

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH, 2010 — NEWSLETTER

MARCH WORSHIP PREVIEW

- March 7 Sermon: "Grace in Gray"
Scripture: Luke 13:1-9
Preacher: Rev. Amy L. Coles, District Superintendent
- March 14 Sermon: "The Greatest Story Ever Told"
Scripture: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Preaching: Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr.
- March 21 Service: Lenten Music / Only one Service today!
- March 28 Sermon: "Palm Branches & Red Carpets"
Scripture: Luke 19:28-40
Preaching: Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr.

CENTRAL'S MISSION STATEMENT

Central United Methodist Church seeks to be a family of Christians embracing God's love and grace by reaching out to share our faith with all people.

CENTRAL'S VISION STATEMENT

*At Central United Methodist Church, our vision is to see all people *connected with God and each other, empowered as ministers and involved in service.*

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
801 S. Hayne St., Monroe, NC 28112

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*We are a Stephen Ministry
Congregation.*

We thank God for:

CENTRAL'S SERVICE CHOICES

CONTEMPORARY 8:50 AM

This service is for you if you enjoy a lively atmosphere in an informal and welcoming surrounding. It will be held in Central Hall. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m.

CHAPEL # 8:50 AM

This service provides a more informal approach to worship with less emphasis upon structure. You are invited to share these casual moments of praise, singing and proclamation together with family and friends. This service will be held in the chapel. A continental breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m.

SANCTUARY # 10:55 AM

This is a formal worship service with printed order of worship, full choir, and traditional church music. This service is held in the sanctuary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School or other activities contact: Mary Ann at 704-291-7401, LeeAnn at 704-564-4293 (cell).

FIRST TIME BREAD

DELIVERY MINISTRY

March 7	Gayla Adams
March 14	Margaret Batchelor
March 21	Maxine Wally
March 28	Ed & Darlene Smith

STEPHEN MINISTERS

March 7	Joy Brown, Nancy Markell
March 14	Shannon Neal
March 21	Chuck Anderson, Elsie Clements
March 28	Marti Dixon

March 11:00 AM USHERS

Mar. 7	Mark & Kay Hawkins, Carl & Clara Wiggins
Mar. 14	Sally Shough, Richard Huntley, Dillon Brantley, Mike Shelton
Mar. 21	Koy Dawkins, Joanne Dawkins, Louis Simpson, Dale Loberger
Mar. 28	Sean Daly, Avery Wheeler, Dee Dodd, Jack Hargett

EVANGELISM VISITOR TEAM INFORMATION

March 7

Carolyn Kindley	Tour Guide
Patsy Madden	Visitor's Booth

March 14

Charlie Sanders	Tour Guide
Judy Sanders	Visitor's Booth

March 21

Martha Rollins	Tour Guide
Dallas Rollins	Visitor's Booth

March 28

Anne Morris	Tour Guide
Carolyn Ferguson	Visitor's Booth

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREATER

Mar. 7	Laura Hinkle, Sandi Mills
Mar. 14	Mark & Melissa Snuggs, Lisa Hassell
Mar. 28	Pat Rabon, Sally Shough

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance - 2010

8:50 a.m. Chapel 2/14	55
8:50 a.m. Chapel 2/21	64
8:50 a.m. Contemporary 2/14	145
8:50 a.m. Contemporary 2/21	124
11:00 a.m. Traditional 2/7	356
(Only one service on 2/7)	
11:00 a.m. Traditional 2/14	236
11:00 a.m. Traditional 2/21	138
Sunday School 2/7 (117 adults)	228
Sunday School 2/14 (128 adults)	248
Sunday School 2/21 (131 adults)	233

BUDGET GIVING Feb. 7-21

February Needs	\$ 58,896
February Receipts (2/7-2/21)	\$ 44,603
Y.T.D. Rec'd.	\$ 104,084
Y.T.D. Needs	\$ 117,792

Next Chapter Campaign

February Receipts	\$ 8,587
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WEDNESDAY SUPPER

MENUS IN MARCH

Mar. 3 Foil-pack Chicken, mushroom with Brown Rice, Whole Steamed Green Beans, Tossed Side Salad, Rolls, Iced Layer Cake. KIDS MEAL: Hamburger / Bun & Fries

Mar. 10 Pork Chops with Apples & Stuffing, Sweet Potato Souffle, Fried Okra, Rolls, Lemon Cake. KIDS MEAL: Cheese stix with sauce

Mar. 17 Stew Beef with Gravy, Baby Carrots Glazed, Brown Rice Casserole, Broccoli Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Fudge Pie. KIDS MEAL: Chicken Nuggets

Mar. 24 Spaghetti with Meat Balls, Steamed Corn, Mixed Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Banana Cream Pie Bars. KIDS MEAL: Beefy Nacho's

MARCH EVENTS

Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 6:30 -Companions in Christ Study

Mar. 1 7:00 -UMW's Board mtg.

Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 7:00 Centro Christiana Hosanna

Mar. 2 10:00 Lessie Anne Circle

Mar. 2, 16 5:30 -Stephen Ministry

Mar. 2, 4 - 6:00 -Soccer Evaluations

Mar. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 - Centro Personal Interviews

Mar. 3 Teen Center Open

Mar. 5 -Confirmation Retreat Weekend

Mar. 6 Upward Makeup game

Mar. 6 6:30 -Upward Awards Dinner

Mar. 8 2:00 -Faith, Hope & Charity Circle & Quatrefoil Circle

Mar. 8 7:00 PPRC meeting

Mar. 9, 23 7:00 Ruth Circle

Mar. 11 7:00 Central Friends

Mar. 11, 18, 25 -Living Beyond Yourself

Mar. 12, 13 -Consignment Sale

Mar. 13, 27 9:00 -Brass Choir

Mar. 14, 21, 28 Confirmation Class

Mar. 14 -8:30 UMW Bake Sale

Mar. 15, 16, 22, 23 6:00-Soccer practice

Mar. 15 7:00 New Beginning Circle

Mar. 17 6:30 Friendship Circle

Mar. 17 6:45 -Prayers of the Heart

Mar. 19, 20, 30, 31 Pictorial Directory

Mar. 20 UMW District Prayer Breakfast

Mar. 20 9-10:00 Angel Food Pickup

Mar. 20 Parent's Night Out

Mar. 24 6:45 -Administrative Council

Mar. 27 Union County Symphony (youth) rehearsal

EACH

Sun. 8:50 am Chapel & Contemporary, 11:00 am -Traditional Service, 12:00 -Youth Impact, 3:00 -Festival Chorus

Mon. 7:30 -Men's Basketball

Tues. 8:00 -High School & Adult Volleyball

Wed. 10:00 -Soul Food, 4:30 -KidzClub, 6:30 -Children's Music Classes, 6:30 -Youth Drama, 6:30 -Overeaters Anon., 6:30 -Drum Circle, 7:30 -Chancel Choir

Thurs. 7:30 am -Men's Group at Hilltop, 6:15 Handbells, 7:30 pm -High School & Adult Volleyball

Sat. 10 am -Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 -Youth Band

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BRITT

Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional Photographer and meet with a Portrait Consultant at the church. For the next several weeks, we will be making appointments before and after services and meetings at the church. Or you can sign up online at www.signup.olanmills.com. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

- C Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8 x 10 Custom Natural Portrait.
- C You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- C The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- C You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time.
- C If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.
- C Whether you decide to dress formally or casually, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

The Scheduled Dates for Photography and Portrait View Are:

March 19th - 20th and March 30th - April 3rd and April 5th - 6th
Weekday Hours: 2:00 pm - 9:30 pm; Saturday Hours: 9:30 am- 5:10 pm

If you have questions, please contact Esther Caviness at 704-283-8011 or Edie Anderson at 704-283-4174.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. Our new pictorial directory just won't be complete without you!

Sincerely,

2010 COMMUNITY LENT PREACHING SCHEDULE

Noon on Wednesdays

Please notice the change of preachers on Wednesday, March 10. Dr. Julia Robinson-Harmon will be preaching instead of Dr. Matthew Burton.

Date	Hosting Congregation	Preaching
March 3	St. Luke's Lutheran	Dr. John Hewett
March 10	St. Paul's Episcopal	Dr. Julia Robinson-Harmon
March 17	First Presbyterian	Pastor Kenneth Fink
March 24	Our Lady of Lourdes	Father Thomas Kessler
April 2	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	Begins at First Presbyterian; concludes at St. Paul's Episcopal

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY

March order forms are available at the crossroads or on the church website. Complete the order form and place it in the lock box with your payment. Cash, check, or EBT payments are accepted. Make checks payable to CUMC. Contact Don Hinkle with any questions at 704-904-7467, 704-821-6833 or email CUMCAngelFood@carolina.rr.com. Orders are due no later than Monday, March 15 @ 5:00 p.m. Order pick up: Saturday, March 20, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in FLC.

