

NEW SERIES BEGINS TODAY:

Today we begin our new series at both services, The Risen Christ speaks: Letters to the Church. For the next seven weeks, we will study the issues that faced the churches of Revelation. The messages Jesus spoke to the seven churches of Revelation are as relevant today as they were 2000 years ago. Could those letters speak to us as well?

Today the Risen Lord addresses the church of Ephesus. That great church had many gifts and talents. They had been faithful and endured great hardships but somewhere along the way they had "lost their first love." Perhaps in the business of being the church they had quit nurturing their relationship with Jesus. It is so easy to do. Life can capture you. See the lessons we can learn from our Savior to come back to a vital relationship!

STEWARDSHIP – FEBRUARY 17, 2019

GIVING

Budget

Weekly Need	\$ 7,631.56
Given	\$ 5,280.00
Behind	\$ 6,280.55

Other Funds

Youth Mission Trip	\$ 30.00
Kairos Prison Fund	\$ 50.00
Non-Cash	\$ 60.25

ATTENDANCE

CenTered	67
Worship Service	189
Total	256
Sunday School	153

Cemetery Fund	\$ 20.00
Community Mission Fund	\$ 475.00
Youth	\$ 2,460.00

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

Center United Methodist Church
Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 24, 2019

11:00 AM

Nursery with pagers available

Greeting and Announcements

Richard Bates, Lay Leader

Prelude

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

Marty Stanbery

Call to Worship

PRESENTATION of the LIGHT of CHRIST

The Gift of God's HOLY WORD

The Marvelous CROSS of CHRIST

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

Marty Stanbery

Hamilton Kepley

Morgan Wood

Hadley Smith

The People

***HYMN NO. 400**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Karen Stutzman

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

Registration of Attendance

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER

VOICES OF THE CHILDREN

"Adam, Adam"

Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

Margaret Story

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken" Chancel Choir, Soloist Tina Fulcher

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

***HYMN NO. 2272** (The Faith We Sing)

"Holy Ground"

Karen Stutzman

***The Reading of the Word**

Revelation 2:1-7 NIV

Rev. Mitch Wilson

The Preaching of the Word

"Ephesus: Forsaking Your First Love"

Rev. Mitch Wilson

***HYMN of COMMITMENT NO. 170**

"O How I Love Jesus"

Karen Stutzman

The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn

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

Hamilton Kepley and Hadley Smith

***BLESSING**

Rev. 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– Van and Rita Wood

Dean and Martha Slabach

Next Sunday – Mardie Broadway & Libby Michael

Tim and Debbie Williams

ACOLYTE

Today – Hamilton Kepley

Next Sunday – Isabelle Johnson

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Morgan Wood

Next Sunday – Nate Johnson

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Hadley Smith

Next Sunday – Hamilton Kepley

CHILDREN'S TIME

Today - Margaret Story

Next Sunday – Sunday School Showcase

DOORSTEP VISITATION

Today – Clifton and Lynda Beck

Next Sunday – Dean and Martha Slabach

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**

USHERS

Today – Robert Bates (Head)

Van Wood, Michael Anderson,

Larry Bailey, Greg Baker

Next Sunday – Rod Loflin (Head)

Brian Ball, Richard Bates,

Robert Bates, Mark Bean

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery

Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Vickey Kepley & Jennifer Kurtzman

Next Sunday – Any Adkins and Mitzi Tesh

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today – Ruby Combs & Glenda Stabler

Next Sunday – Wendy Talley & Danielle Herron

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Tess McCrary Warren

Next Sunday – Dawn Essick

RECENT JOYS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

- We had 22 youth and adults who ventured to Winter Place to enjoy a day of skiing this past weekend. Memories were made!!

**VOLLEYBALL STARTS AGAIN MONDAY,
MARCH 11 5:30-9:00 PM in the CFC.**

ATTENTION ALL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!

