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The Jot & Tittle

The newsletter of Central United Methodist Church

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

(Matthew 5:18)

February 6, 2011

Worship Services at Central
Dr. Rob Blackburn, Senior Minister

Sunday Worship Services

at 8:45 and 10:55 am

February 6

Communion

February 27

New Member Sunday

Saturdays at Six Worship

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

A nursery is provided during all worship services. Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 am.

Sunday worship is broadcast on 1310 WISE-AM at 9:00 am.

The Sunday worship service is also available live on the church website: www.centralumc.org (you must have high-speed internet and Real Player).

The prior week's service is telecast on Public TV Channel 20 at 11:00 am on Sunday.

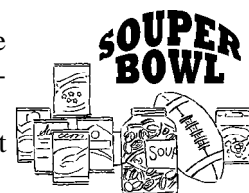
Souper / Super Bowl Weekend is February 5 & 6

Bring a can of food or \$1

On Saturday, February 5, and Sunday, February 6, the Central UMYF will be taking donations of canned food and dollar bills to give to MANNA Food Bank to help feed the people of Asheville and surrounding areas whose cupboards are a little bare this winter.

Every year we are amazed at the outpouring of the church and their ability to give not just from their pockets and their full cupboards but give of their hearts.

Youth will be stationed around the church to collect your donations before and after each service.



February 6 is "Something Extra" Sunday: Children Living in Poverty in Asheville

At 10:00 am in the fellowship hall we will share stories about the 44 children our members impacted this past year at Isaac Dickson and Asheville High School. This was a successful outreach effort by our church in the City of Asheville.

The need is even greater this year with more families slipping into poverty with recent job loss. Sunday school classes, journey groups, circles, or individuals partnering together can be sponsors for a child or youth who lives at the poverty level in Asheville.

Come learn what small step you can take to help alleviate the suffering right here in Asheville. You can help shine the love of Christ through this effort and show a caring spirit for people in need here in Asheville.

If you miss this program and want to learn how you can be a sponsor, contact Karen Ballard 665-7501 or rkbball@bellsouth.net.

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Martha Circle taking orders for annual Valentine Cookie and Truffle Sale

Delicious heart-shaped shortbread cookies and luscious chocolate truffles are currently available for order! Ideal treats for family, friends, co-workers, and clients. All proceeds benefit Steadfast House, ABCCM's shelter for women and children.

The goodies are \$13 per dozen in a ribbon-tied box. Place your order on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings now through February 6. Treats will be available for pick-up on Sunday, February 13, in the Fellowship Hall. Plus other homemade goodies will be on sale at that time.

Contact Alexandra Holland (alexandra@wncnature.com or 828-280-1470) if you have questions.



Central Happenings



Congratulations to



Andrew and Lisa Oak on the birth of their daughter, Neely Marie Oak, on November 24, 2010, in Raleigh, NC.
The proud grandparents are Steve and Cindy Oak.

Altar Flower calendar has some open dates

There are only a few dates still available on the Central Flower Calendar: March 13, May 20, May 27, June 26, July 24, and all of August. If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary on one of these dates in honor or in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, please call Sherry Glance at 667-8729 or sstgglance@gmail.com.

The cost of the flowers is approximately \$65.

Rev. Rich Ploch announces retirement

Many of us at Central remember former Associate Pastors Rich and Carol Ploch. Since leaving Central Rich has been pastor at Swannanoa UMC and Tabernacle UMC. He has announced that he will be retiring at the Annual Conference session in June at Lake Junaluska. "My ministry at the two churches has been greatly blessed by the many people with whom I was in ministry at Central, but staff and laity. Carol and I send our love to all."

Rich is looking forward to spending more time with his family.

Foods for ABCCM:

**self-rising flour, cornmeal, powdered milk
jelly, spaghetti sauce and pasta**

(ABCCM can break down larger packages if you prefer to buy items in bulk)

Bring food items to large box the Fellowship Hall to help feed the hungry in our area

2011 budget update

As of January 23, our Central congregation has given \$149,872 to support our ministries and the operating budget. Thank you!
(This is down \$7,373 from the same time last year.)

Jot & Tittle deadlines

February 9 the deadline for the
February 20 issue

February 23 is the deadline for the
March 6 issue

Please mail articles and information to Anne Frick at the church, leave notices in her mail box at the Reception Desk, or email info to her at: africk@centralumc.org. All material is subject to editing.