SUPPORT UNION COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

You're invited to a Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support Union County Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, March 13, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.. The fundraiser will be held at Applebee's Restaurant, 2239 W. Roosevelt Blvd, Monroe. For more information contact Julie Perkins at 704-296-9414 ext. 18.

WRAP-UP OF OUR "CHANGE" FOR TURNING POINT

Total \$272.38 with the following classes being the largest contributors: First Place — New Life, Second Place — Genesis, Third Place — Lost Sheep. The Fourth/Fifth Grade Class and the Second/Third Grade Class brought in the most money from the Children's Department.

REPORT FROM STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Estimate of Giving Cards - Received 2/21/2010 — \$309,325

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1 - Doug McIntyre, Amanda Eaton, **March 2** - Betty Turrentine, Thomas Neese, **March 3** - Jim Rabon, **March 4** - Mary Engel, Judy Sanderson, Thomas Harris, Julie Brooks, **March 5** - Ann Richardson, Andrea Cheyne, Savannah Alvord, **March 6** - Jim Kline, Beth Traywick, Karen Blackwelder, Leslie Evans, Alex Stegall, **March 7** - Virginia Fisk, Debby Sheppard, Bill Thomasson, Zachary Metts, Leigh Ann Taylor, Dillon Harrison, Karson Eaton, **March 8** - Sheryl Wullschleger, Emily Cook, **March 9** - Lou Patterson, Frank Helms, Dottie Wade, Ariel Nicole Lathan, **March 11** - Jack Thomas, Pat Morris, Cord Goodson, Eddie Styne, Colin Adkins, Ginny Smith, Joseph Tarrant, **March 12** - Orv Calvert, Dawn Eason, Roger Eaton, Doug Irby, Julia Tarrant, Krystal Rumley, **March 13** - Becca Yanacek, Bonnie Mullis, Eric Chavis, **March 14** - Susan Smith, Jennifer Pasley, D.J. Harrison, **March 15** - David Helms, Mallory Pawelek, Brent Callender, Caroline Hargett, Madison Blackwelder, **March 16** - Mac Burris, John Mills, Craig Burris, Shelby Pasley, Emily Hinson, **March 17** - Don Richardson, Erik Pasley, Patrick Saunders, **March 18** - Margaret McMillan, Lara Blair, **March 19** - Phillip Wingeier-Rayo, Jessica Youhouse, Sarah Dodd, **March 20** - Charlie Price, Caleb Steele, **March 21** - Evelyn Wilkerson, Melissa Snuggs, **March 22** - Pat Cook, Jim Cornelius, Shelley Loberger, Kristen Moon, Hal Damon, Allen Wullschleger, Austin Steele, **March 23** - Jane Smith, Galard Moore, Tina Tague, Jon Hightower, **March 24** - Roger Tice, Glenda Moon, Jody Jennings, Ashley Miller, Jonathan Norwood, **March 25** - Kevin Helms, **March 26** - Mitchell Tyson, Donna Jacobsma, Shauna Serdinsky, **March 27** - Tyre Thompson, Lillian Wheeler, **March 28** - Britt Hadley, Allison Shive, Stephen Shelton, **March 29** - Mark Hawkins, Brandon Blackman, Rebekah Alvord, Oliver Hendley, **March 30** - Hal Stiles, Tom Ross, Susan McInnis, Tripp Helms, Dillon Baucom, Emma Littlehales, **March 31** - Cheri Barker, Marianne Belk, Charlie Sturgis, Jessie Day, Ray Kaim, Curtis Bergquist

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We warmly welcome four new families to Central's fellowship:

- C **Betty Funderburk** joins Central by transfer of letter from Huntersville UMC, Huntersville, NC. She lives at 804 Cotton St., Apt B, Monroe, NC 28112. Her phone number is 704-635-8085. Betty's fellowship friend is Carolyn Ferguson
- C **Greg and Paige Hinson** join Central by transfer of letter from Wingate Baptist Church, Wingate, NC They have two daughters, Emily and Abbey. They live at 1105 Mallard Landing, Monroe, NC 28110. Their phone number is 704-296-0211. Their fellowship friends are Ken and Jane Neese.
- C **Anne Kimball** joins Central by transfer of letter from Incarnation Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC. She and her husband Richard live at 9701 Belt Road, Midland, NC. Her phone number is 704-545-7631. Her fellowship friend is Nancy Price.
- C **Doris Starnes** joins Central by transfer of letter from Rolling Hills UMC, Monroe. She lives at 612 Sunnybrook Drive, Monroe, NC. Her phone number is 704-289-2743. Her fellowship friend is Esther Caviness.

