

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: "House of Mercy"

John 5:1-15 NIV

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat." But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.' " So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?" The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

STEWARDSHIP – JULY 21, 2019

GIVING		ATTENDANCE	
Budget			
Weekly Need	\$ 7,631.56	CenTered	67
Given	\$ 4,918.16	Worship Service	166
Behind	\$ 13,687.32	Total	233
		Sunday School	125
Other Funds			
Kitchen Fund	\$ 500.00	Non-Cash	\$ 37.53

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Center United Methodist Church
Celebrating 125 Years...His Light Shines On
Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 28, 2019

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

Greeting and Announcements Richard Bates, Lay Leader
Prelude "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" 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 Lilly Leonard
***GREETING and SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST** The People
MINISTRY MOMENT *Celebrating 125Years in Missions* Aaron Whitfield

***HYMN NO. 2272** (The Faith We Sing) "Holy Ground" Karen Stutzman
Please Bring Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center Offering to the Altar

Registration of Attendance
Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME Anna Shillinglaw
Following Children's Time, children K-2nd grade may go to Children's Church

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Lift High the Cross" Chancel Choir
***DOXOLOGY PAGE NO. 95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Karen Stutzman
***HYMN NO. 301** "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" Karen Stutzman

***THE READING OF THE WORD** *John 5:1-15 NIV* Rev. Mitch Wilson
THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD "House of Mercy" Rev. Mitch Wilson

***HYMN of COMMITMENT NO. 467** "Trust and Obey" 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 Lilly Leonard

***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 – Mark & Tracie Bean
Lannie & Vicki Sink
Next Sunday – Gray & Barbara Boger
Wyatt & Tracey Kepley

TRADITIONAL SERVICE CONNECTORS

Today – Todd & Tina Fulcher
Next Sunday – Amy Brauser (Family)

ACOLYTE

Today – Graylin Snyder
Next Sunday – Aubrey Adkins

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Quinn Talley
Next Sunday – Cora Kurtzman

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Lilly Leonard
Next Sunday – Mycah Kepley

CHILDREN'S TIME

Today – Anna Shillinglaw
Next Sunday – Dawn Essick

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today – Ruby Combs & Glenda Stabler
Next Sunday – Wendy Talley & Danielle Herron

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.

USHERS

Today – Ron Cheek (Head)
Tim Craver, Phillip Dorton,
Ronnie Dorton, Curtis Dorwart
Next Sunday – Gregg Stabler (Head)
Willie Everhart, Rocky Hedrick,
Donald Hamilton, Tommy Henderson

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Elizabeth Shillinglaw &
Angie Leonard
Next Sunday – Karri Hollingsworth & Beth Wilson

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Wendy Talley
Next Sunday – Tess McCrary Warren

EARLY SERVICE GREETERS

Today – Willie Everhart, Deena Tolley,
Danielle Herron
Next Sunday – Curtis & Denise Dorwart &
Aaron Whitfield

EARLY SERVICE CONNECTORS

Today – Aaron Whitfield
Next Sunday – Kathryn Bullings

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers for today are provided by God. The specific flowers were chosen in remembrance of loved ones.

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 28 Aaron Whitfield, Missions
August 4 Hunter Duncan, Youth
August 11 Dustin Hobbs, UMM
August 18 Debbie Williams, UMW
August 25 Angie Leonard, JOY/ JAM Kids and AHG
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.

Activities for Saturday September 28

- The Christians Under Construction Sunday Class will host a fun afternoon of **games of the past** from 4 until 6 in and around the FH..
- At 6 pm, we will gather at the church cemetery to honor the **Saints of Center** in a very moving “**Passing of the Light**” ceremony.
- After the ceremony at the cemetery, we will return to the church for an old-fashioned ice cream social in the Fellowship Hall.

Activities for Sunday September 29

- A joint church service will be held beginning at 10:30 AM.
- Lunch will be served in the CFC immediately following the service. The church will provide the meats for the meal. Those attending are asked to bring a favorite side dish or two to complement the meal. Birthday cake will be served for dessert, so desserts will not be needed. The American Heritage Girls will host the meal. A slideshow will be presented during the meal.
- After the meal, a time capsule will be planted at the flagpole. The capsule is to be opened in 50 years.
- On both Saturday and Sunday, pictures will be made for those who wish to dress in attire of the past.

It is our hope that you will be able to celebrate with your church family on both days. Jeff Mendenhall, Church Historian

On Going Prayer Concerns for July 28:

- Richard Mendenhall
- Donese Leonard
- Alison Brinkley Michael
- Brinlee Mae Michael
- 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)
- 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)

A PINK ROSEBUD:

A pink rosebud is placed on the side altar today to celebrate the birth of Brinlee Mae Michael on Tuesday, July 23, to Alison Brinkley Michael and Charlie. Grandparents are Gary and Christine Brinkley and Deanna Michael. Great grandparent is Frances Phillips. Please keep mother and baby in your prayers. She was born at 31 weeks. She weighed 2.7 pounds and is 14 in. long. Mother and baby are doing well.

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 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

Monday (July 29)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday (July 31)

9:00 AM Youth Leaving for Carowinds

Saturday (August 3)

2-10:00 PM Set Up and Clean Up Boy Scout Meal (CFC)
5-7:00 PM Boy Scout Fund Raiser Meal (CFC)

Next Sunday (August 4)

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:30 PM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
4:00 PM Youth Council Meeting (FH)
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Next Sunday, we begin a new series called "Getting Ready to be Used by God!" Who doesn't want to be an instrument for their Lord. Over the next five weeks, we will look at how the Bible teaches us to prepare for service. As we begin the series, we will look at the importance of a clean life. I hope you can join us in our new journey to be used mightily by Christ!

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

Budget Fund

Randy and Marlyce Vaughn
Jean Topping and Tony's Cousins: Mary Jo,
Edith and Families
Jeff & Martha Mendenhall
Gary & Christine Brinkley
Lannie and Vicki Sink
Henrietta Hayes
Van and Rita Wood
Greg and Elizabeth Baker

In Memory of Chris Briggs

Budget Fund

Greg and Elizabeth Baker

In Memory of Katy Culler

Budget Fund

Deborah McLean

In Memory of Sue Mendenhall

Budget Fund

Dot Elliott

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

**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!

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.

Calling ALL Kids!!! You are invited to the Back to School Pool Party on August 16!

School is right around the corner. Come and celebrate with some fun in the sun on Friday, August 16, from 6-9 P.M. at Welcome Pool. There will be lots of food and fellowship. Can't wait to see you there!

Because this is a family event including: Children of the church, BSA, AHG and their siblings, we ask that you RSVP. Signup sheets are located in the Toddler Nursery and downstairs in the Children's Sunday School area. Please contact Tina Fulcher and Angie Leonard with any questions or concerns. Or email: VBS4CUMC@GMAIL.COM

Please note: This is an entire family event. So, dropping children off is not permitted. Thank you for your cooperation.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – AUGUST 25

Pastor Mitch will be doing a "Blessing of the Backpacks" on Sunday, August 25, in the 11:00 AM Worship Service. All students are invited to bring their backpacks for the pastor to bless and pray for their upcoming school year.

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.