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Mary Merritt (Logan Merritt's mother) by:

Dan and Glenda Patterson

In memory of Bill Harpe for the Memorial Garden by:

Marcia Covington

Gary and Eleanor Erickson

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Harpe

Tom and Melinda Henderson

Don and Shirley Kern

David and Amanda Proffitt

Nancy Stancil

Richard and Janet Burdette

Philip Dammann

Madeleine Dammann

Janet David

Ray and Iva Endicott

Gregory and Carole Hildebran

L. David and Phyllis Watson

Robin and Sybil Young

Notary Public available at Central

Lesli Hollowell, Administrative Assistant at Central, is offering Notary services at no charge to Central members. She is available in the church office Monday—Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Please call 253-3316 ext 310 for an appointment.

Join us for a study on The Gospel of Mark led by Dr. Mickey Efirm February 25 and 26

Dr. James “Mickey” Efirm is Professor Emeritus at Duke Divinity School, having taught thousands of seminarians Greek and Biblical studies. Most say Mickey is their favorite Bible teacher, combining the knowledge of a scholar with communications skills that make his teaching easy to understand.

On Friday, February 25, Dr. Efirm begins the study on the Gospel of Mark from 7:00 to 9:00 pm; the conclusion will be Saturday morning from 9:00 to 12:00. Juice, coffee, and pastries will be served Saturday morning beginning at 8:30.

“Mark’s Gospel is the first of our canonical gospels to be written, and it served as the basis for two others, i. e. Luke and Matthew. Each gospel is a theological and religious interpretation of the nature and significance of Jesus of Nazareth. Mark emphasizes that Jesus is uniquely Son of God, Messiah, bringer of the Kingdom of God, wisdom teacher, healer, to list only a few of His characteristics. There is in Mark a ‘secrecy motif’ which causes some to be confused about what Mark intends with that emphasis. During this study we shall focus on some other items of interest, especially Mark’s account of the Passion Narrative.”



Dinner will be served Friday night at 6:00 pm and you will have a chance to meet and greet Mickey. Reservations are required for the dinner, but not for the study. Call 253-3316 to make a reservation.

Bring your Journey Group, Sunday School class, friends and neighbors for this opportunity to hear one of the best!

DISCIPLE II begins this Spring – Led by Dr. Tony Bell A study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts

“DISCIPLE II: Into the Word Into the World” is a 32-week study that examines four great books in the Bible—Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. Tony Bell will be leading this group experience beginning in late February and running through October or November, depending on the group and summer breaks.

If you have taken DISCIPLE I, you will discover that DISCIPLE II does not have as much reading involved. The reading will focus in on the four books listed above with eight sessions given for each book. As with any DISCIPLE course, a commitment to the entire journey is very important. Space will be limited to 12 persons.

This DISCIPLE II class will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-5:00. An exact starting date has not been set yet, but anyone interested or having questions can contact Tony Bell directly for further information, 253-3316 ext. 308 or email tbell@centralumc.org. To sign up please call or email Tony.



DISCIPLE II has the best of both worlds—it has the great Old Testament stories that we love and it covers a wonderful Gospel text (Luke) following the life of Jesus along with the beginnings of the Christian church found in the book of Acts.

Haywood Street Happenings

Join us for lunch at Haywood Street on Wednesdays

Come join us and 150 - 200 friends at the Downtown Welcome Table on Wednesdays for lunch. We serve from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? We can help you find your niche at Haywood Street. We need volunteers to go to MANNA Food bank on Mondays and/or to shop at Sam’s. Preparation work for the Wednesday meal is done on Tuesdays at 5:15. Volunteers work on Wednesdays from 9 - 2. If the entire time range does not work for you, we can work around your schedule!

Need more information? Contact Amy Gaston (253-5188 or amy@jggaston.com) or Shelly Arnold (299-8528 or shellyarnold99@gmail.com).



Wonderful Wednesdays

Wonderful Wednesdays offer a variety of small groups and fellowship

Dinner begins at 5:15 followed programs at 6:00. Please make your dinner reservations no later than Tuesday—or we cannot guarantee enough food. Call 253-3316 to make your dinner reservations. The meal cost is \$7 for an adult and \$4 for children 12 and under, with a \$22 family maximum. A salad bar will be available. Many spiritual growth and fellowship opportunities are available.

All is Vanity: Ecclesiastes in the 21st Century

Led by: Rev. Julie Wilburn-Peeler

Is life meaningless? Nothing but smoke? Is there a purpose to the madness we experience? Where is God in all of this? Do you ever wonder? Then join us for a study of Ecclesiastes, one of the most skeptical yet engaging books of the Bible. In our study of this book we will utilize music, art, and literature to help us unpack some of the deep questions we all struggle with throughout our life. This class is a 4 week study with a workbook provided for each participant.

