

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: “ What Now?” Luke 2:8-20 NIV

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

STEWARDSHIP –DECEMBER 22, 2019

| GIVING | | ATTENDANCE | |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------|-----|
| Budget | | CenTered | 67 |
| Weekly Need | \$ 7,631.56 | Worship Service | 225 |
| Given | \$ 6,567.00 | Total | 292 |
| Behind | \$ 8,948.31 | Sunday School | 163 |

Other Funds: Kitchen: \$250.00; Youth: \$1,323.00; Miscellaneous: \$60.00; Non-Cash \$1,246.16

Center United Methodist Church

www.centermethodistwelcome.org

P. O. Box 179, Welcome, NC 27374 ▪ 186 Center Church Road, Lexington, NC 27295

Office 336-731-6616 ▪ Fax 336-731-0251

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Pastor: Rev. Mitch Wilson

cumcw.pastor@gmail.com, 336-291-3650 (Parsonage) 980-622-6357 (Cell)

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Edward L. Evans, Jr., 336-473-9864, pastoreddie121@gmail.com

Youth/Young Adult Minister: Dr. Hunter Duncan hunter.duncan@rocketmail.com,
336-414-8728 (Cell)

Music Director: Molly Long

slong55@triad.rr.com, 336-731-4020

Accompanist: Marty Stanbery, martystanbery@triad.rr.com, 336-655-0711

Traditional Worship Leader: Bud Sink

Interim Early Service Praise Leader: Katherine Duncan

Administrative Assistant: Joyce Rector, cumcw.aa@gmail.com, 336-731-6616

E-news: cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com or hhayes.eneews@gmail.com

Center United Methodist Church

www.centermethodistwelcome.org

P. O. Box 179, Welcome, NC 27374 ▪ 186 Center Church Road, Lexington, NC 27295

Office 336-731-6616 ▪ Fax 336-731-0251

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM



Center United Methodist Church

*THE POWER OF ONE
ONE Lord- ONE Faith
Each ONE Matters
Each One Reach ONE*



Center United Methodist Church
Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor
First Sunday After Christmas Day
December 29, 2019

11:00 AM Nursery with pagers available

Greeting and Announcements Richard Bates, Lay Leader

Prelude "Mary, Did You Know?" Marty Stanbery

Call to Worship

PRESENTATION of the LIGHT of CHRIST Gracin Hill
The Gift of God's HOLY WORD Morgan Wood
The Marvelous CROSS of CHRIST Gentry Smith

*GREETING and SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST The People

*HYMN NO. 219 "What Child Is This?"
Please Bring Crisis Ministry Cash Offering to the Altar

Registration of Attendance

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER Rev. Mitch Wilson

VOICES OF THE CHILDREN "Glory to God" Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME Steve Long

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Star of Bethlehem" Molly Long and Doug Meredith

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

HYMN NO. 217 "Away in a Manger"

*THE READING OF THE WORD Luke 2:8-20 NIV Rev. Mitch Wilson

THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD "What Now?" Rev. Mitch Wilson

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT PAGE 251 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn

*CHRIST'S LIGHT and CROSS of CHRIST GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Gracin Hill and Gentry Smith

*BLESSING/BENEDICTION Rev. Mitch Wilson

*POSTLUDE

*Congregation Please Stand if Able

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 – Tommy & Diane Henderson
Joe & Hannah Koontz (Family)
Next Sunday – Todd & Tina Fulcher

TRADITIONAL SERVICE CONNECTORS

Today – Tim & Debbie Williams
Next Sunday – Van & Rita Wood

ACOLYTE

Today – Gracin Hill
Next Sunday – Hamilton Kepley

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Morgan Wood
Next Sunday – Gracie Black

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Gentry Smith
Next Sunday – Aubrey Adkins

CHILDREN'S TIME

Today – Steve Long
Next Sunday – Molly Long

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today – Sarah Williams
Next Sunday – Wendy Talley & Danielle Herron

