

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery

FINANCIAL COUNTERS

Today – Donald Hamilton & Gregg Stabler

Next Sunday – Chris Michael, Mike Craver

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Karri Hollingsworth

Next Sunday – Brittany Hobbs

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Wendy Talley

Next Sunday – Tess McCrary Warren

EARLY SERVICE GREETERS

Today – Ashley Johnson

Aaron Whitfield

Next Sunday – Tim & Debbie Williams

Aaron Whitfield

EARLY SERVICE CONNECTORS

Today – Lisa Bates

Next Sunday – Kathryn Bullings

THIS WEEK AT CENTER

Sunday (December 22) ADVENT IV-LOVE

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School –Happy Birthday Party for Jesus
(Children’s Department)
11:00 AM Worship Service
12-5:00 PM Donese Leonard Family (FH)
6:00 PM Youth
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Monday (December 23)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday (December 24) – Christmas Eve

All Day Lanier Family (FH)
4:00 PM Candle Light Early Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 PM Candle Light Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesday (December 25) – Merry Christmas

OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday (December 26)

3-6:00 PM P & G Set Up and Practice (CFC)
6:00 PM Hot Dog Supper (CFC)

Next Sunday (December 29)

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
2-10:00 PM Deana Tiller Family (FH)
6>00 PM Youth
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

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.



MEMORY AND HONOR

In Memory of Klynt Nifong

Budget Fund
Donna Muraco

In Honor of the Good Samaritan Class

Budget Fund
Martha Varner

ADULT PAINTING CLASS!
COME PAINT A PICTURE AND ENJOY
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
FIRST CLASS IS SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
1:30 – 4:00 pm
LOCATED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
SHEILA McKinney, INSTRUCTOR



Pickin’ & Grinnin’ at Center

Come join us for an evening of Pickin’ & Grinnin’ in the Christian Fellowship Center on **Thursday, December, 26**

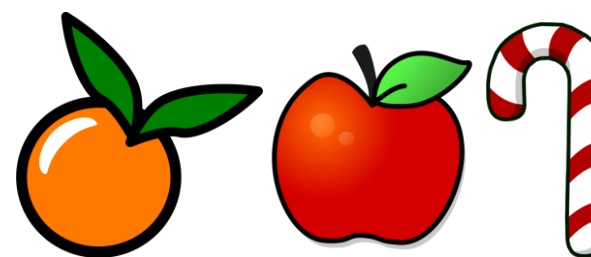
at 7:00 PM

A Hot Dog Meal will be sold for \$5 starting at 6:00 pm

The Offering this month will be given to:
Genesis House Family Shelter

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS TREAT BAGS!

In loving memory of Bud Hayes, his traditional Christmas treat bags are located in classrooms and each foyer entrance. If you know of someone not present today or a shut-in, please take one for them as well. Special thanks to the Faith Seekers Class for their help in assembling and distributing the bags to classrooms again this year. Merry Christmas to all! Henrietta, Kelly and Ann.



THREADS OF LOVE INFORMATION

Threads of Love will not meet in December. The group is very proud of their work this year. We have made 263 toboggans that were delivered to Crisis Ministry, Alpha Pregnancy and Cancer Center. For delivery to Jamaica, 50 snap bags were made. Over 50 blankets were made for the Alpha pregnancy center and 10 fleece blankets were delivered as presents to the Genesis House children!!! Thank you to Larry Bailey for making our deliveries and ALL who helped complete our mission projects!!

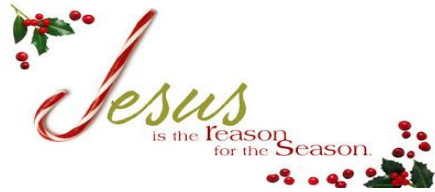


2020 GIVING ENVELOPES

If you have not been getting your giving envelopes or would like to start receiving the envelopes, please contact Gregg Stabler at 336-619-4115 or contact him at church. The current envelopes for 2020 are located in Sunday school class rooms or in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes now to begin using them in January. If you plan to make a donation for 2019, please remember the funds need to be in by December 31. Thank you.

