

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: "Run to Safety"

Proverbs 18:10 NIV

The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

HUMPDAY HOOPLAH!

FREE MEAL & BIBLE STUDY TO FOLLOW AT 5:30 PM

Each Wednesday night beginning October 2 through November 20, we will meet in the Christian Fellowship Center for a FREE meal for the family and Bible study. The theme is "Joy Stealers". Let us study together this important topic and rejoice in Christ the Joy Giver.

STEWARDSHIP –SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

GIVING

Budget

Weekly Need \$ 7,631.56
Given \$ 5,748.00
Behind \$ 15,685.34

ATTENDANCE

CenTered 72
Worship Service 173
Total 245
Sunday School 167

Other Funds: Building Fund: \$75.00 Community Mission: \$25.00 Threads of Love Cemetery Fund: \$500.00 Youth Mission Trip: \$20.00 Non-Cash: \$417.75

Center United Methodist Church

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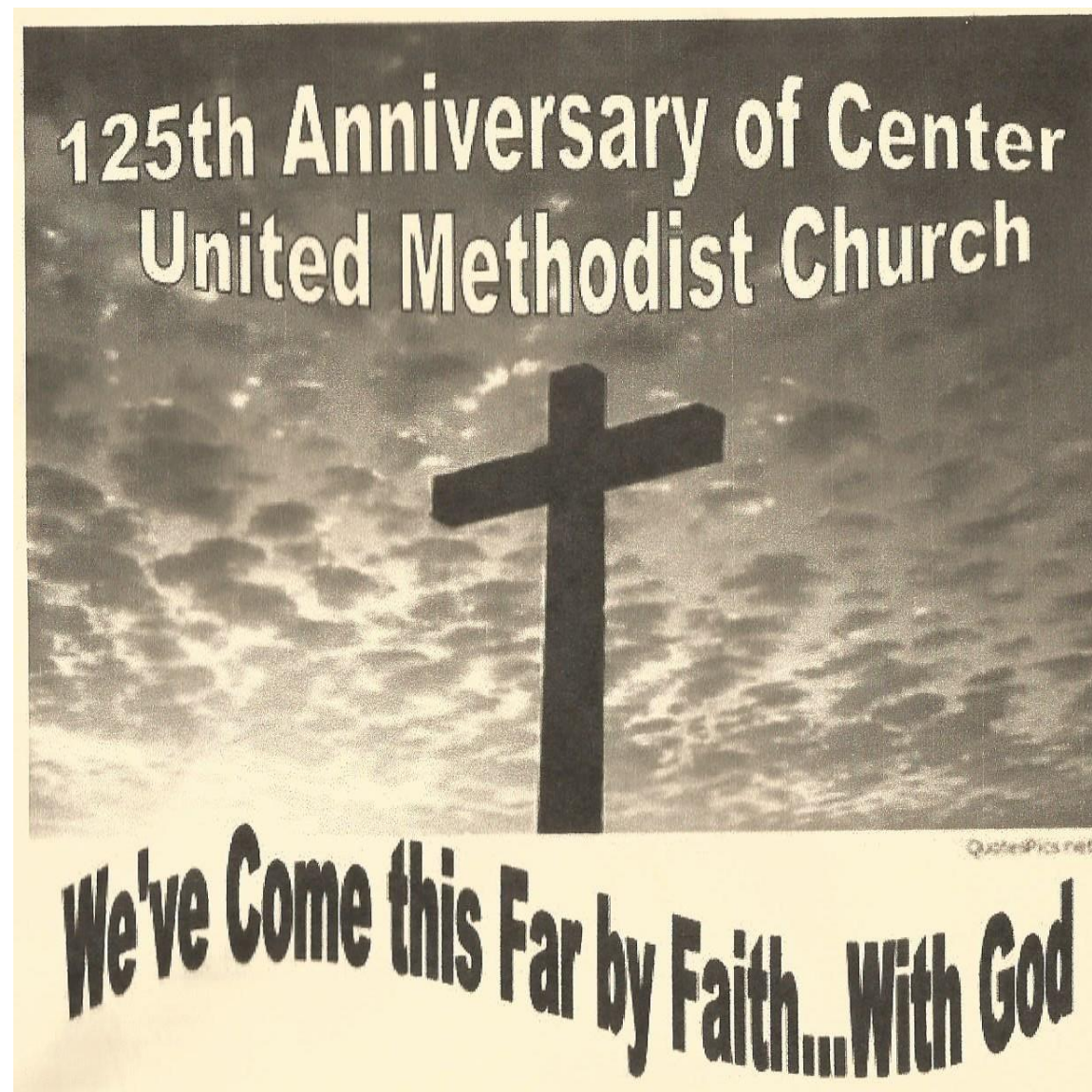
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Center United Methodist Church
Celebrating 125 Years...His Light Shines On
Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 22, 2019

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

Greeting and Announcements Richard Bates, Lay Leader
Prelude *“Morning Has Broken”* Duet with Marty Stanbery & Karen Stutzman

