

**SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: "Sardis: Great Past with Present Decay"**

**Revelation 3:1-6 NIV**

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you. Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

**STEWARDSHIP – MARCH 17, 2019**

**GIVING**

**Budget**

Weekly Need \$ 7,631.56  
Given \$ 4,311.00  
Behind \$ 9,294.29

**ATTENDANCE**

CenTered 87  
Worship Service 168  
Total 255  
Sunday School 176

**Other Funds**

Easter Lilies \$ 17.50  
Kitchen Fund \$ 250.00  
Community Mission Fund \$ 50.00

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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**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 24, 2019**

**11:00 AM**

**Nursery with pagers available**

**Greeting and Announcements**

Richard Bates, Lay Leader

**Prelude**

*“On Eagles Wings”*

Marty Stanbery

**Call to Worship**

Marty Stanbery

PRESENTATION of the LIGHT of CHRIST

Graylin Snyder

The Gift of God’s HOLY WORD

Quinn Talley

The Marvelous CROSS of CHRIST

Sophia Johnson

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

The People

**\*HYMN NO. 110**

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

Karen Stutzman

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

**Registration of Attendance**

**Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Jennifer Brinkley

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

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*“I’ll Fly Away”*

Chancel Choir

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

**\*HYMN NO. 349**

*“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*

Karen Stutzman

**\*The Reading of the Word**

*Revelation 3:1-6 NIV*

Rev. Mitch Wilson

**The Preaching of the Word**

*“Sardis: Great Past with Present Decay”*

Rev. Mitch Wilson

**\*HYMN of COMMITMENT NO. 400** *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* 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**

Graylin Snyder and Sophia 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 – Bud and Jean Sink

Klynt and Gayle Nifong

Next Sunday – Clifton and Lynda Beck

Mike and Kim Craver

**ACOLYTE**

Today – Graylin Snyder

Next Sunday – Aubrey Adkins

**BIBLE BEARER**

Today – Quinn Talley

Next Sunday – Cora Kurtzman

**CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER**

Today – Sophia Johnson

Next Sunday – Graylin Snyder

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Today – Jennifer Brinkley

Next Sunday – Dawn Essick

**DOORSTEP VISITATION**

Today – Jim and Anita Scott

Next Sunday – Robert and Lisa Bates

**USHERS**

Today – Rod Loflin (Head)

Alan Broadway, Ron Cheek,

Chris Craver, Joe Craver

Next Sunday – Rod Loflin (Head)

Mike Craver, Ronnie Craver,

Tim Craver, Phillip Dorton

**INFANT NURSERY**

Today – Parenting Nursery

Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery

**TODDLER NURSERY**

Today – Ashley Snider and Mitzi Tesh

Next Sunday – Dawn Essick and Mitzi Tesh

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Today – Ruby Combs and Glenda Stabler

Next Sunday – Sarah Williams

**EARLY SERVICE NURSERY**

Today – Danielle Herron

Next Sunday – Lucinda Black

**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**

### 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 24:

- Becky Wassum
- Wini Hinkle
- Karen Scott Stump
- Lannie Sink
- J. R. Lanning
- 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)



### Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center

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

**Thursday, March 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:*

**Crisis Ministry of Davidson**

**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  
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 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

### 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](mailto:hhayes.enevs@gmail.com) or [cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com](mailto:cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com)

*SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE  
WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 AM*

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.

### 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](mailto: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 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 (March 25)

2-5:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC Kitchen)  
5:30 PM Family Night Volleyball (CFC)  
6:30 PM Long Range Planning Committee Meeting (FH)  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

### Tuesday (March 26)

3-9:00 PM Pickin' & Grinnin' Set Up & Practice (CFC)  
6:00 PM Threads of Love (FH)

### Wednesday (March 27)

6:00 PM Hand bell Choir Practice (CFC)  
6:30 PM Praise Team Practice (CFC)  
6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM Trustee's Meeting (FH)

### Thursday (March 28)

3-6:00 PM P&G Set Up (CFC)  
6:00 PM Hot Dog Supper (CFC)  
6:15-8:00 PM AHG (Basement) Parents (FH)  
7:00 PM Pickin' & Grinnin' (CFC)

### Saturday (March 30)

12-9:00PM Relay for Life (CFC)

### Next Sunday (March 31)

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.*  
*Budget Fund*  
Kay Wagner

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

**CUMM are selling Boston butts with 1 quart of dip and 1 quart 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.**

## **TRUSTEE'S MEETING – MARCH 27**

The trustees will have a meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 27, at 7:00 PM.

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 25**

The Long Range Planning Committee will meet Monday, March 25, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to be present for this meeting.

## **THREADS OF LOVE MEET TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

**Threads of Love will meet Tuesday, March 26, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!**

## **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**

### **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

**ITEMS: Hammond organ, washer and dryer set, wood kitchen table and six chairs, lamps, side tables, queen sleigh bed, lawn mower, farm equipment, pottery, Myrtle Beach vacation, hand painted pot, jewelry, Lei Lei's bakery item, and much, much more.**

*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**