RECENT JOYS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

A beautiful cantata last Sunday by our Chancel Choir, Youth Singers, and Children’s Choir was enjoyed by all who attended. Truly “Emmanuel” was with us in song! A big thank you to all who participated in this event and for Molly Long’s direction and hard work to make this a very special Sunday.



NORTH DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL CHURCH
BASKETBALL SCHEDULE - 2020

- WEEK 4: MONDAY, JANUARY 6 – FIRST ALLIANCE**
7:30 PM CENTER VS. FIRST BAPTIST RED
- WEEK 5: MONDAY, JANUARY 13 – FIRST ALLIANCE**
5:30 PM FIRST ALLIANCE VS. CENTER
- WEEK 6: MONDAY, JANUARY 20 – FAITH**
7:30 PM CENTER VS. FAITH
- WEEK 7: MONDAY, JANUARY 27 – LIGHTHOUSE**
7:30 PM MIDWAY VS. CENTER
- WEEK 8: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – FIRST ALLIANCE**
6:30 PM CENTER VS, FRUEDBERG GRAY
- WEEK 9: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – LIGHTHOUSE**
8:30 PM CENTER VS. FRIEDBERG BLUE

NORTH DAVIDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL CHURCH
BASKETBALL SCHEDULE - 2020

- WEEK 4 – TUESDAY, JANUARY 7- FRIEDBERG**
7:30 PM CENTER VS. FRIEDBERG
- WEEK 5 – TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 – FRIEDBERG**
6:30 PM CENTER VS. MIDWAY
- WEEK 6- TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 - FRIEDBERG**
8:30 PM CENTER VS. OAK FOREST
- WEEK 7 – TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 – FAITH**
6:30 PM CENTER VS. FIRST ALLIANCE
- WEEK 8 – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – FAITH**
8:30 PM FAITH VS. CENTER

On Going Prayer Concerns for December 22:

- Sylvia Craver
- Lannie Sink
- Gardner Jones (By Maddi Coup)
- Chris Freedle
- Charles & Vickey Kepley
- James and Darlene Thompson
- Frances Kiger
- Dale Robbins
- Craig Shillinglaw
- Lannie Sink
- Renae Bailey
- Shirley Leonard
- Helen Clark (Deena Tolley’s Grandmother)
- Bryan Martin (Donna Muraco’s Son-in-Law)
- Ralph Burleson (Charles Richardson’s Uncle)
- Brian Grubb (Joy Jones’s Brother)
- Kathy Griffin (Joey Johnson’s Friend’s Mother)
- Karen Woods (Friend of Barbara Johnson)
- Robin Backer (Ashley Johnson’s Mother)
- Bob & Crissy Wagner
- Kathy Kepley
- Kitty Minter
- Paul Stevens (Steve and Molly Long’s Friend)

RELIGIOUS AWARD CLASSES RESUME IN 2020

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| | January 5: |
| God and Life | 2:00 PM Session 5 (FH) |
| God and Church | 3:00 PM Last Session (FH) |
| God and Family | 5:00 PM Session 5 (FH) |
| | January 19: |
| God and Family | 5:00 PM Session 6 (FH) |

SHUT-INS AT HOME

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| Ann Clodfelter | Charles and Bonnie Minter |
| Dot Craver | Bruce and Betty Regan |
| Mozelle Koontz | Treavie Weaver |
| Sherry Lanier | |

REST HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

Marian Funderburk – Arbor Acres
Joy Jones – Patriot Assisted Living, PO Box 759,
Yadkinville, NC 27055
Jewell McDade – Heritage Greens

IN THE MILITARY

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| Aaron Keplev | Madison Brauser |
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SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE WEDNESDAY AT 9 AM

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

FLOWER CALENDAR!!!

2020 CALENDAR IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD!

Your help in this ministry is most appreciated. The flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please mark the date/dates you would like to put flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of your loved ones. Please include the name of the contact person for our Administrative Assistant and let her know prior to your Sunday how you would like the announcement printed.

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.