The group meets on Wednesday, February 2, 9, 16, and 23 in Room 219.



A Pilgrimage through Scripture

Led by: Susan Griffin

Pilgrimage is a small group Bible study, meeting from 6:00-7:00 pm each Wonderful Wednesday. We read, question, and discuss purposefully each week, moving along as slowly or quickly as the lesson requires. We worked through the first section (chapters 1-8) of the gospel of Mark this fall, and are ready to turn with Jesus towards Jerusalem and the Cross as we continue our study this winter and spring. New members are always welcome! **(Please note: due to a teacher conflict, there will be no class on February 2.)**

Getting the Love You Want

Led by: Rev. Heidi Robinson- Campbell

Based on the work of Harville Hendrix's "Imago Relationship Theory," The Reverend Heidi Campbell-Robinson will lead a class that is oriented toward couples who wish to enhance their relationship. She will offer the three sessions listed below.

Heidi is a certified pastoral counselor (counseling in a faith context), who offers counseling, programs, and retreats. Her organization, WaterRock Institute, is located at our Haywood Street campus. She asks that you try to participate in all three sessions.

This group will meet in Room 205

February 9 Romantic Love: we will discover the dynamics of romantic love

February 16 Unconscious and Conscious Relationships: we will see how power plays a role in our relationship

February 23 Re-imaging: we will learn to see our partner in a new way and learn how to restore romance



“The Singer of Stories” at Wonderful Wednesdays on March 2

Professional storyteller Donna Marie Todd, “The Singer of Stories,” will lead our Wednesday night program on March 2. She will tell the story of the baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3) and then present a story concert titled *Baptism at 2nd Creek*.

Donna Marie is the editor of *The Biblical Storyteller* magazine and a member of The Network of Biblical Storytellers. The Network of Biblical Storytellers is an international, ecumenical organization of pastors, biblical scholars, Christian Educators, storytellers and laity who are seeking to recapture the vitality and emotion of the original biblical texts by carefully studying and internalizing portions of the Bible for public presentation.

In the time of early Christianity, all the scriptures were spoken narratives for public performance. One of the reasons Christianity grew as rapidly as it did was the public performances of the stories of Jesus. The energy and excitement about God’s son that the storyteller shared with the ancient peoples fueled their belief in Christ.

As a biblical storyteller, Donna Marie has many biblical texts internalized. She has internalized and tells the entire books of Ruth and Esther. In addition to telling her original stories and story sermons, she also portrays biblical women such as Mary Magdalene and Mary, the Mother of Jesus. You can Google her name on YouTube to see her telling the story of the Samaritan woman, Psalm 16, and the Road to Emmaus. Visit her website to learn more about her special storytelling ministry at www.donnamarietodd.net.

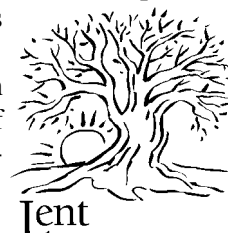
Thinking about Sacrifice in the Season of Lent Ash Wednesday on March 9 is the start of Lent

The season of Lent is a time of preparation for Easter Sunday. For forty days—the length of time that Jesus withdrew into the wilderness—we, too, have the opportunity to embark on a season of soul searching, repentance, and reflection. The story of Easter is, at its heart, a story of sacrifice and new life. Just as Jesus used this time alone to contemplate, to pray, to fast, we can make more meaningful these holy days of the Christian year by conscientiously thinking and talking about the meaning of sacrifice.

We will look at stories of sacrifice from various literary texts and discover what and how sacrifice might mean in our own lives.

March 16 - Shel Silverstein’s 1964 children’s classic *The Giving Tree* is a tale for lent. Nothing about it makes sense apart from this particular season of the Christian year. It is a love story between a tree (that talks and expresses emotion) and a boy (who is at the center of his own world). The tree gives all that it has to the boy. Is this the kind of sacrifice that God offered for us?

After a brief overview of what the season of Lent is about, we will discuss the idea embedded in *The Giving Tree*. If you have the book at home, you might want to re-read it and bring it with you. If you do not have the book, that won’t matter to your participation in the class. We’ll begin with a reading of the story, as we see it, perhaps anew, as a story for Lent.



