



# Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

November 2017



## UMW CRAFT BAKE SALE

Saturday, November 4th

9:00am-1:00pm

All ladies in the church are encouraged to participate with either a baked item or a craft item. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the four local charities that we support: *Battered Women's Shelter, KM Crisis Ministry, Cleveland Co Children's Home, and the Russell Christmas project.*



## UMM SOUP SALE

Saturday, November 4th

11:00am-2:00pm

Prices \$4 Bowl of Soup

\$5 Quart of Soup

\$8 Half Gallon of Soup

\$15 Gallon of Soup

See a member of UMM to purchase tickets.



## Join us for Family Fellowship Night Wednesday, November 8th at 6:15pm

The program will be by the Carpenter's Clubhouse Preschool and we will play Bingo. The Thanksgiving meal will be provided by Circle #4.  
*RSVP for Dinner by 11/6/17.*

**Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 5th at 2:00am.**

### A History Minute by Libby Putnam

When our church was first organized in 1874, Central was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. At that time, there were also churches that were part of the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church. Although divided into a number of separate organizations, all had a significant common heritage. All Methodists were fundamentally spiritual sons or daughters of John Wesley. They inherited from him an interest in evangelism, a sense of world mission, an expression of spiritual life in music, and an historical example of the witness of the Spirit. Because of these common threads, beginning in the early 1900's, there was an effort toward the unification of these three branches of Methodism. Finally, in 1938, the conferences of the three branches agreed on a plan of Union and became The Methodist Church. Our church continued as Central Methodist Church until 1968 when The United Methodist Church was formed by the union of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. As such, our church's theological orientation is decidedly Wesleyan, embracing both liturgical and evangelical elements.

Is there something about the history of our church you would like to read about? Perhaps you have a bit of our history you would like to share. If so, please contact the church office and let us know.

### Thank You Notes

Dear Central UMC,  
Thank you for the school supplies. We so appreciated the gifts and will use the items to benefit our classrooms and our students. We could not do all that we do without the support of the Community.

**North Elementary School**

Dear Pastor and All Church Members:

I want to thank each of you for making it possible for the Visually Impaired Persons to go on their annual fishing tournament at the Outer Banks. We are blessed through each of you. You're great to show your love and caring!

**Doris Wilson**



**The Russell Fellowship Class has started planning for their annual Christmas Project.**

Each year we provide gifts, groceries, and blankets for needy families. We usually serve 35 children each year.

**Donations from individuals of blankets and cash should be given to the Russell Fellowship Class by Sunday, December 10th.**

**VETERANS DAY**

Saturday, November 11th, 2017

**Time to Purchase a Poinsettia!**

*Order forms will be made available soon and orders will be taken during the month of November.*

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**Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday 8:30am—12:30pm  
1:00pm—4:30pm

**Staff:**

**Pastor**, Jill Rhinehart  
**Youth Ministry & Director of Discipleship**, Aaron Simmons  
**Children's Minister & Christian Education**, Mallory Monroe Brown  
**Organist**, Doug Parker  
**Music Director**, Carlos Zamora  
**Handbell/Drama Director**, Teresa Williams  
**Preschool Director**, Lindsay Romesberg  
**Administrative Assistant**, Candy Love

## KID'S FALL MOVIE NIGHT SERIES

September 22-Moana  
October 27-Zootopia  
December 15-Elf

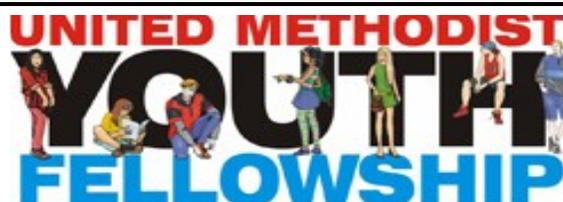
Three nights  
this fall,  
6-8:30PM, FREE,  
in the CAC

let mallory know if  
your children are coming

**PIZZA AND POPCORN PROVIDED FOR FREE**

**Meeting Reschedule Notice:**

The Finance Committee and Administrative Council have been rescheduled to meet on **Monday, November 20th** at the regular scheduled times instead of on November 13th.

