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A Monthly Newsletter of Center United Methodist Church 6142 Lake Brandt Road, Greensboro, NC 27455 · Rev. Cecil Donahue · Office 643-7765 · Home 643-6011

From the Pastor's Desk . . .



November is the month we "fall back"! So on Saturday, November 2, we turn our clocks back one hour and get that extra hour of sleep and hopefully arrive at the church at the proper time!

On November 3, we celebrate All Saints Sunday and remember the "saints of old" and the ones of Center who died in the last year: Lessie Miller, Curtis Gaulden, Edna Wilkins, Scott Willis. We will also serve Communion that day.

November 10, is the deadline for our annual Thanksgiving Baskets. These are given out to needy families through the local schools. We usually need about 50 baskets. On November 10, we will bless them and the families receiving them. The change this ear is that you Don't need to purchase a gift card.

In December, On Sunday, December 1 and 8. I will hold a session during the Sunday School hour. These classes will give an overview of the United Methodist Church and particularly Center. I am creating it for those who have been visiting and may want to join Center, making it their church home. Of course, everyone is welcome whether you are a member or not. These classes will start at 9:10 a.m. and finish at 9:45 a.m. Also, anyone wishing to join the church can do so on Sunday, December 15. will have one service that Sunday as we are led in worship by the choir singing the Christmas Cantata. "Candles and Carols" followed by a churchwide brunch prepared and served by the United Methodist Men.

Finally, you are invited to a Community Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 24, 7:00 p.m. at Center. The Praise Team from Summer Oaks Presbyterian will lead the music, Rev. Denise Kilgo-Martin from Summerfield Peace will preach. We are also inviting Glencoe UMC to participate as well. Please bring canned food for the Sonshine Room Food Bank at Summerfield Peace and a finger-food type dessert to share at the reception after the service.

On Sunday afternoon, November 24 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and on Monday, November 25 beginning at 9:30 a.m., you are invited to come and help decorate the church so we can begin Advent celebrations on December 1.

May you have a month full of expressions of gratitude to God for all your blessings.

Blessings, Cecil Donahue, Pastor

For Veteran's Sunday November 10, 2019

Support our Armed Forces by purchasing a Military Bible Stick. This is an mp3 device which has the entire New Testament and Psalms recorded. Chaplains give them to their active duty soldiers. They can be used any time, even in battle situations. For your \$25 donations, the spouse/family back home receives a CD of the Scriptures as well.

If you want to support our troops in this way, Please make out a check for \$25 to Center UMC and it will be given to *Faith Comes By Hearing*, the ministry that makes and delivers the Bible Sticks.

Center On Mission

Hello from Missions!! We've had a great year so far and we want to thank everyone who has helped Missions on it's journey this year!!

We want to report that we had a good blood drive this year. They were able to collect 17 pints out of 20 people who came to donate!!

If you haven't picked up a Thanksgiving basket please take one and help us give families in our area a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

Backpack Buddies has requested boxes of stuffing, cans of cream of mushroom soup, and crispy dried onions for green bean casserole, that would be awesome! It will help them assemble boxes for the holidays.

Upcoming we have our last Pathways on the November 12th. We still need people to sign up to help serve. Please note that if you are bringing food to the church it needs to be placed in the Kid Zone kitchen and marked for Pathways. Voting will be taking place in the Fellowship Hall area.

Also, we have the Christmas Store coming up and we will be putting out cards for people to donate either a coat or a sweater and you can sign up to help at the Store. Thank you all for all you do for this church and our community!!



Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer

Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

All the believers were together and had everything in common.

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

United Methodist Men



The United Methodist Men will meet November 3rd at 7:30 in the fellowship hall. All men of the church are invited to attend. Walter Sands and Bill Taylor will be cooking breakfast. Hope to see you there.

United Methodist Women

UMW will not meet for our regular Monday meeting. Instead, we will participate in the Feast of Caring at First Baptist Greensboro on Thursday, November 21.



Burrito Breakfast Ministry



Friday, Nov 15
Prep
3:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov.16
Delivery
8:00 a.m.

Education

Trunk or Treat

The Education Committee would like to thank Kid Zone for providing games and tasty cupcakes for the Halloween cakewalk. We would also like to thank all the members who provided decorated car trunks. The children really enjoyed the event!



Christmas Eve Children's Program

We all look forward to seeing our young children perform on Christmas Eve. We will be practicing for our program during Sunday school in November and December. If your child will be participating, please have them at Sunday school on the following dates: Nov. 17, Nov. 24, Dec. 8, Dec. 15, and Dec. 22. We really appreciate the support of our parents.



Financial Report

As of October 29, 2019							
	Income	Expense	Net Rev.				
Actual	26,554	21,450	5,104				
YTD	209098	214324	-5.226				

Counters

November

Rachel Hudson Mamie Brown

Weenies On Wednesday Work Teams for November:

Nov 6	Team 3
Nov 13	Team 4
Nov 20	Team 1

H.O.P.E.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Chicken Pie Fundraiser for Evangelism! Remember that orders will be ready for pick up on Saturday November 2, from 8-10AM in the church parking lot.

All mingle mixers are invited to our end of year gathering on Friday, November 1 at 6:30. Thank you to Kevin and Caroline Raper for hosting. This will be our final mixer event until we start back up in January 2020!



