

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: "Keep Your Heart Grateful"

Ephesians 5:19-20 NIV

Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

STEWARDSHIP – AUGUST 11, 2019

**GIVING
Budget**

Weekly Need \$ 7,631.56
Given \$ 7,848.00
Behind \$ 10,812.10

ATTENDANCE

CenTered	73
Worship Service	158
Total	231
Sunday School	154

Other Funds Community mission: \$25.00 Cemetery: \$20.00 Mission team: \$500.00
Youth: \$ 810.00 Kitchen: \$250.00

Center United Methodist Church

www.centermethodistwelcome.org

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Center United Methodist Church
Celebrating 125 Years...His Light Shines On
Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 18, 2019

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

Greeting and Announcements	Donald Hamilton
Prelude	“Come, Thou Almighty King” Marty Stanbery
Call to Worship	Marty Stanbery
PRESENTATION of the LIGHT of CHRIST	Hadley Smith
The Gift of God’s HOLY WORD	Micah Hollingsworth
The Marvelous CROSS of CHRIST	Hamilton Kepley
*GREETING and SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST	The People
*HYMN NO. 369	“Blessed Assurance” Karen Stutzman
Please Bring Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center Offering to the Altar	
MINISTRY MOMENT	<i>Celebrating 125Years in Memories</i> Debbie Williams, UMW
Registration of Attendance	
Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER	
SUNDAY SCHOOL ROUNDUP	Kay Hedrick and Special Guest
CHILDREN’S TIME	Steve Long
Following Children’s Time, children K-2 nd grade may go to Children’s Church	
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY	“How Can I Keep from Singing?” Chancel Choir
*DOXOLOGY PAGE NO. 95	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Karen Stutzman
*HYMN NO. 593	“Here I Am, Lord” Karen Stutzman
*THE READING OF THE WORD	<i>Ephesians 5:19-20 NIV</i> Rev. Mitch Wilson
THE PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD	“Keep Your Heart Grateful” Rev. Mitch Wilson
*HYMN of COMMITMENT NO. 354	“I Surrender All” 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	Hadley Smith and Hamilton 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 – Richard & Terri Bates
 Chris & Stacie Michael
 Next Sunday – Brittany Todd & Michele Gregory
 Gregg & Glenda Stabler

TRADITIONAL SERVICE CONNECTORS

Today – Steve & Molly Long
 Next Sunday – Karri Hollingsworth

ACOLYTE

Today – Hadley Smith
 Next Sunday – Gracin Hill

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Micah Hollingsworth
 Next Sunday – Katlyn Leonard

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Hamilton Kepley
 Next Sunday – Autumn Johnson

CHILDREN’S TIME

Today – Steve Long
 Next Sunday – Molly Long

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

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

USHERS

Today – Gregg Stabler (Head)
 Pete Jones, Wyatt Kepley,
 Dave Kesler, Leroy Kiger
 Next Sunday – Gregg Stabler (Head)
 Chase Leonard, Doyle Leonard,
 Dyke Leonard, Mike Leonard

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Vickey Kepley & Tina Fulcher
 Next Sunday – Amy Adkins & Tina Fulcher

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Angie Leonard
 Next Sunday – Danielle Herron

EARLY SERVICE GREETERS

Today – Brian & Emily Weavil
 Aaron Whitfield
 Next Sunday – Corbin & Kelsey Shook
 Aaron Whitfield

EARLY SERVICE CONNECTORS

Today – Dyke & Cindy Leonard
 Next Sunday – Tim & Debbie Williams

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God and in honor of Diane Henderson's birthday, August 19, by her loving husband.

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.

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:

August 18 Debbie Williams, UMW
August 25 Angie Leonard, AHG
September 1 Jeff Mendenhall
September 8 Molly Long, Threads of Love
September 15 Tina Fulcher, Children's Department, JOY/ JAM Kids
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 August 18:

- Pat Lanier
- 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)
- Kathy Griffin (Joey Johnson's Friend's Mother)
- Karen Woods (Friend of Barbara Johnson)
- Linda Leonard
- Kenneth Leonard
- Brenda Leonard
- Sybil Arthurs
- 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)

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 AM

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!

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY AT CENTER, and we would love to have all of our members participate. **Photos will be taken in the church's fellowship hall. It is very simple to schedule your time slot using the link provided on our church website.** Simply click on the date and time that works best for you and your family, enter your contact information, establish a user name/password, and you will be all set OR click here and sign up now. **All of those who have their photo taken will receive a free directory, and you will also have the opportunity to purchase your photos if you wish.** If for any reason you are unable to access the link or need assistance, please contact Debbie Williams at 336-416-6573. We appreciate your time by taking part in this important event!