Call to Worship Marty Stanbery
PRESENTATION of the LIGHT of CHRIST Lily Leonard
The Gift of God’s HOLY WORD Karis Koontz
The Marvelous CROSS of CHRIST Gracin Hill
***GREETING and SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST** The People

***HYMN NO. 657** *“This Is the Day”* Karen Stutzman
Please Bring Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center Offering to the Altar
MINISTRY MOMENT *Celebrating 125Years in Memories* Robert Bates, Long Range Planning Committee

Registration of Attendance
Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER

VOICES OF THE CHILDREN *“Walk in the Spirit of Love”* Children’s Choir
CHILDREN’S TIME Warren Miller
Following Children’s Time, children K-2nd grade may go to Children’s Church

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY *“Sinner Saved by Grace”* Chancel Choir
***DOXOLOGY PAGE NO. 95** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* Karen Stutzman
***HYMN NO. 2086** (The Faith We Sing) *“Open Our Eyes”* Karen Stutzman

***THE READING OF THE WORD** *James 1:17-27 NIV* Rev. Mitch Wilson
THE PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD *“Active Listening”* Rev. Mitch Wilson
***HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 362** *“Nothing but the Blood”* 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**
Lily Leonard and Gracin Hill

***BLESSING/BENEDICTION** 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 – Leroy and Frances Kiger
Carroll & Karen Tysinger
Next Sunday – Butch & Marlene Wood
Alan & Tammy Broadway

TRADITIONAL SERVICE CONNECTORS

Today – Tim & Debbie Williams
Next Sunday – Lannie & Vicki Sink

ACOLYTE

Today – Lily Leonard
Next Sunday – Graylin Snyder

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Karis Koontz
Next Sunday – Quinn Talley

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Gracin Hill
Next Sunday – Gentry Smith

CHILDREN’S TIME

Today – Warren Miller
Next Sunday – Children’s Sunday/Homecoming

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Today – Angie Leonard & Glenda Stabler
Next Sunday – Sarah 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.

USHERS

Today – Gray Boger (Head)
Monty Pendry, Lee Sadler,
Jim Scott, Dean Slabach
Next Sunday – Gray Boger (Head)
Blake Smith, John Snyder,
Wayne Snyder, Gregg Stabler

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Ashley Snyder
Next Sunday – Dawn Essick

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Tess McCrary Warren
Next Sunday – Cindy Leonard

EARLY SERVICE GREETERS

Today – Curtis & Denise Dorwart
Aaron Whitfield
Next Sunday – Tim & Debbie Williams
Aaron Whitfield

EARLY SERVICE CONNECTORS

Today – Kathryn Bullings
Next Sunday – Rubin & Heather Noel

**125th Church Anniversary
Celebrating 125 years. His Light Shines on**

Events on Saturday, September 28

- 4 PM to 6 PM Games on the church grounds (east wing) & Fellowship Hall
- 6 PM to 7 PM Passing of the Light ceremony (cemetery)
- 7 PM to 8:15 PM Old fashioned Ice Cream social (Fellowship Hall)
- 4 PM to 8:15 PM Photos (Fellowship Hall)

Events on Sunday, September 29

10:30 AM Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Guest Speaker, Darrin Everhart

12:00 PM Lunch in the Christian Fellowship Center

1:15 PM or so Burial of the time capsule

• The church will be purchasing the meat for the Sunday meal. A side dish or two to complement the meal is requested from those planning to attend. Dessert will be birthday cake. A slideshow will run continuously during the meal. After the meal, a time capsule will be buried next to the flagpole.

- In the event of rain on Saturday, everything will be held inside the Fellowship Hall. The ceremony will be held in the church sanctuary.

Pictures will be made both days

The Youth will be taking orders for commemorative t shirts as a fund raiser.

- If you are able, join us as we walk to the cemetery as a group Saturday evening for the ceremony

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Volunteers will be needed to:

- Distribute commemorative programs on Saturday and Sunday
- Drive the shuttle buses to the cemetery
- Provide a freezer of homemade ice cream
- Pick up some of the meat for the meal
- Pick up the birthday cakes from Costco
- The Youth will be taking orders for commemorative t shirts as a fund raiser.
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If you are willing to volunteer to help in any capacity, please text Jeff Mendenhall (336) 409-3138 or email Jeff at dcjay96@yahoo.com or jmendenhall@ormila.com.

On Going Prayer Concerns for September 22:

- Bryan Martin (Donna Muraco's Son-in-Law)
- Martha Varner
- Richard Mendenhall
- Brinlee Mae Michael
- Ann Robbins
- Carroll "Smiley" Tysinger
- Ralph Burleson (Charles Richardson's Uncle)
- Brian Grubb (Joy Jones's Brother)
- 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
- Kim Dorton
- Kathy Kepley
- Kitty Minter
- Jean Teague (Martha Varner's Sister)
- Paul Stevens (Steve and Molly Long's Friend)

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

OKAY EVERYONE, LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE NEW CENTER DIRECTORY!

**LAST PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:
SEPTEMBER 23 - SEPTEMBER 26**

Last sessions of photos will again 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 want your face in the directory so sign up NOW!

