



# Central

## *Weekly Newsletter*

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty,  
the Lord mighty in battle.

Psalm 24.8

Central Methodist Church  
August 20, 2023 ~ Volume 34

**Contemporary 9:30am** Family Life Center

**Traditional 11:00am** Sanctuary

Come join us!

[www.facebook.com/centralunitedmethodistasheboro/live/](https://www.facebook.com/centralunitedmethodistasheboro/live/)

If you are not on Facebook, you can still watch the livestream with the link on our website home page

<https://www.central4u.org>

### **Mission Statement**

*Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples  
and transform the world. We are about making  
connections—connecting people to God and each other.*



## IMPORTANT SAVE THE DATE- CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

On **Sunday August 27th at 3:30 PM** we will be having the vote of our Central Methodist Church members in the presence of our new DS that will be the next to last disaffiliation step. The conference requires a **2/3 vote** of the congregation affirming that we indeed wish to disaffiliate before our disaffiliation can be approved by a vote of the conference on November 4th. The work on achieving this goal for our congregation began almost 2 years ago and has involved a lot of dedicated effort on the part of the church leadership team following the mandate by 94% of those attending the informational Town Hall meetings. **PLEASE PLAN TO BE PRESENT ON AUGUST 27th FOR THE OFFICIAL VOTE OF THE PROFESSING MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION.**

~The Discernment Committee of Central Church

**See Below!!!!**

August 2, 2023

Dear Central Church Member,

On behalf of the Discernment Committee and the Church Council, we want to notify you of the approaching called Church Conference meeting in the Family Life Center on **Sunday, August 27th at 3:30 pm**, where you will formally vote on the decision to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. The Church Conference has been called and authorized by the Rev. Beth Crissman, our District Superintendent. Rev. Crissman will lead the Church Conference and preside over our disaffiliation vote, as the Annual Conference requires.

Even though 94% of our congregation voted last summer after the 2nd Town Hall meeting to support the pursuit of disaffiliation, the only means recognized by our Conference to disaffiliate is to have a formal vote at a called Church Conference.

There must be a 2/3 majority "YES" vote of Professing Members present at the Church Conference to be able to continue the process to disaffiliate, allowing us more independence in decision making for our church body, and to gain control of our church property, which is now held in "Trust" by the conference. Even though your leadership group had more substantive concerns than those listed in the Church Disaffiliation Resolution (see below this letter), this is the resolution that has been agreed upon by the conference and your church leadership.

Please note: There are three voting options at this Church Conference: "Yes" (to disaffiliate), "No" (not to disaffiliate), and "Abstain." **Any vote at the Church Conference on August 27 other than "Yes" will be counted as a "No" vote -including a vote to "Abstain"-when it comes to achieving the required 2/3 majority needed for disaffiliation.**

Please be in prayer about this important Church Conference, and plan to be **present** on **August 27th (at 3:30 pm)** to cast your vote that will determine the life and future of your church.

Thank you so much!

Discernment Committee

Jim Kinlaw, Frances Jones, Marylin Fowler, Van Rich, Dianne Leonard,  
Renee Green, Jerry Bowman

## Anticipated Resolution and Ballot Form **Sample**

### **CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** Resolution to

#### **Disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church**

**Whereas**, the congregation of has become increasingly uncomfortable with the direction of The United Methodist Church regarding their departure from strict adherence to the Book of Discipline regarding matters that the Bible defines clearly specifically regarding human sexuality and marriage as well as the actions and inactions of the Western North Carolina Conference in response to this departure;

**And Whereas**, **CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** believes in the inerrancy of Scripture and that the Bible is profitable for "doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness." Unfortunately, The United Methodist Church has departed from these truths, and by the actions and inactions of the Western North Carolina Conference, this departure has been supported by the conference.

**And Whereas**, **CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** does not agree with the changes in the United Methodist denominational position on gender which is clearly defined in Scripture as one's gender determined at birth and that the rejection of one's biological gender. Any departure is a rejection of God's decreed will and his good plan for humanity and the individual. Additionally, marriage is clearly defined in Scripture as between one man and one woman ordained by God through holy matrimony. Any perversion of this sacred union goes against the Word of God.

**And Whereas**, the General Conference provides for a disaffiliation process for congregations;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the **CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, with a more than two thirds vote of members at special called church conference has voted to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church and;

**Be it resolved** that Board of Trustees and Leadership team are given the authority to negotiate and enter into a formal disaffiliation agreement with the Conference Trustees and execute all deeds, contracts, instruments, etc. needed to carry it out and

**Be it resolved** that said formal disaffiliation agreement will be placed on the agenda of the special called November 2023 meeting of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference and ask that the conference respect and affirm the desire of the **CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** congregation to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church.