March 23 - We will look at excerpts from two different genres. First, a memoir by Rick Bragg, *All Over but the Shoutin’*. Award-winning journalist Bragg tells the story of his mother who “went eighteen years without a new dress so that her sons could have school clothes.” Bragg wrote the book in 1997, wanting to pay tribute to a parent who thought her life had been a failure. For our purposes, we will look at the prologue to the book.

And we will look at Carson McCullers’s *Ballad of the Sad Café* (1952). In a story designed to show that while love is a joint experience, it is not necessarily a similar experience, for there is both a lover and a beloved. We will look at how McCullers’s message is one of agape love and can be seen as a short novel for lent. (Handouts will be provided at the first session.)

March 30 – Anthologized in the popular *Listening for God* series, “A Father’s Story,” by Andre Dubus (1936-1999), is a short story about a 54-year-old divorced Catholic father whose deep religious faith sustains him in a family crisis. The story pushes us to think about God’s sacrifice of His son and complicates that action by wondering how it might have been played out if God had a daughter. Dubus has his protagonist Luke Ripley treat his daughter differently from how he would have acted had the same incident involved a son. (This story may be downloaded for no cost at this website: <http://www.narrativemagazine.com/issues/spring-2006/father%E2%80%99s-story>)

Margaret Whitt, University of Denver English Professor Emerita, has a long history of successful teaching of 20th century American literature courses. She has also taught Literary Search for God at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. This is her third offering for Wonderful Wednesdays at Central.

Music Events at Central

- Saturday, March 5—Asheville Choral Society Spring Concert at 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary. (For tickets, call the Asheville Choral Society at 232-2060 or visit www.ashevillechoralsociety.org)
- Sunday, March 6—Asheville Choral Society Spring Concert at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. (For tickets, call the Asheville Choral Society at 232-2060 or visit www.ashevillechoralsociety.org)
- Sunday, March 20—The Children’s Choir will present “The Tale of the Three Trees” by Allen Pote and Tom Long. This musical portrays a story of three trees who each dreamed of becoming something great. Come, see, and hear how each of them become God’s instruments, pointing the way to heaven. The performance will be part of both morning worship services.
- Sunday, June 12, Pentecost—The Chancel Choir will present its annual “Music Celebration Sunday” in both worship services. Music will include festive anthems and hymns in celebration of the Holy Spirit.

Congregational Care Concerns

Should you have pastoral care needs or know of someone in the hospital, please contact Rev. Julie Wilburn Peeler at 989-9659 or Maureen Carr, our Parish Nurse, at the church 253-3316.

When you are Unable to Attend Worship....

We want to keep you connected to the worship life of Central United Methodist Church! Bulletins have been sent to those individuals who are unable to attend worship. My hope is that when they are able to view the worship service on T.V. on a week delay, folks will have the bulletin with them so they can follow along. If you would like to receive a bulletin in the mail or email, please call the church at 253-3316.

Prison Ministry

DISCIPLE Bible Study continues at BCC

Each Thursday night at Buncombe Correctional Center (a state prison for men located between Asheville and Weaverville) 11 inmate class members and a facilitator from Central meet to study and discuss the Bible. We are currently using the Short-Term DISCIPLE Bible Study Invitation to Genesis. The Short-Term Bible Studies are eight to eleven weeks long. This year we have studied Romans, John, Genesis, and will complete the year with Psalms.

The class begins with a video that includes someone speaking the scripture verses followed by a presentation by a moderator and an expert. Then the group discusses what they have seen and heard on the video. It is always interesting to see what new insights and understandings follow after the scripture is both read and heard. The discussion time encourages each class member to really study the Bible.

Because of the broad and varied backgrounds of the inmates, each class member brings a unique set of beliefs. This makes for a very lively discussion and sometimes a new understanding happens. We all leave the class with a better understanding of God’s Word.

The class has to meet in the small staff conference room. Buncombe Correctional Center was originally designed to house inmates who were off premises during the day on work release so rooms were not provided for classes and meetings. There is an ongoing effort to raise money to build a chapel/educational facility called The New Life Center that will have space for worship services and various programs.

Central UMC’s ministry is the longest running program at the prison—DISCIPLE Bible Study was started by a group working with Dr. Michael Brown, the former senior pastor. The class also provides the most contact time of any of the volunteer programs at BCC.

—Harry Frick



Note: There will be a golf tournament on Thursday, May 12, to help raise funds for The New Life Center. Save the date; details will be announced later.

