

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: "How Important Are They?"

Matthew 13:44-46 NIV

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

STEWARDSHIP – JULY 14, 2019

GIVING

Budget

Weekly Need \$ 7,631.56
Given \$ 10,109.50
Behind \$ 10,973.92

Other Funds

Cemetery Fund \$ 20.00
Youth Fund \$ 5,000.00

ATTENDANCE

CenTered 86
Worship Service 191
Total 277
Sunday School 176

Mission Team \$ 125.00
Community Mission Fund \$ 25.00

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
Celebrating 125 Years...His Light Shines On
Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 21, 2019

11:00 AM **Nursery with pagers available**

Greeting and Announcements	Richard Bates, Lay Leader	
Prelude	<i>“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”</i>	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		Mycah Kepley
*GREETING and SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST		The People
MINISTRY MOMENT	<i>Celebrating 125Years in Memories</i>	Jeff Mendenhall
*HYMN NO. 2270 (The Faith We Sing)	<i>‘He Has Made Me Glad’</i>	Karen Stutzman
Please Bring Greater Things Outreach Offering to the Altar		
Registration of Attendance		
Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER		
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	Special Presentation from VBS Children	
CHILDREN’S TIME		Richard Bates
Following Children’s Time, children K-2 nd grade may go to Children’s Church		
*DOXOLOGY PAGE NO. 95	<i>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	Karen Stutzman
*HYMN NO. 377	<i>“It Is Well with My Soul”</i>	Karen Stutzman
*THE READING OF THE WORD	<i>Matthew 13:44-46 NIV</i>	Rev. Mitch Wilson
THE PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD	<i>“How Important Are They?”</i>	Rev. Mitch Wilson
*HYMN of COMMITMENT NO. 370	<i>“Victory in Jesus”</i>	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 Mycah Kepley	
*BLESSING		Rev. Mitch Wilson
*POSTLUDE		Marty Stanbery

*Congregation Stands

WELCOME

We welcome you to your 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. Also, drop by the “CONNECT TABLE” for your gift and information about your new church family. If you do not have a church home, we cordially invite you to share in the life of this congregation.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

TRADITIONAL SERVICE GREETERS

Today – Steve & Molly Long
Dustin & Brittany Hobbs (Family)
Next Sunday – Mark & Tracie Bean
Lannie & Vicki Sink

TRADITIONAL SERVICE CONNECTORS

Today – Rod & Bonnie Loflin
Next Sunday – Todd & Tina Fulcher

ACOLYTE

Today – Lilly Leonard
Next Sunday – Graylin Snyder

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Karis Koontz
Next Sunday – Quinn Talley

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Mycah Kepley
Next Sunday –Lilly Leonard

CHILDREN’S TIME

Today – Richard Bates
Next Sunday – Anna Shillinglaw

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Today – Angie Leonard & Karen Hodge
Next Sunday – Ruby Combs & Glenda Stabler

USHERS

Today – Ron Cheek (Head)
Chris Craver, Joe Craver,
Mike Craver, Ronnie Craver
Next Sunday – Ron Cheek (Head)
Tim Craver, Phillip Dorton,
Ronnie Dorton, Curtis Dorwart

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery
Next Sunday – Parenting Nursery

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Anna Evans & Angie Leonard
Next Sunday–Elizabeth Shillinglaw &
Angie Leonard

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Amy Brauser
Next Sunday – Wendy Talley

EARLY SERVICE GREETERS

Today – Robert & Lisa Bates, Aaron Whitfield
Next Sunday – Willie Everhart, Deena Tolley,
Danielle Herron

EARLY SERVICE CONNECTORS

Today – Rodney & Sarah Williams
Next Sunday – Aaron Whitfield

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.

RECENT PRAISE TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

The week of Vacation Bible School had great attendance and much participation. A big thank you to all who helped this week and let us continue on the good fight to keep our church connected to those in our community who are not part of our fellowship. A good follow up to the children who were visiting is needed so that we can reach out to them.

125th Birthday Celebration Information

Matthew 5:14 – You are the light of the world – like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see.

Families and members of Center United Methodist Church will officially celebrate 125 years of faithfully serving our Lord and Savior in the Welcome community on Sunday, September 29. Several special events and activities have been planned for this celebration for both Saturday, September 28, and Sunday, September 29. Please place these events on your calendars and plan to attend.

Beginning July 21 and continuing until September 22, members of various organizations and groups within the church will be sharing short Ministry Moments with the congregation each Sunday. Each moment will center on the thought of what has made Center UMC a pillar of the Welcome community for 125 years. Currently scheduled to speak are the following:

- July 21 Jeff Mendenhall, Church Historian
- July 28 Aaron Whitfield, Missions
- August 4 Either UMM or Youth
- August 11 Either UMM or Youth
- August 18 Debbie Williams, UMW
- August 25 Angie Leonard, JOY/ JAM Kids and American Heritage Girls
- September 1 UMM or Youth
- September 8 Molly Long, Threads of Love
- September 15 Tina Fulcher, Children's Department
- September 22 Robert Bates, Long Range Planning Com.