KIDZ BIZ. . . .

- C **Our last Upward basketball games** will be Saturday, March 6th, 9:00-12:00. Everyone is invited to come join the fun!
- C **Upward Soccer** is just around the corner, with the beginning of Spring. Register your children now, and please, help us out by giving registration forms to all of the elementary children you know! (The first week of practices will be April 12th. All practices and games will be at Macedonia Baptist Church.) Adult volunteers are needed as coaches and referees.
- C **Our children's spring consignment sale** is scheduled for Saturday, March 13th. You do not want to miss this great opportunity to sell or purchase items for the children in your life! If you wish to be a seller, please contact Donna Young today!
- C Our next **Parent's Night Out** will be Saturday, March 20th, 6:00-8:30 pm. Please register your children with Mary Ann Burns by Thursday, March 18th. The cost is only \$5 per child.
- C Our children's **Easter Egg Hunt** will be Sunday, March 28th, during Sunday School. All members and visitors are invited to bring a basket and come join the fun! Anyone who would like to help with the event should see Mary Ann Burns.
- C Planning ahead? This year's Vacation Bible School event will be June 27th through July 1st. Our theme will be **High Seas Expedition: Exploring the Mighty Love of God**. Put this on your calendar now so you can come be a part of the fun!

Questions about children's ministries??? See Mary Ann Burns, 704-289-3186, maburns@carolina.rr.com.

CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE!

The Children's Consignment Sale is held in the spring and fall each year. This is a ministry that literally has helped several thousand people. It is a mission ministry not only for the buyers and sellers, but many area community organizations as well, such as Turning Point, Crisis Pregnancy Center, With Love from Jesus and the Boy Scouts. For information, please contact Donna Young at 704-226-5954.

BOOK SIGNING

You are cordially invited to a book signing by Joy Brown on Sunday, March 14, at the Monroe Public Library. She will give a presentation on her just-published autobiographical novel, *Joy Lost... and Found*, at 2:00 p.m. A reception and book signing will follow until 5:00 p.m., so do drop in!

UMW NEWS & MEETINGS

- ☾ **UMW Executive Board** meets Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library, room 106.
- ☾ **UMW Casserole and Bake Sale** will be held in the crossroads area on Sunday, March 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Plan to donate food items and purchase some, too. Thank you for helping our UMW Mission program.
- ☾ **UMW District Prayer Breakfast** - Saturday March 20, 2010. District Prayer Breakfast with Central as the host church. Amy Coles, District Superintendent, is the speaker. Sewing Kits are the Hands-on-project for the prayer breakfast.
- ☾ **ABC Sale (Attic, Basement and Closet)** will be on Saturday, May 8, 2010 in the Family Life Center. Begin collecting items, but at this time there is no storage space at the church. A BIG thank you to Donna Young and Joy Goforth for chairing our fundraiser and who will provide more information later.
- ☾ **Lessie Anne Circle** will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2 at the church library. Katrina Sturgis will present our program. Remember your non-perishable items for Operation Reach Out.
- ☾ **Ruth Circle** meets Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm at LaVida Mocha and Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Julia Tarrant, 808 S. Hayne Street.
- ☾ **Faith, Hope & Charity Circle** meets Monday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Ann Stover, 905 Gate Road. Joy Brown will have the program.
- ☾ **Quatrefoil Circle** meets Monday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m.
- ☾ **New Beginning Circle** will meet Monday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.
- ☾ **Friendship Circle** meets Wednesday, March 17, 6:30 p.m. at the church.

LIVING BEYOND YOURSELF - LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The ladies of Central are some of the hardest working ladies; always giving, serving and doing! This opportunity has been designed with you in mind! Please join us for a Ladies Bible Study on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. We will be studying Beth Moore's Living Beyond Yourself. The study is video driven and there is a member book to purchase. But don't let the idea of homework keep you from coming. Just come and enjoy the video, there will always be something to take away.

The study begins Thursday, March 18th. We will meet in the Hospitality Room at 7:00 p.m.. The cost of the member book is \$10. Please sign up at the crossroads to we can order the right number of books. You can just pay the first night and receive your member book there!

If you have any questions, you can contact Kim Thomasson @ 704-635-8047 or email Kim at kim.thomson@gmail.com.

