

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: “Philadelphia: Keepers of the Word”

Revelation 3:7-13 NIV

“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

STEWARDSHIP – MARCH 24, 2019

GIVING

Budget

Weekly Need	\$ 7,631.56
Given	\$ 8,644.00
Behind	\$ 8,281.85

Other Funds

Cemetery Fund	\$ 520.00
Youth Fund	\$ 50.00

ATTENDANCE

CenTered	87
Worship Service	158
Total	245
Sunday School	167

Youth Mission Trip	\$ 1,689.65
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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
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 31, 2019

11:00 AM

Nursery with pagers available

Greeting and Announcements

Richard Bates, Lay Leader

EVANGELISM TEAM GREETER REVAMPING

Prelude "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

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**

***HYMN NO. 529** "How Firm a Foundation"

Please Bring Crisis Ministry Cash Offering to the Altar

Marty Stanbery

Aubrey Adkins

Cora Kurtzman

Graylin Snyder

The People

Karen Stutzman

Registration of Attendance

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER

VOICES OF THE CHILDREN "Teach Me, Lord"

Children's Choir

Kynleigh Gathings, Soloist

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

Dawn Essick

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Ancient Words"

Lisa Bates

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

***HYMN NO. 601**

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

Karen Stutzman

***The Reading of the Word**

Revelation 3:7-13 NIV

Rev. Mitch Wilson

The Preaching of the Word "Philadelphia: Keepers of the Word"

Rev. Mitch Wilson

***HYMN of COMMITMENT NO. 600** "Wonderful Words of Life"

The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn

Karen Stutzman

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

Aubrey Adkins and Graylin Snyder

***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 – Clifton and Lynda Beck

Mike and Kim Craver

Next Sunday – Charles and Vickey Kepley

Gray and Barbara Boger

USHERS

Today – Rod Loflin (Head)

Mike Craver, Ronnie Craver,

Tim Craver, Phillip Dorton

Next Sunday – Kent Nifong (Head)

Ronnie Dorton, Curtis Dorwart

Willie Everhart, Donald Hamilton

ACOLYTE

Today – Aubrey Adkins

Next Sunday – Mycah Kepley

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Cora Kurtzman

Next Sunday – Ann Marie Kurtzman

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery

Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Dawn Essick and Mitzi Tesh

Next Sunday – Debbie Wood & Karri Hollingsworth

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Graylin Snyder

Next Sunday – Sophia Johnson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today – Sarah Williams

Next Sunday – Wendy Talley & Danielle Herron

CHILDREN'S TIME

Today – Dawn Essick

Next Sunday – Steve Long

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Lucinda Black

Next Sunday – Amy Brauser

DOORSTEP VISITATION

Today – Robert and Lisa Bates

Next Sunday – Ed and Becky Wassum

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**

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 – Malachi Luke Aberle born February 14, 2019. He weighed 8 lbs, 4 oz. and was 22 ½ inches. Pray for their children as they go through transition again, leaving family and friends and settling into a new place with new relationships. Pray for the Aberles as they dive into a new culture and language that they find community, friends and a church family. Please pray as they get paperwork and logistics figured out for their return trip mid-April. Pray that they would be able to build a team who are excited to work with them in this new venture of more digital ministry opportunities continuing to work to reach the unreached from a different angle.**
- **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 31:

- Nancy Lanier
- Allen MacCay (Barbara Johnson's Foster Son)
- Kathy Griffin (Joey Johnson's Friend's Mother)
- Becky Wassum
- Wini Hinkle
- Karen Scott Stump
- Lannie Sink
- 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)

THANK YOU Center Congregation,

*I want to express my thanks to all who have called, visited, sent cards, meals and especially your prayers. My love to all of you.
Love, Becky Wassum*

COMMUNITY MEETING AT MIDWAY UMC-APRIL 11- 6:30 PM

Make plans to attend a community meeting with Hugh Harris of the North Carolina Attorney General's Office, Department of Justice regarding scams, fraud and phone calls. Open to the public and it is free on Thursday, April 11, at 6:30 PM.

SIMPLE SERVANTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS-NEW SERIES

The Simple Servants Sunday School Class will begin a new series titled "Jesus is _____: Find a New Way to Be Human" by Judah Smith. Your answer could shed light on the path to becoming who you were made to be. All are welcome especially those not attending any class currently. We will begin this series Sunday, April 7, at 10 AM.

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
J. R. Lanning – Rehab- Abbotts Creek
Sue Mendenhall

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 or 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), by note or by phone (731-6616) the week before the flowers are to be placed in the church.

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.

THIS WEEK AT CENTER

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

Monday (April 1)

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

Tuesday (April 2)

12:00 PM ND Chamber of Commerce (FH)

Wednesday (April 3)

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

Thursday (April 4)

4:00 PM Goodwill S S. Class Leaves for Cody Creek
6:15-8:00 PM AHG (Basement) Parents (FH)

Saturday (April 6)

12-9:00PM Civitan Club (CFC-Kitchen)

Next Sunday (April 7)

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 (Pastor' Study)
4:00 PM Youth Council Meeting (FH)
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
6:00 PM Church Anniversary Planning Com. Meeting (FH)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

MEMORY AND HONOR

In Honor of J. R. Lanning

Budget Fund

Goodwill Sunday School Class

In Honor of Lannie Sink

Budget Fund

Friendship Sunday School Class

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.

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

- SONrise 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

IMPORTANT MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 7, AT 6:00 PM

The 125th church anniversary planning committee will meet Sunday, April 7, in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm. The following individuals are requested to be present: Molly Long, Christine Brinkley, Karen Stutzman, Reida Snyder, Karen Tysinger, Tim Williams, Debbie Williams, a representative from the Family Ministries, and a representative from the Youth department. Any church member willing to serve and help plan our celebration is more than welcome to join us. Contact Jeff Mendenhall should you have questions and concerns.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Greater Things Outreach Center is in need of volunteers. If you can help, please contact Buddy at 336-619-0171. Phillip Dorton was helping last week and the center needed help distributing food.

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.*