



Central United Methodist Church

Our Mission:

To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God,
GROW in their faith and SERVE in the church and world.

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The Worship of God

September 19, 2021

10:00 am

Welcome

Prelude

Make Us One

Praise Ensemble

Congregational Hymn #549 *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

(st. 1,3,4,5)

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever.**

Children's Message

Congregational Hymn TFWS#2223 *They'll Know We Are Christians*

(st. 1,3,4)

Sermon

"Church Growth"

Rev. David Lee

Acts 2:42-47

Offering

They'll Know We Are Christians

arr. Gehring

Libby Alexander, organ

Doxology #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

Congregational Hymn TFWS #2243 *We All Are One in Mission*

*Benediction

Rev. David Lee

*Chiming of The Trinity

*Postlude

Jig Fugue in C Major

Buxtehude

Libby Alexander, organ

*Please stand as you are able.

Sunday Night Hangs

Sundays 5:30-7 PM. This group is open to all **6th-12th grade students**, as well as, adults who love to interact with teenagers with the intention of building meaningful relationships. We will experience acceptance, love, and community as we engage with each other through dinner and fellowship, worship, games, Bible study, and service. The Sunday night schedule will rotate week-to-week between Bible study, fun nights, and service projects. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and Youth Common Area.

Midweek Check-In

Wednesdays 4-4:45 PM. This group is open to all **6th-12th grade students**, as well as, any adults who love to interact with teenagers with the intention of building meaningful relationships. The intention of this gathering is to simply be together. You can bring homework or just come to chat and catch up! We will meet at **LilyBean Coffee**.

Central Kids

Wednesdays 5-5:45 PM. This group is open to all children ages **4 yrs.-5th grade**, as well as, middle or high school youth and adults who love to interact with children. We will experience acceptance, love, and community as we engage with each other through visual and tactile art, music, movement, Bible study, and play. Central Kids meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Change in Church Office Hours

Gina will be out of the office until September 22nd. Volunteers will be in the office Mon-Tues 9am-1pm.

Backpack Ministry Donations

Thank you so much for your continued support of our Backpack Ministry through your prayers and donations. As a new school year begins, we would like to request that you add a backpack item to your shopping list each month. For September, we are requesting **individual fruit cups** - any brand is fine but the ones packed in fruit juice are preferred. Thank you!

Pastor David's Email and Office Hours

If you would like to contact Pastor David via email, please use DLee1@wnccumc.net. For now, he will be taking Tuesdays as his day off during the week. Otherwise, he hopes to be available in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please note that Staff Meetings have been changed to Mondays at 10am.

Based on the recommendation by the CDC, Governor Cooper, and the Bishop's office, and recognizing the rising cases of the Coronavirus in our community, we are now requiring the use of masks inside the church building.

Prayer Concerns

We invite you to pray during the week for the following:

- ❖ All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional, including Marilyn Herndon; Doris Kunkle; Anne Stevens Cicci; Larry Thomas; Claudia Rose; Frankie Patterson; Bill Jack; Jessie Sumrell; Dawn Russell; Gina Blanton; Dale and Peggy Almond; Bill Story; Emily Ousley; Rita Hamrick; Pat Ellison; Bill Ledford; Brian Goff; Tammy Mauney; Andy Powell; Catherine Dellinger; Judy Beachley; Alan & Scarlett Funderburke; and Diana Stanley.
- ❖ We pray for those who've experienced loss from Hurricane Ida and the flooding in the mountains of North Carolina.
- ❖ We pray for those who experience injustice. Give us hearts of compassion to stand united with all people.
- ❖ We pray for our world as we continue the COVID battle. May we continue to persevere with wisdom and care for each other.
- ❖ For caregivers carrying more burdens than we may understand
- ❖ Those who grieve, may they find comfort. We pray especially for the families of Ethel Willis and Sandy Poston and Charles Moore whose mother passed away
- ❖ Benjamin Ousley Naseman who is part of the military transition team in Afghanistan.
- ❖ Our shut-ins and others feeling alone. May we be arms reaching out, enfolding them into the body of Christ.
- ❖ The church universal and the United Methodist Church.
- ❖ We pray for peace in our world, nation and communities. May God heal and unify all people.
- ❖ The ministries of Central United Methodist Church. May God give our pastors, leaders and congregation wisdom and discernment, grace and mercy, as we go through a period of transition.
- ❖ And though unknown and unspoken, may we help carry each other's burden and praise God for each other's joys.

Central UMC is a *Safe Sanctuaries* church. Please be sure that your children are accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult caregiver including if and when they need to use the restroom during service. We appreciate your assistance as we strive to ensure the safety of all.

Childcare is available for infants and preschool aged children. Our nursery staff awaits you in room **E106**.