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

PLEASE NOTE: check the Christian Fellowship Center kitchen and the Fellowship Hall for dishes/containers left from previous funeral meals.

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.eneews@gmail.com or cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com

SYMPATHY:

Bryan Guffey, Beth Wilson's brother, passed away Tuesday, August 13. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 17, at Fellowship Holiness Church. Please remember Beth, Pastor Mitch and family as well as Bryan's family during this time.

THIS WEEK AT CENTER

Sunday (August 18)

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM Youth Lunch & Hiking at Pilot Mountain
3-5:00 PM JOY Kids (CFC)
3-5:00 PM JAM Kids (Basement)
5:00 PM Bible Study (FH)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Monday (August 19) – Newsletter Deadline

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday (August 21)

6:00 PM Youth (CFC) – Messy Game Night
6:00 PM Praise Team Practice
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday (August 24) – Youth Faithfest

Next Sunday (August 25) – Youth Sunday-

Backpack Blessings

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
12-5:30 PM Christine Brinkley (CFC)
5:00 PM Bible Study (FH)
6:00 PM Youth Back to School Party (CFC)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT: AUGUST 29TH

Our information night is Thursday, August 29, from 6 PM-8 PM in the Old Fellowship Hall. Our regular troop meetings begin September 5 in the children's basement area. We do a wide variety of activities- badge work, field trips, family outings, camping, retreats, outdoor skills, etc. We hope you will come out and learn more about us. When you are making choices about after school activities, please consider us. We will be conducting registration in August and September, 2019 for the 2019-2020 program year. We would love to hear from you!!! Please contact Angie Leonard or Heather Noel with any questions!

MEMORY AND HONOR

August 4, 2019

In Memory of Klynt Nifong

Budget Fund
Don and Diane Dull

In Memory of Sue Mendenhall

Budget Fund
Ricky and Jean Gardin
Don and Diane Dull

In Memory of Tony Koontz

Budget Fund
Don and Diane Dull
Libby Leonard
Charles and Vickey Kopley
Jim and Anita Scott
Richard and Terri Bates

August 11, 2019

In Memory of Tony Koontz

Budget Fund
Tony and Phyllis Leonard
Rocky and Kay Hedrick
Bonnie Von Stein

In Memory of Sue Mendenhall

Budget Fund
Rocky and Kay Hedrick

In Memory of Tony Koontz

Mission Team Fund
Donese Leonard

American Heritage Girls will be hosting monthly “Sunday Servings at the AHG Café” beginning October 6 in the Christian Fellowship Center. Donations will be accepted and will be used for costs associated with attendance at the AHG National Convention in July 2020. Please be in prayer for our troop and this exciting event.

JOY KIDS REUNION – TACO BAR & DRINKS

AUGUST 18, 2019 – 3:00 TO 5:00 PM

Please join us for a fun filled afternoon reminiscing about JOY Kids' memories with Kaitlyn and Clay Berrier in the Christian Fellowship Center. During the celebration, Kaitlyn and Deena will be introducing a new young lady who is excited to be a leader in training with JOY kids. You need to RSVP so that we can plan accordingly for the Taco Bar. Text RSVPs to Deena: (336)239-0844.

CALLING ALL KIDS KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 2ND GRADE...

We would like to invite you to the JAM kids' kickoff event today, August 18, from 3-5:00 PM in the children's basement area... There will be lots of fun games, (even water activities)!!! Please bring a towel and a friend to this fun filled day!! Can't wait to see you there!! Please contact Angie Leonard with any questions at 336.250.7033.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Pastor Mitch will be doing a “Blessing of the Backpacks” next Sunday 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.

GREETINGS FROM DAVIDSON COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES!

Did you know that being socially isolated is as detrimental to health as smoking? Our lunch sites (5 throughout Davidson County, including the site closest to you – the Welcome Nutrition Site) help to prevent social isolation by offering meals in a group setting with programming that engages older adults to stay active, engaged and to just have a good time with new friends!

The Welcome Site is located at First Baptist Church, 404 Welcome-Arcadia Road, 336-731-8434. Please contact Cameron Hartwell via reply email or by phone at 336.474.2758 to get more information.

SCHOOL 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 August we are asking for school 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, scissors, erasers, notebooks, paper... etc.

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.