Check-in volunteers are needed to help with the signing in process of those having their photos taken. If you are able to help that would be great. We still need volunteers for the following times: Monday: 2-4; 6-8; Tuesday: 2-4; Wednesday: 2-4; 4-6; 6-8 and Thursday: 10-11 am. Please contact Debbie at the telephone number above and let her know if you can help at any of these available times.

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

RECENT JOYS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

A big thank you for Rev. Paul Stutzman preaching of God's Word for Pastor Mitch to participate in the homecoming service at Arcadia UMC last Sunday.

**NEEDED FOR OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD**

For the month of **September**, we are asking for school items for boys and girls of all ages. These items may include: **travels games, small cars and trucks, jump ropes, small balls, etc.** We will have a bin at the narthex in the CFC as well as the sanctuary. Please contact Angie Leonard with any questions at 336.250.7033. Thank you!

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

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

THIS WEEK AT CENTER

Sunday (September 22)

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Bible Study (FH)
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
6:00 PM Nominations Com. Meeting (FH)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Monday (September 23)

2-5:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC-Kitchen)
2-9:00 PM Life Touch Pictures Taken (FH)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday (September 24)

2-9:00 PM Life Touch Pictures Taken (FH)
3-9:00 PM P & G Set Up & Practice (CFC)
6:00 PM Threads of Love (CFC)

Wednesday (September 25)

2-9:00 PM Life Touch Pictures Taken (FH)
6:00 PM Praise Team Practice (CFC)
6:00 PM Youth (CFC)
6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice
7:00 PM Trustee's Meeting (Friendship SS Class)

Thursday (September 26)

2-9:00 PM Life Touch Pictures Taken (FH)
6:15 PM AHG (Basement & FH)
3-6:00 PM P & G Set Up (CFC)
6:00 PM Hot Dog Supper (CFC)
7:00 PM Pickin' & Grinnin' (CFC)

Friday (September 27)

4:00 PM - 8:30 AM Saturday AHG Sleep Over (CFC)

Saturday (September 28)

8:30 AM AHG Sleep Over Ends (CFC)
All Day Fund Raiser for Mission Team (CFC)
All Day 125th Celebration Events (Cemetery, FH, Classes)

Next Sunday (September 29)-HOMECOMING

9:45 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM Lunch (CFC)
6:00 PM Youth Hosting FUSION (CFC)

FUSION- A YOUTH WORSHIP EXPERIENCE-September 29

Featuring John Lewis Music. Doors open in the Christian Fellowship Center at 6:00 PM and Worship begins at 6:30PM, Admission is FREE! A love offering will be taken to cover the event costs. Snacks available for \$1.00.

MEMORY AND HONOR

*In Memory of Sue Mendenhall
Building Fund*

James and Virginia Shoaf
Dennis and Donna Shoaf

*In Memory of C. R. Leonard
Cemetery Fund*

Bruce and Betty Regan

*In Memory of Sue Mendenhall
Threads of Love*

Ralph and Amy Brauser

THREADS OF LOVE, SEPTEMBER 24!

Threads of Love will meet Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00 pm in the **Christian Fellowship Center**. We are working on flannel blankets and toboggans. Come join us on our mission projects!!

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

SUNDAY, October 13, immediately following 11:00 service, there will a luncheon in the CFC in honor of all SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS and their families. Please mark your calendars and let us know if you are unable to attend. Otherwise, we'll see you then! Rocky and Kay Hedrick

AHG CAFÉ HOSTING SUNDAY SERVINGS, OCTOBER 6

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.



Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center

Come join us for an evening of Pickin' & Grinnin' in the Christian Fellowship Center on

Thursday, September 26, 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:

The West Davidson Food Pantry

HOMECOMING MEMORIAL SERVICE, SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

The lighting of the Community Candle is part of the Homecoming Memorial Service. At this time, we remember the loved ones of our church family (non-members) who has gone on to be with our Lord since our last homecoming service. If you have lost a dear friend or family member since last September, please pick up a form on the table with the bulletins in the Narthex & complete & return it to Lisa Bates or place it in the offering plate by today, September 22.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Our Homecoming Remembrance service will be held on Sunday, September 29. We want to make sure we include those who have passed on since our last Homecoming. Please review the following list and contact Lisa Bates at lisamarlowbates@gmail.com if your loved one has been omitted:

Katy Culler
Tony Koontz
Bill Lanier
Nancy Lanier
Max Leonard
Sue Mendenhall
Klynt Nifong
Brent Stabler

All Season Consignment Sale: Hosted by American Heritage Girls Troop NC2911

Dates: October 11-12th

The American Heritage Girls are in need of items for their consignment sale coming up in October. Items needed are wire clothes hangers, 3x5 index cards, safety pins, gently used clothing(can be children or adults), toys, books, shoes, and baby items. All items donated will help the girls raise money for troop outings and help with their mission's projects. The girls are also planning to pack OCC boxes again this year and the money will help pay to ship the boxes. We will have a bin located in the CFC entry and the sanctuary entry for donations.

Thank you for your help! Please contact Charlotte Crofts at [336-816-2369](tel:336-816-2369) if you would like to consign or email her at AHGclothingsale@gmail.com.