Chickens are arriving for cooking on Thursday, March 7, at 9:00 AM. If you want to be included in the Morning Shift to cook and debone the chicken breasts at the church, let Rena Meredith know so we can put them on the stove to start cooking early. You can also cook if preferred in the convenience of your home.

We will be making the dough and pie shells on Friday, March 8, at 7:30 AM and assembling the chicken pies starting at 7:30 AM Saturday, March 9. We can always use extra hands to help us each day with the pie process. Thanks for everyone's support with this important fundraiser!

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES!

- Dan and Shannon Maloy (with CRU on College Campuses in the low country) – Pray for a Quito summer mission team of 5-6 male and 7-9 female students & for us as we plan campus ministry strategies and team discipleship curriculum. For our Lowcountry staff team as we focus on building Christ-centered leaders to reach the campus next fall and mobilizing students for summer and post-graduate ministries.
- Josh and Kristie Aberle – Thank you so much for your love and support over the last year! We are so excited to reconnect with many of you over the next few months and are so grateful for your partnership in reaching the B people and other unreached peoples of SE Asia. Please be in prayer for our family during this transition to another area in SE Asia and for all the logistics involved in this international move involving three different countries.
- Dustin and Faith Minter – Prayers that we can learn and grow together as a team and all be known by His love throughout Bitola, Macedonia. Prayers for our continued transition of moving to another country, language and cultural acquisition and that God's peace extends to all borders around us and no matter what the decision around the name change is – that His love is known.

On Going Prayer Concerns for February 24:

- Rod Loflin
- Blake Ward (Todd and Tina Fulcher's Friend)
- Bob & Crissy Wagner
- Don Edwards (Charles Richardson's Cousin)
- Brian Grubb (Joy Jones's Brother)
- Kim Dorton
- Ann Epps (Friend of Charles and Shirley Richardson)
- Kathy Kepley
- Katy Culler
- Kitty Minter
- Jean Teague (Martha Varner's Sister)
- Chris Briggs (Wayne Briggs's Brother)
- Bryan Martin (Donna Muraco's Son-in-Law)
- Paul Stevens (Steve and Molly Long's Friend)

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL-MARCH 4 AT 6:00 PM IN CFC
MISSION TEAM FOCUS PRESENTATION**

On Monday, March 4, at 6:00 PM, the Family Night Ministry will be having a fellowship meal in the Christian Fellowship Center. Please come for good food and fellowship for the whole family AT NO CHARGE and support this ministry to our wonderful church family. There will be a program on the mission trip our church has sponsored to Jamaica.



Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center

**Come join us for an evening of Pickin' & Grinnin' in the
Christian Fellowship Center on**

Thursday, February 28, 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:

Pastor's Pantry

SHUT-INS AT HOME

Ann Clodfelter
Dot Craver
Mozelle Koontz
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
Tony Koontz – Spring Arbor, Room 204
Nancy Marlow (Lisa Bates' Mother)
Jewell McDade – Heritage Greens, 801 Meadowood Street, Apt. 24, Greensboro, NC 27409

IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Kepley

Aaron Lineberry

THE FLOWER CALENDAR HAS LOTS OF BLANKS

Please help fill in the blank Sundays for 2019. Not many Sundays have been taken. Help with this ministry of adding beauty to our altar by signing up!

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

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

**SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR AMERICAN HERITAGE
GIRLS TROOP NC2911:**

The American Heritage Girls are in need of your help. We are in need of crafting supplies, camping supplies, and items to help with programs. Please see Angie Leonard or Heather Noel if you are able to help. Thank you so much!

Items needed: hand sanitizer, index cards, rulers, composition books, Ziploc containers (1/2 casserole size), blank greeting cards with envelopes, postal stamps, adult scissors, sharpies, origami paper, matches, Elmer's glue, pots/pans for camping, ribbon, pot holders, small shovel, metal bucket, yarn, twine, glue sticks, small thin dowel rods, pipe cleaners, Large American and Christian Flags with pole and stand. We are also accepting donations to help buy supplies. Thank you for all of your help!