Youth Ministry

UMYF—United Methodist Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Contact Stephen Brown, Youth Director, at 253-3316, 421-0340 or email Stephen@centralumc.org

February 5-6 Souper / Super Bowl Weekend

I need your HELP!!! I need volunteers at the Sunday and Saturday services to collect food. Call me if you want to help. 828-421-0340



February 6 Super Bowl Party: Two things are required for this event.

1. A donation for MANNA Food Bank (either a dollar or a canned food item)
2. A Super Bowl snack. Get out your aprons and bring your favorite football game concoction to share with the youth group. (I will have drinks and a few pots of chili.) Party starts at 5:30 and ends at the end of the game (9:30).

Saturdays in Ministry begins February 12

This month the Youth Group is starting a new program that will provide us an opportunity to give a few hours of our time on Saturdays and participate in ministry with organizations here in Asheville. We are calling it **Saturdays in Ministry**. One Saturday a month we will join forces with a local ministry like The Irene Wortham Center or Eliada Homes. We hope to do an assortment of projects while we are there. These include everything from painting to doing arts and crafts with the Residents. The great part about Saturdays in Ministry is that we don't have to go and visit these places just one time. We are hoping to return to them often throughout the year! If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help youth in ministry on Saturdays email Chad Roope roopechad@yahoo.com or Stephen Brown stephen@centralumc.org.

February 12, 8:30-12:30 (date and time subject to change)

Our first project starts this month. We will be heading out to Eliada Homes to help with a number of various projects. We need all of the help we can get. Please call or email Stephen Brown to let him know you will be attending. (If you forget to call, please come on out anyway.) We will meet in the back Church Parking lot at 8:30 and plan on returning around 12:30 pm.

Upcoming 2011 Dates

Senior High Missions to Washington D.C. June 19 - 25

Wilderness Trail July 17 - 24

Middle School Missions to North Georgia July 31 – August 5

Outreach

Follow the February Mission Trip to Bolivia online

Members of Central UMC, lead by Senior Pastor Rob Blackburn and Youth Minister Stephen Brown, will be traveling to Bolivia February 17-27 so they may volunteer their talents and labor in support of the Kory Wawanaca Children's Home. The journey will include working with the main orphanage in Tacachia and the new home that is located in Ovejuna (La Paz).

Kory Wawanaca Children's Home cares of over 20 orphaned and abandoned children, who would otherwise be left on the streets, by giving them a safe and healthy environment. The home provides educational strengthening through the community's school, agricultural skills learned on the organic farm, spiritual growth gained through teaching, and loving guidance.

At www.kwchildren.org or www.facebook.com/kwchildren you can read updates, view photos and videos, and follow the adventures of our mission team online.



“And whoever welcomes a child like this in my name welcomes me.” (Matthew 18:5)

F.I.S.H. is Saturday, February 5

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 for a morning of service and fellowship. We will meet and begin with refreshments and a time of devotion and then stay here at Central making blankets, cookies, and other treats for the children at the ABCCM Women and Children's Shelter. Every time we bring them goodies, the mothers are so excited and happy to surprise their children with a treat. Come, enjoy your morning with us, and share the love of Christ with mothers and their children in need of love and encouragement.

F.I.S.H. (Families in Service to Him) meets the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon for a time of devotion, prayer, and service. Join us in 2011 as we visit and serve The Lord's Acre community garden, ABCCM, MANNA, UMAR, The Presbyterian Home for Children, Haywood Street, Animal Haven of Asheville, Riverlink, and other area ministries.



All ages welcome. Please call or email Jessica Tripp (253-3316 or jtripp@centralumc.org) a week prior to the first Saturday to sign up for F.I.S.H.

March 5: River Link (wear outdoor clothing and bring work gloves and a water bottle)

April 2: Lord's Acre (wear outdoor clothing and bring work gloves and a water bottle)

Join us Sunday, March 6, for a special "Something Extra" Sunday to hear how you can help END homelessness in Asheville

Why aren't you homeless? Chances are someone's invested in you along the way. In a new program at Homeward Bound, we have an opportunity to provide that same investment to people who haven't had it and who've ended up homeless as a result. On March 6, we'll be hearing from Homeward Bound about HOPE to HOME, a program that pairs teams of volunteers from congregations with people who've been homeless as they move into housing.

HOPE to HOME is a great opportunity to dig in deeper in loving our homeless neighbors as ourselves! If you're interested in serving our city through this project, please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall on March 6 at 10:00 am to learn more about how you can get involved in ending homelessness in Asheville.