All Mixers Are Invited

To a gathering at Kevin and Caroline Raper's home

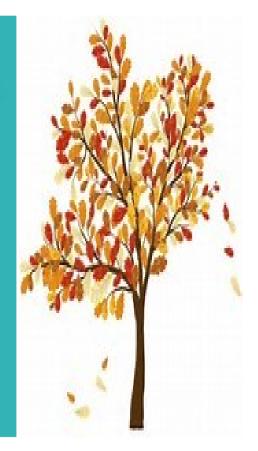
Who: Everyone that participated in Center's Mingle Mixers

What: Covered dish, hopefully outside so bring a chair and a jacket and your favorite dish to share

When: Friday, Nov 1 6:30-9:00

Where: 6302 High Hawk Dr Summerfield, NC 27358 RSVP: call or text Caroline 336-423-8091

Kids are welcome!



Worship

Thanksgiving is for families and friends to gather and share the fruits of the blessings God has given us. It is also a good time to reflect back on the year and give God thanks for salvation and mercy.

Center has been very blessed this year and we have come together as a church to celebrate God, our community and the fellowship of our church family. We have completed several projects and had some fun along the way. No matter what we think is wrong, we can

always find many blessings if we look.

November is a busy month with church and family activities. We hope you will be able to join us for all services and happenings.

November 3. All Saints Sunday

November 10 Veteran's honored

November 24 Start decorating
church for Christmas 3:00 to 5:00

November 25 Continue decorating

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures for ever and His faithfulness to all generation.

Psalm 100:4-5







Seniors In Action

church. 9:30am

Seniors In Action will meet, Tuesday, November 12. We welcome all Seniors age 55 and above. Come join us and invite a friend. Meet friends in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 am for fellowship. Lunch will be served at 11:15. Our program will be provided by Rick LeBaube, comedian/entertainer, UMC, Lexington, NC. Rick is also

known as the son of Bob and Loraine LeBaube. Please call the Church (336-643-7765) by Thursday, Nov 7, for reservations.

Companions In

Companions In Christ will leave Center at 10am on November 18 for The Supreme Fruitcake Co in Bear Creek. Please take note of the date change and call Doris Windsor at 336-298-3169 for a reservation on the bus.



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Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.



Grateful Living

We are entering a season of gratitude and giving thanks. For most of us, this involves spending time with friends, family and loved ones, celebrating Thanksgiving with a special meal. There are so many things about Thanksgiving I look forward to, most especially the opportunity to spend time gathered around the table with family.

My oldest son works in retail and I recently learned that he'll be working on Thanksgiving Day, while the rest of our family celebrates together. Naturally, I'm disappointed about missing this time with him. We talked about a "Thanksgiving re-do"- celebrating together on an alternate date. We quickly realized that between his exam schedule and collective family and work commitments, we may miss celebrating Thanksgiving together this year. My disappointment continued to grow until Austin brought me back to reality. He said: "Mom, I'm a pretty thankful guy year round. I don't need a 're-do' to realize how blessed I am. I'm grateful every day."

Austin's words are a timely reminder for us all. I still look forward to Thanksgiving, but am shifting my focus to living gratefully, every day of the year.





Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 15th 11:00 am

Center Church Choir will present:

"Candles & Carols"





CenterField Youth



Katie Nelson

When October rolls around it means one thing for Centerfield Youth: pumpkins. We have green pumpkins, pink pumpkins, little pumpkins, and HUGE pumpkins. We are so thankful for everyone who came and unloaded, everyone who worked a shift, and everyone who bought a pumpkin. We couldn't do it without y'all!

In October we also led the worship service at Center which focused on being a neighbor. It's so nice to see the youth involved in worship and we plan to keep it up! We also had our 2nd annual pumpkin carving contest in which the youth displayed their creative talent. Congrats to Dakara for winning first place!!

November will be a fun and fulfilling month as we do events such as: making apple crisp with the residents of Countryside, participating in a progressive dinner, and attending a Faith and Culture Festival as part of confirmation. We are so thankful for our church families and excited to see where God leads us!











The school year is going great! All day Care Days this month:

Monday, November 11 - GCS and SCA Kid Zone open 7:00am to 6:30pm.

Half Days this month: SCA November 7-8

All day care is \$2.5/child for those children enrolled in the after school program. All others enrolled are \$30/day/child. Registration forms may be found in the office. We must have at least 8 students register for all day care to justify opening.

Parent Reminders:

- We are Closed for the Thanksgiving Break
- Check the lost and found regularly. It is the time of year when coats get left behind.
- Please give notice if your child's schedule changes.

Thank you!!!

Accepting Ponations! WE NEEP... pencils lined notebook paper



We believe homework is important to complete each day. If your child is struggling with their homework, please let Ms. Samantha know and she will address the issue with the child's homework teacher.

If you are concerned with your child's success in any areas in particular, Kid Zone is now offering tutoring services. Please let Ms. Samantha know if you are interested.













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Dear Church Members, nom Pair The Church Council has approved an increase in the price of by n Cemetery Plots. The increase will go into effect January 1, 2020. If you would like to purchase a plot before the increase, please contact Steve nful Hall at 336-634-9375 or the Church Office to pass information to me. icult Thank you, Steve Hall Chair, Trustees



Thank you for making the Blood
Drive a success! Lives will be saved
because of your giving!