

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: "Smyrna: Faithful in Affliction"

Revelation 2:8-11 NIV

"To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

STEWARDSHIP – FEBRUARY 24, 2019

GIVING

Budget

Weekly Need \$ 7,631.56
Given \$ 5,216.00
Behind \$ 8,696.11

ATTENDANCE

CenTered 69
Worship Service 143
Total 212
Sunday School 177

Other Funds

Youth Mission Trip	\$ 10.00	Cemetery Fund	\$ 120.00
Kairos Prison Fund	\$ 60.00	Community Mission Fund	\$ 200.00
Non-Cash	\$ 199.14	Kitchen	\$ 250.00
Mission Team	\$ 540.00		

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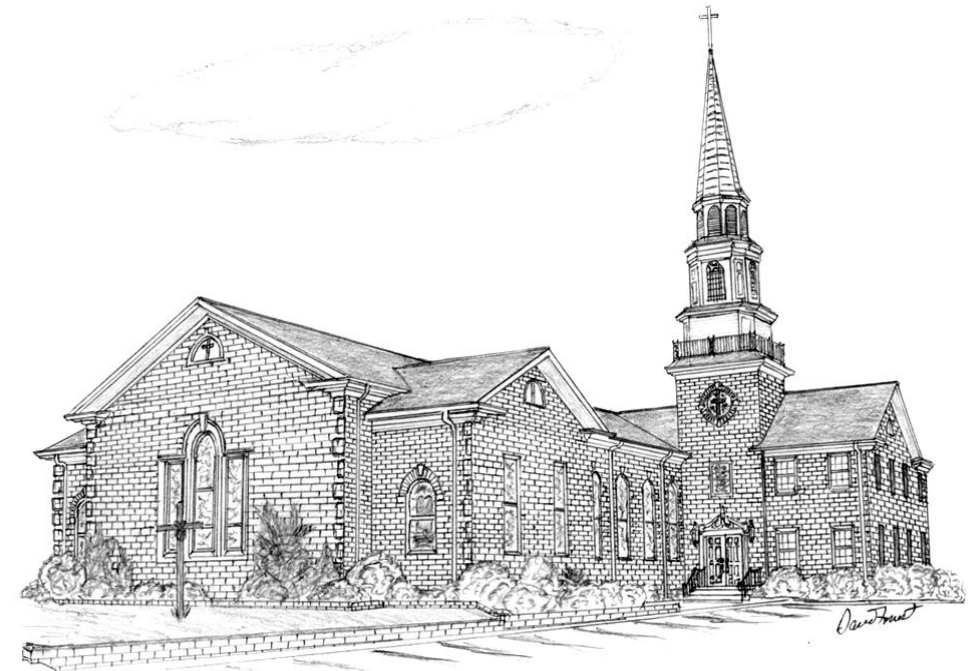
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*THE POWER OF ONE
ONE Lord- ONE Faith
Each ONE Matters
Each One Reach ONE*

Center United Methodist Church
Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor
Sunday School Showcase
March 3, 2019

11:00 AM

Nursery with pagers available

Greeting and Announcements

Richard Bates, Lay Leader

Prelude

“Praise to the Lord”

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

Isabelle Johnson

Nate Johnson

Hamilton Kepley

The People

***HYMN NO. 133**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Karen Stutzman

Please Bring Community Mission Offering to the Altar

Registration of Attendance

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER

SUNDAY SCHOOL SHOWCASE

The Children

Following Sunday School Showcase, children K-2nd grade may go to Children’s Church

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Change My Heart, O God”

Chancel Choir

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

***HYMN NO. 377**

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Karen Stutzman

***The Reading of the Word**

Revelation 2:8-11 NIV

Rev. Mitch Wilson

The Preaching of the Word

“Smyrna: Faithful in Affliction”

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***HYMN of COMMITMENT NO. 526** *“What a Friend We Have in 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**

Isabelle Johnson and Hamilton Kepley

***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 – Mardie Broadway & Libby Michael
Next Sunday – Doyle Leonard & Sheila McKinney

ACOLYTE

Today – Isabelle Johnson
Next Sunday – Autumn Johnson

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Nate Johnson
Next Sunday – Gracie Black

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Hamilton Kepley
Next Sunday – Isabelle Johnson

CHILDREN’S TIME

Today – Sunday School Showcase
Next Sunday – Richard Bates

DOORSTEP VISITATION

Today – Dean and Martha Slabach
Next Sunday – Carroll and Karen Tysinger

USHERS

Today – Rod Loflin (Head)
Brian Ball, Richard Bates,
Robert Bates, Mark Bean
Next Sunday – Rod Loflin (Head)
Clifton Beck, James Black,
Randy Black, Vaughn Black

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery
Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Amy Adkins and Mitzi Tesh
Next Sunday – Beth Wilson and Mitzi Tesh

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Today – Wendy Talley and Danielle Herron
Next Sunday – Angie Leonard and Mitzi Tesh

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Dawn Essick
Next Sunday – Cindy Leonard

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 by Terri and Richard Bates in Honor of our 4 grandchildren, Hadley, Gentry, Barrett, and Lydia who will turn 1 on March 6. All Glory be given to God.

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 March 3:

- 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)

THE FLOWER CALENDAR STILL HAS BLANKS

Thank you to all the helpers of this ministry who have signed up for 2019! Your gift of beautiful flowers for the altar is so appreciated! Put your name on the Flower Calendar located on the Narthex bulletin board on the Sunday you wish to have flowers and brief note of explanation.

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

This 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.

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Day light savings time begins Sunday, March 10! Don't forget to spring forward one hour!



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

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 (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
4:00 PM Youth Council Meeting (FH)
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Monday (March 4)

2-5:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC Kitchen)
6:00 PM Family Night Meal (CFC)
6:30 PM Jamaica Team Program (CFC)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday (March 5)

12:00 PM ND Chamber of Commerce (FH)

Wednesday (March 6) – Ash Wednesday

6:30 PM Youth (MoJoes)
7:00 PM Ashe Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday (March 7)

9:00 AM UMW Pick Up Chickens to Cook (CFC)
6:15-8:00 PM AHG (Basement) Parents (FH)

Friday (March 8)

7:30 AM Make Pie Dough (CFC)

Saturday (March 9)

6:00 AM-Noon Youth Yard Sale (CFC & Outside)
7:30 AM UMW Assemble Pies (CFC)
2:00PM Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (CFC)

Next Sunday (March 10) - Davlight Savings Time

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
4:30 PM COM Meeting (FH)
6:00 PM Admin. Board Meeting (FH)
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

ASH WEDNESDAY-MARCH 6 7:00 PM – SANCTUARY

Please make plans now to attend Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. This service will be held Wednesday, March 6, at 7:00 PM in the church sanctuary.



MEMORY AND HONOR

In Honor of Good Samaritan Class
Meals of Love
Shelly Lanier

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.

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

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.

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Karen and Marty would like to get a **HANDBELL CHOIR** together to play for our Easter worship service this year. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please let Karen know by March 6. This is not a long-term commitment, and you do not need to have any experience to participate. We will have approximately 3-4 rehearsals before Easter to prepare.*

*If you or someone you know would like to provide **special music** during our early or traditional worship services, please let Karen know! This can be vocal or instrumental, and is open to all ages! Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord!*

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 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 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.*