You can be a Big Brother or a Big Sister

Big Brothers Big Sisters in Buncombe County is looking for volunteers of all ages to lend encouragement and attention to a young person! The Community-based Program provides a mentor to children ages 6-14 who are from single-parent homes. Activities are twice a month and are based around shared interests such as art/crafts, building things, the outdoors, and sports.

The School/Site-based Programs pair elementary age youth with a mentor to enjoy one hour a week together at the child's school or after-school site. Also, volunteers are needed to serve on the local Advisory Council to help with mentor recruitment, fundraising, and events. Call 253-1470, visit www.bbbswnc.org, or contact Jamye Davis.

Caring for Children fundraiser planned for February 12

Caring for Children will hold a fundraising gala at the Crowne Plaza Exposition center on February 12 beginning at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available for purchase at www.caring4children.org or call (828) 298-0186. Caring for Children operates over eight programs that provide shelter, food, education and medical assistance to abused children in WNC and beyond.

Ensure needed at the Vanderbilt

Over the years, the members of Central have helped our friends and neighbors living at the Vanderbilt Apartments in downtown Asheville. Right now, there is a great need for cans of Ensure or similar brands of liquid nutrition.

In addition to Ensure, the following items are needed:

- paper towels and toilet paper
- Kleenex
- small bottles of dishwashing soap
- low-sodium soup
- small cans of juice and fruit

If you can help, place your items in the WE CARE boxes at the Second Floor entrance (near the Fellowship Hall) and near the Reception Desk. The Vanderbilt residents are most appreciative of the gift. Thank you for your continued support. [Note: **Magazines are not needed** at the present time.]

Parish Nurse / Older Adult Ministry

How are your blood pressure readings? Come February 13 and see

There will be a blood pressure screening on Sunday, February 13, from 9:30-10:45 am in the Senior Resource Center which is located behind the Reception Desk.

Elevated blood pressure raises your heart disease risk plus can affect your eyes, and kidneys. So Remember:

- Normal blood pressure is less than 120/80
- Pre-Hypertension is 120-139/80-89
- Stage 1 Hypertension is 140-159/90-99
- Stage 2 Hypertension is 160 and higher/100 and higher



United Methodist Women

Mission Study at Central on Saturday, February 19

Central United Methodist Women will sponsor a Mission Study "Joy To The World" on February 19, from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This study will explore the theology of mission and evangelism in the 21st century context of Christianity as a worldwide religion.

Betty Swarhout, Deaconess from the Waynesville District, will be our guest speaker. We will have lunch provided by the Circles: sandwiches, fruit and vegetables, beverages.

Everyone is welcome. Any questions call Doris Manning at 277-7065.

The **Deborah Circle** will meet Sunday, February 6, at 2:00 pm at Given's Estate with Clara Cooper as hostess. The program will be "Call to Prayer and Self Denial" by Doris Manning.

The **Ruth Circle** will meet on Monday, February 7, at 10:00 am at the office entrance of Haywood Street Church at The program will be a tour of the church.

The **Rebekah Circle** will meet on Tuesday, February 15, at 10:00 am with Barbara Young at Givens Estates.

The **Lydia Circle** includes young, professional Christian women who are sharing their faith journey through community service, devotion, mission outreach, prayer, and fellowship. We meet once a month for dinner and our meeting, which will have varying content. There are no set meeting dates—we pick the next date at our meeting, so contact Diane Robinson for meeting info if you are interested in becoming acquainted with the Lydia women. You can reach her via email at dianetrobinson@gmail.com or by phone 989-8097.



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Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are with Juanita Swann-Gilbert and her family on the death of her husband, Dick Gilbert, on January 5.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Sue Craig who died January 12.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Elizabeth Johnson who died January 14.

Our sympathy and prayers are with John Klees and his family on the death of his sister, Stanny Meijer-Klees, in Castricum, the Netherlands.

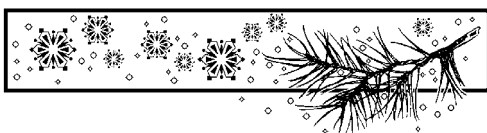
Our sympathy and prayers are with Bob Gelder and his family on the death of his mother, Maria L. "Tinker" Gelder on January 15.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Etrullia "Trudy" Patterson who died January 18.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Larry Taylor and his family on the death of his mother, Elaine Taylor, on January 23.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Lee Sechler who died January 26.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Fran and Carlos Kennedy on the death of their daughter, Kerri O'Rourke, on January 30, and with Justin and Keely O'Rourke on the death of their mother.



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