Prayers of the Heart A SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOPE

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

In this season of Lent, the Stephen Ministers of the Church are offering a Service of Healing and Hope. It is a Service not unlike services of healing offered in many other churches and will include scripture, hymns, a very special time of prayer, and, for those who request it, anointing with oil. The liturgy for the Service comes from our United Methodist Book of Worship.

This Service of Healing and Hope is offered with the realization that there are many gifts of healing. There is physical healing, spiritual healing, emotional healing and the healing of relationships with one another and with God. There is also the healing gift of inner strength that enables one to live life with balance, harmony and wholeness and to recognize God's sustaining presence in pain, sickness, injury and estrangement.

This Service of Healing and Hope is offered with the recognition that all healing is of God. Whether healing is through medicine, psychotherapy, or prayer, underlying all healing is the great mystery of God's love. Although God does not promise that we will be cured of all illnesses, (we must all face the inevitability of death,) a Service of Healing provides an atmosphere in which healing can happen and hope be restored and life strengthened.

Whether your participation in a Service of Healing and Hope is to pray for your own needs or the situation and needs of another, all who wish to be part of this service are welcome. Our Service will follow the Fellowship Supper on Wednesday, March 17. The Service is planned for the Chapel and will begin at 6:45 p.m. Even if not present for the meal, all are invited.

CHURCH HISTORY MINUTE

The year was 1873 and the South was still in the throes of Reconstruction after losing the War Between the States in 1865. Our present Central Methodist Church was called Monroe Methodist and had become a station church, that is it did not share a preacher with other churches on a charge. The congregation in Monroe was growing and had outgrown the little log church building that it built on the southeastern corner of Church and Windsor Streets. (In fact, Church St. was so named, because of the log church, in the original plan for Monroe, chartered in 1844 as the county seat of the new Union County.) The Methodist congregation began to plan for a new church building two blocks up Windsor St.

The first congregation met in 1844, before Monroe was chartered, in the store owned by T.D. Winchester, on the southeast corner of Franklin and Hayne St., the longtime location of Secret Drug Store. Winchester was an officer and important part of our Methodist church for 50 years before his death in 1895.

The year 1874 saw the completion of the railroad from Wilmington to Charlotte, through Union County, and the towns on the railroad route began to flourish where those who were bypassed languished. The population of Monroe in 1870 was 470 and in 1880 it was 1300. Thus you can see the probability that the Methodists would prosper and grow. More later about the building of the second church building. *Virginia Bjorlin, for the History Committee*

SYMPATHY

We are saddened to announce the death of Gene Ellinger, one of Central's faithful parishioners, and we extend our loving sympathy to his wife, Doris Ellinger and his son, Michael and their family members. We thank God for Gene's life of 87 years and pray that God's presence will minister with comfort to Doris and Michael during their time of grief.

We are saddened to announce the death of Ruth Quirk, one of Central's faithful parishioners, and we extend our loving sympathy to her son, Bill and all family members. We thank God for Ruth's life of 101 years and our prayer is that God's presence will minister with comfort to Bill and his family during this difficult time.

IN MEMORIAM
Eugene R. Ellinger
January 28, 2010

IN MEMORIAM
Ruth S. Quirk
February 8, 2010

MEMORIALS

SNACKS FOR KIDS

IN MEMORY OF KAY ANGERMANN from Margaret Batchelor
IN MEMORY OF MARVIN SECHLER from Margaret Batchelor
IN MEMORY OF RUTH QUIRK from Dixon and Elaine Hall, Matt & Nancy Gustafson
IN MEMORY OF JERRY CAVINESS from Matt & Nancy Gustafson
IN MEMORY OF I.B. SHIVE from Matt & Nancy Gustafson

BUDGET

IN MEMORY OF I.B. SHIVE from Carolyn Ferguson, Dick & Judy Kennedy, Varion & Denny Spear, Jack & Johnsie Hernig
IN MEMORY OF RUTH QUIRK from Carolyn Ferguson, Earl & Libby Miller, Joyce Ingold, Carolyn Kindley, Derek & Carol Eason, Miley & Jan Glover, Don & Laura Hinkle, Dick & Judy Kennedy, Jim Cornelius, Craig & Sylvia Allen, Lloyd & Nancy Ratliff, Phil & Beth Hargett, Dan Shive, Mac & Linda Burris, Margaret Furr, Carolina Pest Management, Mary Engel, Elsie Clements, Dallas & Martha Rollins, Galard & Lynda Moore, Bob & Patsy Curry, Bill & Mary Beth Adams, Ken & Janie Collins, Brantley & Sue Aycock, David & Betsy Stewart, Jean & Ray Adams, Woody & Dorothy Edwards
IN MEMORY OF JIM SHIRLEY from Chip & Donna Sell, Phil & Beth Hargett
IN MEMORY OF GENE ELLINGER from Sue Salman, Barry & Jo Anna Brown
IN MEMORY OF JERRY CAVINESS from Jack & Johnsie Hernig
IN MEMORY OF DON HATLEY from Sara Stewart
IN MEMORY OF BEN MORRIS from Anne Morris
IN MEMORY OF MARY HENSON from Dallas & Martha Rollins