**Do you vote to support the above resolutions so that **CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** will petition for Disaffiliation at the 2023 Annual Conference?**

Yes. \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_



**Message:** “A Mighty Fortress”

**Series:** New Normal

**Scripture:**

*Psalm 46:1-11*

- <sup>1</sup>*God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.*
- <sup>2</sup>*Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives  
way, though the mountains be moved into the heart  
of the sea,*
- <sup>3</sup>*though its waters roar and foam, though the  
mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah*
- <sup>4</sup>*There is a river whose streams make glad the city  
of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.*
- <sup>5</sup>*God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.*
- <sup>6</sup>*The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.*
- <sup>7</sup>*The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is  
our fortress. Selah*
- <sup>8</sup>*Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.*
- <sup>9</sup>*He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.*
- <sup>10</sup>*“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”*
- <sup>11</sup>*The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah*



## GRIEF SHARE

Losing a spouse or a family member, even a dear friend isn't easy. And everybody grieves in different ways. I wanted to make you aware of our upcoming Grief Share Series that will begin Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 till 3:00 pm.

The ultimate goal is to help each of us gain some understanding, insight and guidance as we look at "grief" and how we each can best continue to move forward.

If you'd like to be a part of this 13-week Grief Share journey with me – simply call or text me at: (336) 302-0624 as soon as you have the opportunity. Feel free to also reach out if you have any questions.

In His Love & Care,  
Fred Huffstetler  
Pastor of Congregational Care



Postponed until further notice.....



Who's ready for some good 'ol  
knee slapping, hand Clapping  
southern gospel quartet music?!

Well, we are gonna have just that.

We will also have desserts, coffee, tea.

We hope to see you all there.

More details to come.....

- ☐ Church member  
☐ Visitor



Dear Central Church family,

The church membership team is in the process of updating the contact information we have on file for all of our members. Please complete the form below and return by August 1, 2023. Drop boxes will be available in the Welcome Center and in the Narthex, or you can fill this form in electronically and email it back to the church at [info@central4u.org](mailto:info@central4u.org). Our team thanks you for assisting us with this update.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail  
 Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature (type if electronic) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For each of your adult children (or grandchildren) who are members not currently attending, please complete the additional contact information below and indicate if they wish to remain on the membership list.

Adult Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wish to remain on membership list? (indicate yes, no, or unsure) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Church family,

I wanted to let you know about what the Lord is setting in motion for me this year. As some of you may remember from Senior Sunday a few weeks ago, I recently graduated from high school and from RCC with my Associate in Arts. This year I am taking a break from my studies to focus on my relationship with God before continuing my education. In about a week, I will leave for a week-long mission trip to Honduras, and in September I will be heading to the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) base in Alesund, Norway for a discipleship training school. I will spend three months there in the lecture phase of the program with the outreach portion of that program for the two months immediately following. I am so excited to see the Lord move in my life this year and see where He takes me after. I would love to go into this with your support and there are two big ways you could help me out.

First, while this is an exciting opportunity for me it is also nerve-racking. I signed up for this knowing it would include a lot of firsts for me as well as a lot of unknowns. This September will be my first time flying alone; this will be my first time living for an extended amount of time in a country where I don't know anyone; and for the outreach phase of the program, I won't know where I will be sent until late November/early December. With that being said, I would love to go into this knowing I have an army of prayer warriors behind me. If you feel so called to support me in this way, please add your name and contact information to the signup sheet so I will know who to reach out to with updates and prayer requests. You can also reach out to me via email at [jatwell2023@gmail.com](mailto:jatwell2023@gmail.com).

If you feel led to support me financially, I would greatly appreciate that as well. Overall, my goal is to try and raise about \$8,655. This will break down into roughly \$2,800 for the lecture phase, \$3,200 for the outreach phase, \$2,375 for my plane ticket, and \$280 for my travel/medical insurance. Checks can be made payable to Central UMC with my name on the memo line and mailed in the envelopes provided. Any money that I receive that exceeds the amount I need for the trip will go toward our church's mission fund.

Thank you in advance for supporting me in this new venture through your prayers and/or financial support.

