

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: "Thyatira: Costly Compromise"

Revelation 2:18-29 NIV

"To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, except to hold on to what you have until I come.' To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery—just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give that one the morning star. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

STEWARDSHIP – MARCH 10, 2019

GIVING

Budget

Weekly Need	\$ 7,631.56
Given	\$ 6,735.50
Behind	\$ 5,973.73

ATTENDANCE

CenTered	55
Worship Service	216
Total	271
Sunday School	143

Other Funds

Youth Mission Trip	\$ 2,019.00	Community Mission Fund	\$ 125.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 20.00		

Center United Methodist Church

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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
Second Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2019

11:00 AM

Nursery with pagers available

Greeting and Announcements

Richard Bates, Lay Leader

Prelude

“Here I Am, Lord”

Marty Stanbery

Call to Worship

Marty Stanbery

PRESENTATION of the LIGHT of CHRIST

Lilly Leonard

The Gift of God’s HOLY WORD

Karis Koontz

The Marvelous CROSS of CHRIST

Autumn Johnson

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

The People

***HYMN NO. 467**

“Trust and Obey”

Karen Stutzman

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

Registration of Attendance

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER

VOICES OF THE CHILDREN

“Be Strong”

Children’s Choir

Soloists, Aubrey Adkins and Gentry Smith

CHILDREN’S TIME

Anna Shillinglaw

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Marty Stanberry

***DOXOLOGY PAGE NO. 95**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Karen Stutzman

***HYMN NO. 402**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Karen Stutzman

***The Reading of the Word**

Revelation 2:18-29 NIV

Rev. Mitch Wilson

The Preaching of the Word

“Thyatira: Costly Compromise”

Rev. Mitch Wilson

***HYMN of COMMITMENT NO. 701**

“When We All Get to Heaven”

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**

Lilly Leonard and Autumn Johnson

***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 – Pete and Rita Jones

Ed Wassum

Next Sunday – Bud and Jean Sink

Klynt and Gayle Nifong

ACOLYTE

Today – Lilly Leonard

Next Sunday – Graylin Snyder

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Karis Koontz

Next Sunday – Quinn Talley

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Autumn Johnson

Next Sunday – Sophia Johnson

CHILDREN’S TIME

Today – Anna Shillinglaw

Next Sunday – Dawn Essick

DOORSTEP VISITATION

Today – Bud and Jean Sink

Next Sunday – Jim and Anita Scott

USHERS

Today – Rod Loflin (Head)

Elwood Blackmon, Gray Boger,

Wayne Briggs, Gary Brinkley

Next Sunday – Rod Loflin (Head)

Alan Broadway, Ron Cheek,

Chris Craver, Joe Craver

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery

Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Anna Shillinglaw, Mitzi Tesh

Next Sunday – Ashley Snider and Mitzi Tesh

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Today – Angie Leonard and Mitzi Tesh

Next Sunday – Ruby Combs and Glenda Stabler

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Angie Leonard

Next Sunday – Danielle Herron

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**

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers are placed in the church today to the Glory of God and in memory of Don Broadway's birthday today by Mardie and family.

A RED ROSEBUD:

A red rosebud is placed on the side altar today to celebrate the birth of Noah Patrick Harrison born on March 7 to Christina (Sadler) Harrison and Brian Harrison. He weighed 5 pounds and 2.5 ounces and was 18 inches long. His grandparents are Lee and April Sadler and great grandparents are Ron and Vickie Dorton.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES!

- Dan and Shannon Maloy (with CRU on College Campuses in the low country) – Pray for a Quito summer mission recruiting. They are still in need of male and female students to compete their team. The family was pretty sick the last week of February. Pray for quick healing. Pray for wisdom as they walk alongside the students who are struggling to grow and heal in the sexual area of their lives.
- 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 the renovations on the group home continue going well and that funds for the home come in quickly, pray for the many transitions that will follow in the official change of the name of the country to Northern Macedonia, and on a personal note: prayer for their health. Working at the orphanage exposes them to a lot of germs their bodies aren't use to. They seem to be battling colds every other week!

