



Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

July 2017



Save the Date!
Join us for Family Fellowship Night at Lake Montonia and a UMM Cookout
July 12th
at 6:15 pm

Make your reservation by 12:00 noon, Monday, 7/10/17



Dear Church Members,

We are in a very exciting time at Central United Methodist Church. We are moving towards more electronic communications with the technology available today.

We are implementing a system called **Sign Up Genius**. This allows you to sign online and volunteer throughout the year. If you have been already been volunteering to help, we are currently working on adding your name to Sign Up Genius. You will then receive an email notification reminding you of your commitment date. Please feel free to register on line if you already know your volunteer dates. A nice feature of Sign-Up Genius allows you to **request a swap with someone** when a date may not work for you. It also alerts the church that you have changed your time. We will also be able to use this software for other activities in our church.

We are in desperate need of volunteers for ushers, greeters, nursery care workers and Community Kitchen volunteers. As always, I am sure you will respond in helping us. We are asking that you commit two –four Sundays per year.

Thank you,
David and Marie Brinkley

To volunteer on Central's Volunteer Opportunities on Sign Up Genius please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup> and enter our email central@cumckm.org.

Special Worship Service Notice

Join us for our **Fifth Sunday Service** on July 30th at 10:00am in the CAC.

Playground Brick Fundraiser

There's still a chance to honor a loved one by purchasing a commemorative brick with their name on it. Bricks are \$100 each and proceeds will go towards the construction of the new playground! Order forms are available and you can also order on our website! If you have any questions please see a member of the Playground Committee or call the church office. Thank you for your support!

Children's Musical Theater Camp

July 24-28

9AM-12PM

Rising 1st-Rising 7th

Spots are still available! \$25 Registration Fee (Scholarships are available). For more information, contact Mallory Brown at 704-739-2471. The children will perform during our Fifth Sunday Service on July 30th.

A History Minute

In 1989 Mrs. Dot Hayes became interested in organizing a History Room for our church. Since that time, church records and memorabilia from our church have been housed in several locations, but presently the History Room is on the second floor of the Educational Building to the left of the stairs and elevator. If you are interested in the history of our church, you may be interested in taking a look at the wealth of information in that room.

Some of the Altar furnishings from the 1905 church can be found in the History Room as well as the church's first organ, well over 100 years old. The altar from the church's Chapel, originally on the second floor of the Educational Building, is there as well. There are pictures, photo albums, church directories, quarterly conference records, membership records, meeting minutes, and even building blueprints which date to the move to the second church built in 1905. Some of these items can be found in the oak file cabinet salvaged from the 1905 church. Others can be found on the shelves lining one wall. All items are marked with identifying labels.

There are copies of the Book of Discipline dating from the late 1800's to today. Various editions of the Methodist Hymnal and many different editions of the Holy Bible and be found in the History Room as well. The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, The Interpreter's Bible, Matthew Henry's Commentary, and Barclay's Daily Study Bible Series and other reference materials were transferred to the History Room from the old Library.

The History Room is open during church office hours and on Sundays for those interested.



Photo: Central's youngest members on the new playground. The Playground was dedicated during Family Fellowship Night on June 14, 2017.

Wedding Shower

Please join us for a
Wedding Shower honoring
**Aaron Simmons &
Allison "Bubba" Greene**
Saturday, July 8th from 1:00-3:00pm
At CUMC in the CAC They are registered at
Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond
(They also would like Lowe's Gift Cards)

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

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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

Thank You Notes

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the deli tray that you sent to our family. It was delicious and provided several meals for our family during this difficult time. We also appreciate all the prayers and support of a loving church family.

With Love,

Ann & Barry Brogdon

Dear Central,

Thank you for the providing that wonderful deli tray for our family. We very much appreciate the love and support and prayers for our family.

**Cathy Flake Barrows
& the Family of Victor Flake**

Dear Central,

We are so grateful for the use of the Asbury Room for our DAR meetings during 2016-2017.

Sincerely,

Colonel Frederick Hambright

Dear Central,

A BIG heartfelt thanks! Thanks to the Pastor and members of Central for being very gracious by allowing the use of the church bus for transporting the Visually Impaired of Cleveland County. Also a special thank you to Richard & Janice Anderson for their time and understanding needs. May the Lord continue to bless you all.