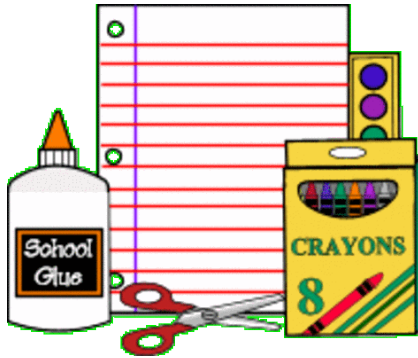
With sincere gratitude,  
Jessica Atwell



To the parents of  
College students:

We'd like to remember your students with birthday cards and care packages this year while they're at school. Please email their school address, birthdate, and any favorite snacks or allergies that we need to be aware of to Heidi Atwell at [hdatwell2016@gmail.com](mailto:hdatwell2016@gmail.com).

Also email Heidi if you would like to be a part of the college student prayer team.



# Back to School Mission Opportunity!!!!

## **Lindley Park Elementary School** **School Wide Supply Needs**

From: Nikki Domally, Principal

If you are able to contribute any of the following, your donation will be greatly appreciated. These supplies will be equally distributed among the classrooms.

Hand Sanitizer  
Disinfecting Wipes  
Tissues  
Quart Size Ziploc Bags  
Gallon Size Ziploc Bags

## **Central Day School Supply Needs for Beginning of School Year**

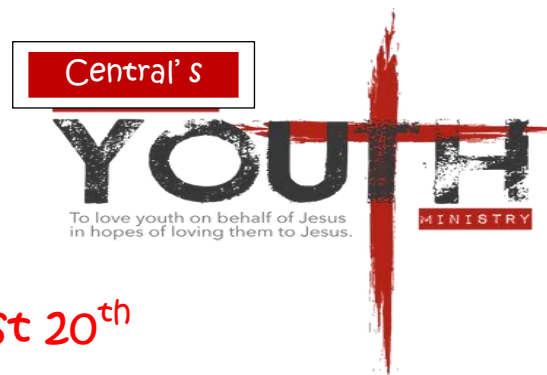
From: Sara Beth Campbell, Director  
For us the most important things would be:

Cardstock (white or colored)  
Copy Paper (white)  
Glue sticks  
CRAYOLA crayons (Basic colors)  
Masking Tape  
Baby Wipes



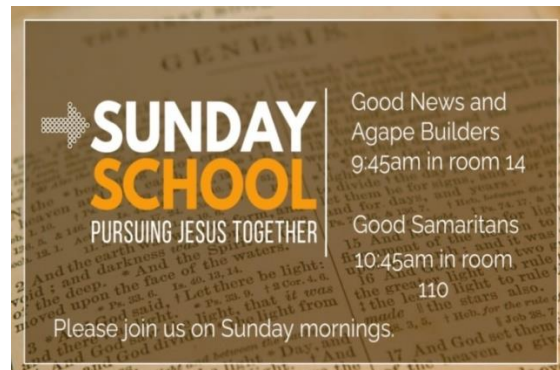
## **SPECIAL PRAYER TIME: Sunday, August 20, 6pm, FLC Conf Rm**

Dear Central Members, the prayer team meets the third Sunday each month. Please join us this Sunday for a special time of prayer for the disaffiliation vote on August 27. God has been going before us, opening doors for disaffiliation and laying the foundation for His plan and purpose for Central's future. Join us for this special time of prayer and praise.



**Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**6:0pm FLC**





# *GOT A MINUTE?*

*60 sec • call of blessing • Tuesday*

Be listening out for a word of encouragement and blessing from Central each Tuesday morning!

Call the church office: (336) 629-1425 to add your number to our call list.

We're here for you, and we are grateful for you!

*--Your Central Church Staff*



Operation Christmas Child – Thank you for bringing your items to church and for praying over the children who will be receiving them. Thanks to those of you who are collecting at home. Need more information? Check the wall beside Fred's office.

November will be here before we know it. Thanks for your continued support by purchasing items to put in the green and red boxes at church or purchasing and stowing away items at home to fill there.

If you would like another option – you may Build a box online. Just search SAMARITAN'S PURSE BUILD A BOX ONLINE. Go to the bottom of the page and you will find SEARCH FOR A GOAL PAGE. Search by our ZIP CODE. There is already a page started for Central. We are the top one with a goal of 50 boxes before Christmas this year.

**Suggested items for August:**

Clothing items and your prayers!





