Please feel free to bring a friend!

Jan. 21—4:45 pm leave for January Journey
Jan. 28—12 noon leave to go to lunch and a movie

Blessings,
Blake

NEVER let lack of funds keep you from participating in Youth activities. Scholarships are available. Contact Blake (924-8294) or Vicki in the church office for information.

A statement from Bishop L. Jonathan Holston:

Before an earthquake shook the lives of more than 3 million people in Haiti in 2010, United Methodists were already on the ground of the impoverished Caribbean nation, working to improve living conditions for a population long beset by poverty.

After the earthquake, United Methodist Volunteers In Mission teams – including scores of volunteers from South Carolina – quickly moved in to provide relief services. Within five months, more than $40 million had been raised through the United Methodist Committee on Relief’s Haiti Response Plan.

In fact, a South Carolina UMVIM team left for Haiti today.

For more than 25 years, South Carolina United Methodists have been at the forefront of helping students from many African nations obtain a quality education and develop into leaders. The first “launch” gift to Africa University was made in 1991 by farmers from Bennettsville.

Subsequent gifts from churches and individuals paid for construction of the Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey Theology Building – named for a previous S.C. bishop. Endowed scholarships allow more than a dozen young women and men to access a life-changing educational experience each year.

Thousands of South Carolina United Methodists have had the privilege to have served the people of Haiti, multiple African nations and many countries on several continents through mission work. We have walked and lived among the inhabitants of these nations, and we know them to be children of God, worthy of our respect.

As a people of faith opposed to racism and committed to social justice, we again find ourselves called to witness, advocacy and prayer. We are compelled to clearly and without hesitation advocate against prejudice, hate and racism.

I encourage you to join me and my fellow United Methodist Bishops in prayer for the people of our nation and world. Please read the timely reminder from the Council of Bishops on umcsc.org to demonstrate love for all of God’s people by saying no to racism, discrimination and bigotry.

Grace and peace,
L. Jonathan Holston
Resident Bishop
South Carolina Conference
The United Methodist Church
Contemporary Service

Third Sunday after the Epiphany/Human Relations Sunday
Jan. 20, 2018 9:00 am

*Gathering/Passing of the Peace  “Start a Fire”
*Praise and Worship in Music  “Friend of Sinners”
Children’s Moments  Bonnie Lyon
*World Methodist Social Affirmation  No. 886
*Scripture Lesson  John 1:43-51
Welcome, Announcements, Concerns, and Prayer
Offertory  “Jesus Lover of My Soul”
*Song of Preparation  “Rise and Follow Me”
Sermon  “PUT OUT YOUR OPEN HAND”  Rev. David Surrett
Reception of New Members  Baptismal Covenant I  No. 14
Song of Sending Forth  “All Who Are Thirsty”
*Dismissal with Blessing
*Response of the People  “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Go Tell It on the Mountain
Go tell it on the mountain
over the hills and everywhere!
Go tell it the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!
*Please stand as you are able.

The flowers in the chancel this Sunday have been given
to the glory of God and in recognition of Central UMW
by Billy and Peggy Berley.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

JANUARY 17

*5:30 - 6:00 Children’s Choir
*6:00 - 6:45 Fellowship Supper
*6:45 - 7:30 Bible Studies (adults, youth, children) Nursery provided
   Adult Bible Study - Fellowship Class
*7:30 -- Choir practice (adults)
Menu:  Chicken Noodle Soup/Potato Soup/Salad/Sandwiches/Dessert

- COST—
  $ 7.00  High school grades—adults
  $ 5.00  Middle school grades (6th-8th)
  $ 3.00  Elementary grades (1st - 5th)
  FREE-  Children Kindergarten and younger

JANUARY JOURNEY 2018

“Jesus Sends Us”

Services will begin this year at 5:30 pm with a 15 minute hymn sing-please make
note of the earlier start time.  Non-perishable food items will be collected each
Sunday for Manna House.  Offering each Sunday will be split between the Newberry Free
Clinic & Emergency Relief Fund.  All services will end with fellowship and light refresh-
ments.

January 21—Mt. Pleasant-Youth Night
January 28—Wightman-Rev. R. T. Bowling, preaching; Special music by Central

Bus Transportation Available -Leaving at 4:45 pm

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN ATTENDING
CENTRAL CHURCH FOR RECENT MONTHS & FOR NEW MEMBERS...

Sunday, January 21, 10:15 am in the Pastor’s Study on Floor 4 of the Family Life
Center—Hosted by the Evangelism Work Area—Come find out all about Central, meet the pastor and some church leaders.