From Doris



Costa Rica Mission Trip January 20-27, 2018

Costa Rica, here we come! The work is rewarding and life changing. The accommodations are at Compamento Casi Cielo on the banks of the Fortuna River in La Fortuna. What better way to change than by helping others? What do you need to do to join this great opportunity? Send a check made out to CUMC for \$100 with a note it's for the Costa Rica Mission Trip. Still have questions? See Jim Potter, Aaron Simmons or Rev. Jill Rhinehart or contact the church office at 704-739-2471.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Dates—6:00pm

July 26th & August 16th

White Water Center—July 11th

Carowinds—July 20th

VBS August 6th-10th

**Save the Date!—August 22nd
TBA**

If you have any questions or concerns you can reach me through email, text or call me at 704-472-1725.

Aaron Simmons

**Youth Director/Director of
Discipleship**

Community Kitchen Needs

The Community Kitchen is in need of :

- Monday & Thursday Volunteers to help prepare and deliver meals
- Plastic grocery bags
- For more information, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471.

Scouting News

Boy Scouts meet at CUMC on Monday nights at 6:30pm and **Cub Scouts** meet on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact Aaron Simmons at 704-472-1725.

Kid's Lunch Bunch

Every Wednesday this summer (minus the one week I am out of town for family vacation, musical week, and VBS week), I invite all children from those that have finished kindergarten through those who have finished 6th grade to **meet me at the Mi Pueblito (goes by a different name now) on York Road from 12PM-1PM every Wednesday** for lunch and fun together. Meet me there and bring a few dollars for your food each week. If you need a ride, let me know. *Our last date to meet is August 9th.* See you then! Bring a friend!

Mallory Brown

Children's Minister/

Director of Christian Education

Upcoming Events

September 2nd

BBQ Pork Butt Pickup Fundraiser

September 10th

Homecoming—10am Service



George Hamrick
1933-2017



From the Pastor *Making Time to Stop and Smell the Roses*

“Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God’s will.” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

For the past few weeks I have been doing my best to exercise. This has entailed either walking or hiking in the woods. I love being outside and I want to get in better shape.

Rev. Jill Rhinehart As I was hiking the other day, it was very hot. My clothes were wet from perspiration and my feet were sore from all the hiking. The gnats and flies were buzzing around my head and trying to get into my eyes. I had hiked several miles the day before and I was still a little tired.

I continued to walk the trail and realized that I was so concentrated on keeping up with the pace I had set in my mind as well as checking how far and how long I had been hiking that I didn’t take into account the beauty that surrounded me. I suddenly stopped and began to look around. The sun was streaming through the trees and the leaves were rustling. The birds were singing beautiful songs. A cool breeze brushed by hair and cheeks and for a moment relieved me of the intensity of the humidity. I could smell the earth; its new life bursting forward in the flowers and the decay of what once was.

I was transformed. I began to think about how, in my hurry to hike and get to wherever I was going or coming back from where I had been, I lost sight of the presence of God. I was completely enveloped in the majesty of God by being surrounded by God’s majestic creation. Instead of embracing this time to “be” with God, I was more into the moment of getting my goals accomplished. I realized how often our relationship with God and this world are exactly like my hike.

We hurry through the day or even life, trying to accomplish as much as we can do. We work to check off the things on our to do lists. Our actions are tangible and seem to give us personal value. Many times, in our journey to be a “better Christian,” we mark off the sins we don’t do or the good works we accomplish, while living in the delusion that these things give us better value to God. We place another jewel in our religious crown. Or, we completely ignore the need for God and focus on our own desires.

On the night before Jesus was crucified he spoke these words to his disciples.

“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit because apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:4-5

Jesus was reminding his disciples that the goal is to abide in Him. The fruits only come when we are attached to Jesus. Our life is given purpose and value when we abide. There is no better place to exist than being attached to the vine of Jesus Christ. We must free ourselves from the delusions of this world in order to live in the reality of a purposeful life which abides in a relationship with God.

Stop for a moment and know that you are surrounded by God who desires nothing more or less than to be in relationship with you.

Jill Rhinehart