**November Events**

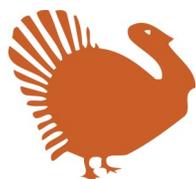
UMYF will meet on 11/5, 11/12, 11/19.  
**No UMYF on 11/26**

**December Events:**

Progressive Dinner 12/10  
Caroling 12/17

Thank you so much for letting me be a part of working with you and your children. I know we are going to learn a lot, have fun, and get closer to Jesus.

**Aaron Simmons**  
Youth Director/Director of  
Discipleship  
704-472-1725

**Thanksgiving Breakfast**

*Sponsored by the  
United Methodist Men*  
Thursday, November 23rd  
From 7:00am-9:00am  
*Donations Accepted!*

**Notice of  
November Closings**

The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. The Church Office and Carpenter's Clubhouse Preschool will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th.

**Kids for Christ/Children's Choir**

*The KfC will meet on  
Sunday Evenings  
from 5:30-7:30pm in  
the CAC.*

**Central Trekkers  
Christmas Light Event  
Thursday, December 7th**

Join the Central Trekkers (A Senior Adult Group) as they travel to the Charlotte Motor Speedway to see the Christmas lights. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Aaron Simmons at 704-472-1725.

**Save the Date!**  
**Sunday, December 3rd**  
**10:00am Service**  
Join us as we present our  
Children's Christmas Program.



Join us on Sunday, December 17th from 4:00pm-6:00pm. If you would like to go Christmas Caroling to our shut ins, please contact Aaron Simmons at 704-472-1725.

**Annual Parade of Tables**  
**Saturday, January 27th**  
For more information contact Marie Brinkley or the church office at 704-739-2471 for more information.



### **From the Pastor...**

*'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' [Jesus] said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'*  
*Matthew 22:36-40*

At the beginning of the month of October, I had the great privilege of taking a trip to Greece to follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. It was a great opportunity to get to see some of the ruins of Philippi, Corinth, and Ephesus.

In Athens, I stood on the rock that Paul stood on when he spoke to his listeners about the one true God. I saw where Paul baptized Lydia, the first convert in the Macedonia territory. I saw the prison cave Paul was kept in after vanquishing the demons out of a woman who could prophesy. I stood on roads that were thousands of years old. I was amazed at the enormity of the architecture and the working of the cisterns that allowed such a large city to receive water and dispose of waste.

Of these amazing experiences the greatest part of the trip were the people I met. I had prepared myself to be alone most of the trip, but I never considered how much I would enjoy the company of so many diverse and wonderful people.

Although we can grow closer to God through in our own solitude, it is when we are in community with others that we learn and become better human beings. On the UMC.org internet site it states that as Methodist we believe, the "Love of God is always linked to love of neighbor and to a passionate commitment to seeking justice and renewal in the world."

In the past months and throughout history we have seen the damage that occurs when humans hate others. History is wrought with genocide, oppression, and destruction.

The brokenness of our lives and world is displayed in our own actions toward our fellow humankind. Our lack of righteousness is illustrated in our negative rhetoric and absence of understanding the beauty and benefits of diversity of each person.

Jesus' ministry was not built upon judgment and exclusion of people, but it was based on love, equality, and an appreciation for everyone. When we learn to love others as Jesus has loved us this world will become a better place for all people. But for this to occur we must face the person in the mirror realizing that we are broken and flawed. We must begin to see ourselves and others as God sees us, a creation from God's own self.

Central UMC's mission statement is to live and love as Christ. If we began to truly live out this mission statement within our congregation and in our community at large, I know our lives and community would have a positive effect. Love can do great things when we are committed to living a life of love for God, ourselves, and others.

*Jill Rhinehart*

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