THIS WEEK AT CENTER

Sunday (February 24)

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

Monday (February 25)

8 AM-2 PM – Goodwill SS Class (FH)
2-5:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC Kitchen)
6:30 PM – Sunday School Teacher's Meeting (FH)
6:30 PM – High School Basketball Game (First Alliance)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday (February 26)

8 AM-2 PM – Goodwill SS Class (FH)
All Day Set Up and Practice for P&G (CFC)
6:00 PM Threads of Love (FH)

Wednesday (February 27)

6:00 PM Praise Team Practice
6:30 PM Youth (MoJoies)
6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice
7:00 PM Trustees Meeting (FH)

Thursday (February 28)

2-6:00 PM Set Up for Meal P&G (CFC)
6:00 PM Hot Dog Supper (CFC)
6:15-8:00 PM AHG (Basement) Parents (FH)
7:00 PM Pickin' & Grinnin' (CFC)

Next Sunday (March 3)-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
12:30 PM Staff Meeting
4:00 PM Youth Council Meeting (FH)
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

THREADS OF LOVE

Threads of Love will meet Tuesday, February 26, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our project is making backpacks for our youth to share on their summer mission trip to Puerto Rico. And of course, we continue with our toboggans! Won't you consider coming and helping!



OF



MEMORY AND HONOR

In Memory of Kathy Tollie

Budget Fund

Dottie Wilkes

In Memory of Bill Lanier

Budget Fund

Van and Rita Wood

In Memory of Kathy Tollie

Youth Mission Trips

Roger and Debra Berrier

SUNDAY SERVINGS - MARCH 17

The Goodwill Sunday School Class will host Sunday Servings on Sunday, March 17, right after the worship service in the Christian Fellowship Center. Please make plans now to stay on this Sunday for good fellowship and good food. The menu will be revealed later.

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!!!

*There will be a meeting for ALL Sunday School teachers on Monday, February 25, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. As new Sunday School Superintendents, we just want to get everyone together and go over a few items, answer any questions or address any concerns. We are also in need of teachers in the children's department, Children's Church, as well as more shepherds with the Rotation Sunday School. Safe Sanctuary policy requires two shepherds per week. With several in the rotation, it allows others to attend their Sunday school class. Please consider signing up for one or more of these openings. The children are the future of this church! You can contact Tina Fulcher or Rocky or Kay Hedrick and we will gladly find you a place. Thank you,
Rocky and Kay Hedrick*

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Kairos is our prison ministry. We do need prayer warriors for this powerful ministry that God will use our efforts to His glory among this needing population. *We need to collect as many cookies as we can from Sunday School Classes and groups who are willing to bake to take to the prison. Would you be willingly to donate your time and effort to make cookies to take to the prisoners? Make it a family or small group ministry time! The end of February is fast approaching and we need them to take the first of March.*

Winter items NEEDED FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

The American Heritage Girls, the Scouts, and the Youth are teaming up for a great cause again this year!

Each month we are asking for donations of certain items to help fill the boxes for operation Christmas Child. For the month of February, we are asking for winter attire for boys and girls of all ages. These items may include: hats, scarves, gloves, socks, 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. 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 9, 2019: Community Yard Sale 7:30 AM – Noon

Spaces for Rent \$10.00 (bring your table) \$15.00 table provided
Don't want to rent a space then feel free to clean out your closet and donate your items to the youth. Items can be dropped off with any youth member or downstairs in the youth room.

March 20, 2019: Poor Man's Supper 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Donations accepted!! Help us out by spreading the word to friends and family.

Dinner and Auction

April 13, 2019

Dinner @ 5:00 PM for \$10.00

Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato, Salad

Dessert and Tea

Tickets for dinner will be sold prior to the event.

Auction @6:00 PM

*If you have any questions please contact Hunter Duncan, Deena Tolley
Heather Ball or Heather Noel.*