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

IN MEMORY OF RUTH QUIRK from Steve & Nancy Presson, Jason, Linda & Andrew Prim

ORGAN

IN MEMORY OF RUTH QUIRK from Esther Caviness, Bob & Nancy Smith, Harriet Dreier, Elsie Clark, Doris Morgan, Charlie & Katrina Sturgis
IN MEMORY OF JERRY CAVINESS from Harriet Dreier, Dorcas Hinson, Virginia Fisk
IN MEMORY OF JIM SHIRLEY from Sandra & Tom Eubanks

MUSIC

IN MEMORY OF RUTH QUIRK from Bill & Sally Kohler, Doris English

YOUTH

IN MEMORY OF I.B. SHIVE from Frances Hunley

IN MEMORY OF RUTH QUIRK from Frances Hunley

UMCOR

IN MEMORY OF RUTH QUIRK from Bill & Jeanne Mackay

IN MEMORY OF SAM DIXON from Joyce Ingold

RESTORATION

IN MEMORY OF GENE ELLINGER from Steve & Nancy Presson

HONORARIUMS

BUDGET

IN HONOR OF CHUCK ANDERSON by Carolyn Ferguson

IN HONOR OF JACK & NAN THOMAS' 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY by Carolyn

Kindley, Ruth Wall

IN HONOR OF FRANCES HUNLEY by Joan Miller

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

IN HONOR OF MARK & PERNETTE WELLS by Bill & Bette Sue Davis

Holy Week: March 28 through April 4

The last week of Jesus' life was a significant time in his ministry of redemption and wholeness, and this period, from Palm Sunday (March 28) to Easter Sunday (April 4) has become known as Holy Week -- and deserves some special services. Following are the major events and activities of this week for our parish:

SUNDAY: MARCH 28 (PALM SUNDAY)

C During the Sunday School hour, 10:00 a.m., the children are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt. All parents are invited to come along for the fun. Please go to your usual class and receive instructions there. Don't forget to bring your Easter baskets!

C Confirmands will be received in the 10:55 a.m. Service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 1

C There will be a meal this evening at 5:30 p.m. Please make sure you make your dinner reservation by Monday, March 29 at noon, even if you are on the Wednesday Supper permanent list. Call the church office at 704-289-3186.

C You will not want to miss the Maundy Thursday Service on April 1 at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel. Special music will be presented by the Chancel Choir. A nursery will be provided for small children.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 (PROCESSION OF THE CROSS)

C Central UMC invites you to participate with local Monroe churches in a procession that moves the cross from station to station on Good Friday, April 2. The procession will begin at 10:45 a.m. at the **First Station** - First Presbyterian Church. The next seven stations are: **Second Station** - Luther's Garden; **Third Station** - Old Court House; **Fourth Station** - First Baptist Church; **Fifth Station** - Black's Memorial; **Sixth Station** - City of Monroe Cemetery; **Seventh Station** - Central UMC; **Eighth Station** - St. Paul's Episcopal Church. At each station there will be responses, prayer, and liturgy. Please join us for this procession of the cross.

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 4

C We will begin our Easter Sunday celebration with a service in the garden outside the Chapel at 8:50 a.m. Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr. will be leading us in this service of resurrection--as we hear the Loving Word proclaimed and as we release our butterflies. In case of inclement weather - meet in the Sanctuary.

C Immediately after this service, at 10:00 a.m., we will gather in our Family Life Center for many festive activities including Clara's real garden, refreshments, and additional items to help us focus on Easter. (No nursery and no School during this time).

C At 10:55 a.m., we will gather with friends and family in the Sanctuary to celebrate our risen Lord with Central's Brass, Handbell, and Festival Choirs. The Hallelujah Chorus will be sung at the end of the service. You are encouraged to bring flowers to place on the empty cross as a vivid symbol of Christ's resurrection.