On Going Prayer Concerns for March 17:

- Becky Wassum
- Christine Harrison (Granddaughter of Ronnie and Vickie Dorton)
- Robin Backer (Ashley Johnson's Mother)
- 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)

RECENT JOYS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

- It was a wet, dreary Saturday but our yard sale raised \$700.00 towards our Puerto Rico Trip. The YOUTH at Center would like to thank everyone for their support. On a mission to send Helping Hands to Puerto Rico.
- Had a very blessed service last Sunday! The music fit so well with the sermon and the Children's Choir and Chancel Choir really sang their hearts unto the Lord!

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.

Special Needs Prom Planning Meeting
Sun. March 17 @ 5 PM in the Christian Fellowship Center
Please join us if you would like to help.
Bring your ideas for a Paris Night!

All events are listed on the calendar. Formal announcements must be given to the church office. Ongoing events will be listed as scheduled unless changes are given to the church office.

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
 Don Grubb – Grayson Creek, Room 203
 Joy Jones – Patriot Assisted 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
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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***

FLOWER CALENDAR!!!

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. Don't forget to sign up now.

The information for the Sunday bulletin should be given to Joyce Rector by email (cumcw.aa@gmail.com), by note or by phone (731-6616) the week before the flowers are to be placed in the church.

THIS WEEK AT CENTER

Sunday (March 17) Happy St. Patrick's Day

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM Sunday Servings (CFC)
3-5:00 PM JOY Kids (CFC)
3-5:00 PM JAM Kids (Basement)
5:00 PM Special Needs Prom Planning Meeting (CFC)
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Monday (March 18)-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

2-5:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC Kitchen)
5:30 PM Family Night Volleyball (CFC)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday (March 19)

All Day Civitan Set Up & Teacher Appreciation Meal (CFC)
3-9:00 PM UMW Youth Prep for Poor Man's Meal (FH)

Wednesday (March 20)

5:00 PM Youth Poor Man's Supper (CFC)
6:00 PM Children's Committee Meeting (FH)
6:00 PM Praise Team Practice
6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday (March 21)

6:15-8:00 PM AHG (Basement) Parents (FH)

Saturday (March 23)

12-9:00PM Lion's Club Event (CFC)

Next Sunday (March 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

MEMORY AND HONOR

In Memory of Frank Staton, Jr.
Community Mission Fund
United Methodist Women

In Memory of Frank Staton, Jr.
Budget Fund
Rocky and Kay Hedrick

In Honor of Becky Wassum
Budget Fund
Goodwill Sunday School Class

CENTER UNITED METHODIST MEN **EASTER BOSTON BUTT SALE!!!!**

CUMM are selling Boston butts with 1 quart of dip and 1 pint of slaw (approximate precooked weight is 9 lbs). The cost is \$40.00 each and you can purchase tickets from any CUMM or contact Dustin Hobbs @ 336-239-2119. The deadline to order is April 14. The Boston Butts are to be picked up at Center United Methodist Church in the Christian Fellowship Center on April 19 after 4:00 PM.

SUNDAY SERVINGS – TODAY - MARCH 17

The Goodwill Sunday School Class will host Sunday Servings today, March 17, right after the worship service in the Christian Fellowship Center. The menus will consist of ham, green beans, cream potatoes, deviled eggs, rolls, dessert, and tea. The cost is \$6.00 for each adult and \$3.00 for children under the age of six. Please make plans now to stay on this Sunday for good fellowship and good food.

LENT; Prayer

In the busyness of our everyday lives, prayer can sometimes get squeezed out. Lent is a wonderful time to intentionally work toward finding **more time in your life for prayer**. You can experiment with **different ways to pray** during the season, or really delve into a new-to-you way of praying. Enriching your prayer life is a great way to spend Lent.

Hygiene 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 March, we are asking for hygiene items for boys and girls of all ages. These items may include: toothbrushes, bar soap, Chap Stick, washcloths, combs/brushes, bandages, q-tips, etc. (NO liquid items please!)

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 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.*

2019 EASTER EVENTS FOR YOU!

**Palm Sunday – April 14 @ 8:45 AM CenTered Worship Service (CFC) and
11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)**

Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion – Thursday, April 18 @ 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Easter Sunday, April 21

→ Sunrise Worship at Cemetery @ 7:00 AM

→ UMM's Easter Breakfast following in CFC-7:30 AM

→ Sunday School @ 9:30 AM

→ Combined Worship in the CFC @ 10:30 AM

Easter Monday, April 22, 2019 – Office Closed