Many activities are planned for Saturday and Sunday, September 28 & 29.

It is our hope that you will be able to celebrate with your church family on both days.

On Going Prayer Concerns for July 21:

- Richard Mendenhall
- Ann Robbins
- Carroll “Smiley” Tysinger
- Ralph Burleson (Charles Richardson’s Uncle)
- Brian Grubb (Joy Jones’s Brother)
- Bryan Martin (Donna Muraco’s Son-in-Law)
- I. V. Swicegood (Barbara Lanning’s Uncle)
- Karen Woods (Friend of Barbara Johnson)
- Linda Leonard
- Kenneth Leonard
- Brenda Leonard
- Sybil Arthurs
- Brian Guffey (Beth Wilson’s Brother)
- Allen MacCay (Barbara Johnson’s Foster Son)
- Kathy Griffin (Joey Johnson’s Friend’s Mother)
- Karen Scott Stump
- Robin Backer (Ashley Johnson’s Mother)
- Bob & Crissy Wagner
- Don Edwards (Charles Richardson’s Cousin)
- Kim Dorton
- Kathy Kepley
- Kitty Minter
- Jean Teague (Martha Varner’s Sister)
- Paul Stevens (Steve and Molly Long’s Friend)

Jesus loved lost people and loved spending time with them.

From the gospels, it is obvious that Jesus enjoyed being with these people far more than being with religious leaders. He went to their parties and was called the “friend of sinners” (Luke 7:34)...Loving unbelievers the way Jesus did is the most overlooked key to growing a church. Without his passion for the lost, we will be unwilling to make the sacrifices necessary to reach them.

Rick Warren, The Purpose Driven Church

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.

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
- Nancy Marlow (Lisa Bates’ Mother)
- Jewell McDade – Heritage Greens

IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Kepley

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. 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.

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***

*We are so grateful for the calls, cards, emails, visits, and food shared with us at this time of great loss. Our church family is wonderful. We especially appreciate all the support and prayers for the entire family. Thank you so much.
In Christ’s Love,
The Tony Koontz Family*

THIS WEEK AT CENTER

Sunday (July 21)

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

Monday (July 22)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday (July 23)

3-9:00 PM Pickin' & Grinnin' Set Up & Practice (CFC)

Wednesday (July 24)

6:00 PM Praise Team Practice (CFC)
6:00 PM Youth-Nerf War
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday (July 25)

3-6:00 PM P&G Set Up (CFC)
6:00 PM Hot Dog Supper (CFC)
7:00 PM Pickin' & Grinnin' (CFC)

Saturday (July 27)

3-8:00 PM Mike Craver Reunion (FH)

Next Sunday (July 28)

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
12-00 PM Youth Lunch & Movie
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

PLEASE SUPPORT BOY SCOUT **TROOP 238** **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

August 3 5-7:00 PM

Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, & drink

Eat in or Take Out

\$8 presale, \$10 at door

Other items for Sale

Please see a Boy Scout or Boy Scout
Leader for Tickets. Contact Melissa
Black with questions. 336-881-0492

MEMORY AND HONOR

In Memory of Tony Koontz

Mission Fund

Dyke and Cindy Leonard
Good Samaritan Class
Steve and Molly Long

In Memory of Tony Koontz

Budget Fund

Center United Methodist Women
Kenneth and Mary Jane Leonard
Lois Weaver
Kay Wagner
Rod and Bonnie Loflin
Gray and Barbara Boger
Jack and Sherry Thrift
Wayne and Reida Snyder
Dottie Wilkes
Dean and Martha Slabach

In Memory of Katy Culler

Budget Fund

Dean and Martha Slabach
Clifton and Lynda Beck

In Memory of Klynt Nifong

Budget Fund

Dean and Martha Slabach
Clifton and Lynda Beck

In Memory of Sue Mendenhall

Budget Fund

Dean and Martha Slabach
Clifton and Lynda Beck

Save the date
to be photographed for the new
Center UMC Directory!
Photography dates
September 4-7, 2019
September 23-26, 2019
It won't be complete without YOU!



Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center

Come join us for an evening of Pickin' & Grinnin' in the
Christian Fellowship Center on
Thursday, July 25, 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:

Greater Things Outreach Center

CHILDREN'S MEMORIZATION PIZZA PARTY SCHEDULED

Margaret Story is having a pizza party to reward the children who participated in the memorization of Bible verses. This will be held on Sunday, August 11, in the Christian Fellowship Center immediately following the morning worship service.

Arts and craft items NEEDED FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The American Heritage Girls, the Scouts, and the Youth are teaming up for a great cause! This year, for Operation Christmas Child, the three groups are asking for your help. Each month we are asking for donations of certain items to help fill the boxes. For the month of July we are asking for art and craft items for boys and girls of all ages. These items may include: coloring pads, coloring books, picture books, glue stick (do not include liquid glue) small adhesive tape, watercolor set, [finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper], play dough (consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the play dough.), stickers, skipping rope/jump rope, or make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets. 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. In November, 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.