*Interested in Pickleball?*

*Give Marcia Parks a call at 336-302-3766.*



**Walk & Worship**

**Early Edition** (continuing)

Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:00am

**Walk & Worship**

**Late Edition** Beginning Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00am

Meet at the Family Life Center Entrance  
For questions contact Marcia Parks @ 336-302-3766

## Prayer List

Derrick Atwell  
Brandon Benware  
Brenda Burch  
John Cao  
Brandon Church  
Rob Clauser  
Ann Greene  
Nancy Hardin  
Eddie Harrington

Sheila Hammer  
PJ Hartleb  
Will Harvey  
Linda Hoffman  
Matthew Hogan  
Kevin Hoover  
Becky Hughes  
Dan & Shirley Jakeman  
Florine Johnson

Carolyn Link  
Faye McCullen  
Kathy Norris  
Hal Powell  
Debbie Reaves  
Evelyn Reaves  
Paige Lucas Shaffer  
Randy Silvers  
Teresa Teague

Olin Lee, Jan Grantham

***New Requests:** Pat Pittillo, Anna Davis, Boyd Thomas*



## Memorials

### Endowment Fund

**In Memory of Charles Link & Pauline Jarrell**

*By Kelly & Leigh Harris*



**“Eddie”**

**Edward Joseph Cihocki Jr.**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 1966 – JULY 29, 2023**

Edward Joseph Cihocki Jr., age 56, of Asheboro, North Carolina passed away on Saturday, July 29, 2023.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared  
at [www.AdvantageArchdale.com](http://www.AdvantageArchdale.com) for the Cihocki family.



“It was the mighty power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in Him by which Jesus overcame the world—and that same quiet power, if it dwells in us, will make us win the same victory by faith.”

~ Charles H. Spurgeon



## ***Budget***

**2023 Year to Date Revenues**      **\$ 386,692.56**

**2023 Year to Date Expenses**      **\$460,471.27**

**Difference**      **(\$73,778.71)**

## **Attendance**

9:30am / **\*109** in-person / **\*414** Facebook Views as of 08/17/2023

11:00am / **\*82** in-person / **\*105** Facebook Views as of 08/17/2023

Children's Church / **\*8**

## August Birthdays



**01**

Randy Lee  
Neva Fowler  
Melanie Jeffers  
Bonnie Colburn  
Emma Hinesley  
Luke Durham

**02**

Brenda Sondecker  
Don Wilburn III  
Karter Westoff

**03**

Kaye Rich  
David Adams  
Dustin Rowland  
Haven Branson  
Sydney Cox

**04**

Jay Hanson  
Wayne Thomas  
Cody Wilson  
Vicky Turner

**05**

Sue Perryman  
Rebecca Cooper  
Sharon Morgan  
Zach Illig  
Jackson Davis

**07**

Karen Raines  
Henry Salers  
Stetson Hammer

**08**

Greta Bonkemeyer  
Susan Silvers  
Ellen Byrum  
Beth Richmond

**09**

Dawn Morgan  
Claire Lelewski

**10**

Shirley Turner  
Ray McNeill  
Tammy Pugh  
Rex Henry  
Amanda Gibson  
Parker Lambert

**11**

Michelle Crawford  
Mae Grochala  
Larry Trotter  
Tyson Kistler  
Kyle Wilson  
William Moon III  
Edward Rumbly  
Maddie Hanes

**12**

Mike Brewer  
Julie Jacobi  
Barbara Illig  
Keri Massie

**13**

Eddie Harrington  
Brian Hardin  
Sarah Beth Allred

**14**

Betty Wessinger  
Audrey Farlow

**15**

Melissa Hanson  
Lesley Tyl  
Adam Brewer  
Connor Irwin  
Taylor King  
Kristen Cheek

**16**

Ken Leonard  
Jerry Tugwell  
Laurie Foster  
English Brown  
Leah Elsea  
Courtney King

**17**

Craig Burris  
Randy Prevo  
Ellen Williamson  
Beth Sanders  
Jackie Arehart  
Jonathan Thompson

**19**

Celista Caviness  
Demi Simpkins  
Brent Parnell  
Ryan Garrett  
Rebecca Benbow  
Drew Bullins  
Abigal Page

**20**

Donna Gentry  
Doug Kemp  
Raymond Brower

**21**

Charlie Asbill  
Lynn Perryman  
Anderson Shaver

**22**

Charles Durham

**23**

Karen Buhrman  
Josiah Williams  
Riley Smith

**24**

Jim Bone  
Laura Thornburg  
Tim Moss

**25**

Debbie Reaves

**26**

Emma Ferree

**27**

Amber Greenwood  
Joey Guy  
Madeline Miconi

**28**

Irene Isley  
Daniel Alman  
Abby Gerard  
Cameron Kozlow  
Will Adams  
Zachary Garrison  
Cohen Caviness

**29**

Cynthia Grantham  
Anne McCaskill  
Samuel Davidson  
Caroline Borger

**30**

Tim Pope  
Stacy McDowell  
Steve Richau  
Jennifer Meredith  
Brandon Tyl

**31**

Patricia Garren  
Robin Jackson