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery

USHERS

Today – Charlie Minter (Head)
Joe Koontz, Michael Kurtzman,
Chase Leonard, Doyle Leonard
Next Sunday – Rocky Hedrick (Head)
Dyke Leonard, Jimmy Leonard,
Kenneth Leonard, Mike Leonard

FINANCIAL COUNTERS

Today – Chris Michael, Mike Craver
Next Sunday – Alan Broadway & Steve Long

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Brittany Hobbs
Next Sunday – Beth Wilson

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Tess McCrary Warren
Next Sunday – Cindy Leonard

EARLY SERVICE GREETERS

Today – Tim & Debbie Williams
Aaron Whitfield
Next Sunday – Heather & Rubin Noel

EARLY SERVICE CONNECTORS

Today – Kathryn Bullings
Next Sunday – Willie Everhart

THIS WEEK AT CENTER

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

Monday (December 30)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday (January 1) – Happy New Year

OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday (January 2)

6:15 PM AHG (Basement & FH)

Saturday (January 4)

10:00 AM-10:00 PM ND Baseball Banquet (CFC)
2-6:00 PM Deana Tiller Birthday Party (FH)

Next Sunday (January 5)

7:30 AM UMM Meeting (CFC)
8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM Called Trustee Meeting (FH)
2:00 PM God & Life (FH)
3:00 PM God & Church (FH)
4:00 PM Youth Council Meeting (FH)
5:00 PM God & Family (FH)
6>00 PM Youth
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

SAFE SANCTUARY

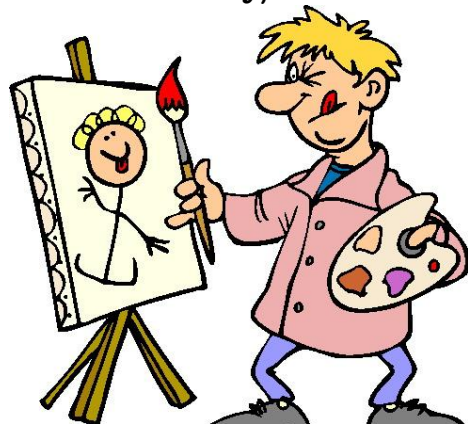
Children remain in the Sanctuary during Worship or with our trained teachers in Children's Church. Children are not permitted to sit in empty classrooms or roam the hall without adult supervision.

MEMORY AND HONOR

In Memory of Tony Koontz
Budget Fund
William and Elizabeth Adams

In Honor of the Margaret Story
Budget Fund
Donna Muraco

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



CALLED TRUSTEES MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

There will be an important called Trustee Meeting immediately following the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall. We need all the current trustees to be at this meeting.

2020 GREETER AND CONNECTOR SCHEDULE

The 2020 Greeter and Connector schedule is set. Both services scheduled are posted on the Let's Connect table in the vestibule area in the Sanctuary, another on at the Let's Connect table near the Christian Fellowship Center and also on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the Simply Servants classroom. Please take a look at it and mark your allotted time on your calendar. Your service in this important area of our church is greatly appreciated. You will also find information on your role as a greeter or connector as well. If you have any question please feel free to reach out to Debbie Williams.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020, AT 6:00 PM

Interested in what our United Methodist Women do here at Center? Debbie Williams will have an information session and would love for you to come and find out more about what this wonderful group of women do. Join us on Tuesday, January 8, 2020, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our regularly scheduled gathering will begin immediately following at 7:00 PM.

RELIGIOUS AWARD CLASSES RESUME IN 2020

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 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) |

RECENT JOYS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

The treat bags were enjoyed by our church family given in memory of our dearly beloved Bud Hayes. The beautiful candlelight services held in our Sanctuary and all that participated to make this happen.

**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 29:

- Vann Beeker
- 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

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 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

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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

Aaron Keplev Madison Brauser

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.eneews@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.