

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: "Laodicea: Condemned"

Revelation 3:14-22 NIV

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

STEWARDSHIP – MARCH 31, 2019

GIVING

Budget

Weekly Need \$ 7,631.56
Given \$ 7,102.00
Behind \$ 8,811.41

Other Funds

Cemetery Fund \$ 20.00
Easter Lilies \$ 192.50
Pickin' & Grinnin' \$ 595.00

ATTENDANCE

CenTered 78
Worship Service 172
Total 250
Sunday School 149

Youth Mission Trip \$ 10.00
Mission Team \$ 25.00
Crisis Ministry (P&G) \$ 650.00

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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
Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 7, 2019

11:00 AM

Nursery with pagers available

Greeting and Announcements

Richard Bates, Lay Leader

Prelude

“In the Garden”

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. 128**

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

Please Bring Community Mission Offering to the Altar

Registration of Attendance

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER

VOICES OF THE CHILDREN *“I’m Gonna Work So God Can Use Me”* Children’s Choir

Soloists: Micah, Cora, Katlyn and Ann Marie

CHILDREN’S TIME

Steve Long

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Consider the Lilies”

Lilly Leonard

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

***HYMN NO. 514** *“Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus”* Karen Stutzman

***The Reading of the Word**

Revelation 3:14-22 NIV

Rev. Mitch Wilson

The Preaching of the Word

“Laodicea: Condemned”

Rev. Mitch Wilson

***HYMN of COMMITMENT NO. 354** *“I Surrender All”*

Karen Stutzman

The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION, PAGE 15

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

Mycah Kepley 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 – Charles and Vickey Kepley

Gray and Barbara Boger

Next Sunday – Gregg and Glenda Stabler

Richard and Terri Bates

ACOLYTE

Today – Mycah Kepley

Next Sunday – Hadley Smith

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Ann Marie Kurtzman

Next Sunday – Micah Hollingsworth

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Sophia Johnson

Next Sunday – Gracin Hill

CHILDREN’S TIME

Today – Steve Long

Next Sunday – Sunday School Showcase

DOORSTEP VISITATION

Today – Ed and Becky Wassum

Next Sunday – Lannie and Vicki Sink

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 – Kent Nifong (Head)

Ronnie Dorton, Curtis Dorwart

Willie Everhart, Donald Hamilton

Next Sunday – Kent Nifong (Head)

Rocky Hedrick, Tommy Henderson,

David Hill, Tony Hill

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery

Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Debbie Wood & Karri Hollingsworth

Next Sunday – Jennifer Kurtzman and

Karri Hollingsworth

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Today – Wendy Talley & Danielle Herron

Next Sunday – Tina Fulcher & Karri Hollingsworth

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Amy Brauser

Next Sunday – Wendy Talley

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers are placed in the church today to the glory of God and in memory of Max Leonard's birthday on April 17 with love by Donese and family.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES!

- Dan and Shannon Maloy –Spring is upon us! In college ministry, it means we are sandwiched between multiple exciting ministry opportunities: Spring Break trips & Summer Missions. Please visit the church website and enjoy our update about how students used their Spring Break to serve & share the Gospel with neighbors around the city, nation & world.
- Josh and Kristie Aberle – 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 – 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!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:

UMW have a new way of ordering their delicious Chicken Pies. Simply go to our church website, click on the link and place your order. We are taking orders now through April 15 for pick up on May 4.

UMW MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 9 – 6:45PM

Our United Methodist Women invite all ladies of the church to join them for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9. Glenda Stabler and Libby Leonard will serve light refreshments at 6:45 PM in the fellowship hall. Karri Hollingsworth will open the 7:00 PM meeting with devotions. Wendy Talley has prepared a wonderful program based on the book *Crave*, which teaches us how to satisfy our deepest desires with God, not food. Please bring items for the college and military care packages which will be assembled at the meeting. We hope to see each of you for an evening of good food, Christian fellowship, and spiritual growth!

On Going Prayer Concerns for April 7:

- Jim Myers (Pat Simmons' Brother)
- 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)

SYMPATHY:

Nancy Lanier passed away Saturday, March 30. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Monday, April 1, at the Center United Methodist Church and graveside service followed at Center's cemetery. Please remember Kay and Rocky Hedrick as well as their family during this

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.

RECENT JOYS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

- We had a great crowd of 250+ in attendance at Pickin' & Grinnin' and raised \$650.00 from the offering for Crisis Ministry of Davidson and another \$595.00 from the meal for the P & G Fund. We are grateful for all the musicians that are dedicated to the cause and the helpers behind the scenes that make this possible.

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
 J. R. Lanning – Abbotts Creek Center, 877 Hill Everhart Road, Room 219, Lexington, NC 27295
 Sue Mendenhall-Mallard Ridge Assisted Living, 9420 N. Hwy. 150, Clemmons, NC 27012 –Attn: Sue Mendenhall, Horizon C-1

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.eneews@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 (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

Monday (April 8)

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

Tuesday (April 9)

6:45 PM UMW Meeting (FH)

Wednesday (April 10)

6:00 PM Children's Com. Meeting (FH)
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 11)

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

Friday (April 12)

All Day Set Up for Easter Bunny Event (CFC)
All Day Set Up for Youth Dinner & Auction (CFC)

Saturday (April 13)

8:00AM Breakfast with the Easter Bunny (CFC)
All Day Set Up and Youth Dinner & Auction Event (CFC)
5:00 PM Dinner for Youth Fund Raiser (CFC)
6:00 PM Youth Auction (CFC)

Next Sunday (April 14)-Palm Sunday & Sunday School Showcase

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

Maundy Thursday Change

Please note, change of service for Maundy Thursday. Communion will be served from 6-7:30 PM. Please come celebrate communion at your convenience during this specified time.

MEMORY AND HONOR

In Memory of Nancy Lanier

Budget Fund
Open Door Class

In Memory of Nancy Lanier

Mission Team Fund
Good Samaritan Class

In Honor of Wini Hinkle

Budget Fund
Goodwill Sunday School Class

Evangelism:

The Evangelism Team is currently offering the opportunity for all of our church members to be a part of the revitalized Greeters and Doorstep connection. Many of you heard about this last week. During the next 4 Sundays, the Evangelism Team will join those currently serving in these positions and we invite anyone to come and join us to learn more about what's going on!! We will be side by side, knowing we are doing what God has commanded us to do together!!! Give Debbie Williams a call 336-416-6573. You'll be glad you took the step.

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 with Holy Communion Only

Thursday, April 18 6-7:30 PM (Sanctuary)
Please Celebration at Your Convenience

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 TODAY, APRIL 7, AT 6:00 PM

The 125th church anniversary planning committee will meet today, 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.

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 on Sunday, April 14 at 10:00 AM.

SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS 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 April, we are asking for small stuffed animals for boys or girls that can fit in shoeboxes. 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.*