To our friends at CUMC.  Hugh and I and our family learned the real
meaning of friendship during Chip’s battle with cancer and then his death.  We thank you for
your prayers, especially for Chip during his illness and for his family after his death.  Your visits and
memorials were also greatly appreciated and your kindness will always be remembered.  May
God bless each of you.  Sincerely, Hugh & Linda

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A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH
GET INVOLVED!!!

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY. Everyone is invited to join the group which meets each Wednesday at 10:30 am in the library. We are continuing our study of Genesis to Revelations. This week’s lesson is “God’s Final Victory”. Scripture: Zechariah 9-14. Leader: Peggy Berley.

Welcome to Central United Methodist Church
Newberry, SC

Third Sunday after the Epiphany/Human Relations Sunday
Jan. 20, 2018

The Prelude  “I Need Thee Every Hour”  arr. Elliott
The Chiming of the Hour
The Lighting of the Altar Candles
The Choral Call to Worship
*The Hymn  “Open My Eyes, That I May See”  No. 454
The Opening Litany (Read Responsively)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. As we gather in this place, allow your Spirit to fill our very being. As we worship today, we remember our brothers and sisters who are worshipping elsewhere throughout the world. Inspire each of us to work more faithfully for justice and dignity of life everywhere. Raise our vision above the barriers of color, culture, and creed that separate us. Give us wisdom as we deal with one another. Help us to recognize and to respect different ways, rather than to judge.

In the Spirit of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve, we now must walk in the world. We must reach out our hands with help and open our hearts in love. Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving you in the world.

The Anthem  Chancel Choir
*The Psalter  Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  No. 854
*The World Methodist Social Affirmation  No. 886
*The Gloria Patri  John 1:43-51
*The Scripture Lesson  “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”  (vs. 1)  No. 430
The Congregational Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Announcements and Welcome
The Offering  “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought;”  arr. McConnell
*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  Doxology  No. 95
*The Hymn  “Be Thou My Vision”  No. 451
*The Sermon  “PUT OUT YOUR OPEN HAND”  Rev. David Surrett
*The Hymn  “I Am Thine, O Lord”  No. 419
*The Extinguishing of the Altar Candles
*The Benediction
*The Choral Response
The Postlude  “Rise Up and Serve the Lord”  arr. Harris

*Please stand as you are able.

Registration is now open. Full weekend details are available online at http://mennministrysc.org/2018-spiritual-weekend
Welcome to Central Church!!  We are pleased that you are present for worship.  May your faith be strengthened and your love renewed.

All are asked to sign the Friendship Pad so our church ministry will be up-to-date on your presence.  Child care is available in the Education Building.  Assistive listening devices are available in the vestibules.

New members are received by affirmation of their faith or by transfer from other Christian churches.  If you are interested in becoming a member of Central UMC, please contact the pastor (803-276-3903; davidcurrett@gmail.com) or indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

Guest bags with Central information and small gifts have been placed in the narthexes (entrances) for all first time local guests.

**JOYS, PRAYERS, CARE AND CONCERN**

**RECENT SURGERY:**  Becky Everett

**MEMBERS:**  Clie Barber, Donnie Brown, Harriet Bruner, Bo Chrisley, Carolyn & Jim Clamp, Gay Davenport, Mary Dickert, Fran Eason, Alma Force, Lila Lake, Mary Lipscomb, Ethel Mayer, Liz MacDonald, Marjorie Morison, Bette Moseley, Nellie Richardson, Jackson Senn, Elizabeth Shannon, Harold Smith, Hugh Turner, Kevin Whitesides, Chris Wicker, Charles & Dean Young

**FRIENDS OF CENTRAL:**  Kim Berley (daughter-in-law of Billy & Peggy Berley), Cody Carlton (son of Mary Ann Davis), Laurie Copps (niece of Trish MacDonald), Karen Derrick, J. C. Eleazer (brother of Carolyn Clamp), Dot Forbis (Joyce Barrow's mother), Jenniee Foster (Lee Foster's mother), Madison Gandy (Michelle Williams' great-niece), Dan Kingston, Suzanne Mayer, Catherine McIntyre (Julia Cotney's cousin), June Morris (Karen Lever's Mother), Fred Buck Terry (Lilliam Hoeschen's cousin), Mike Whitesides (son of Paulette Whitesides), John & Hattie Wilson (John Wilson's parents)

To add or remove a name, please contact the church office.

The United Methodist Men will meet this Sunday, January 21, at 8 am in Henry Hall.  All men are invited to attend.

NEW VENTURES (our ministry for those over 50) would like for you to join us on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 12 noon for a light lunch in Henry Hall.  This fellowship will be a planning session for 2018; so please bring any information and ideas on activities/events we may attend.  Sign up in your SS class or by calling the church office (803) 276-3903, Hannah Davis at (803) 271-6736 or Frances Berry (803) 924-4762.  Sign up deadline is 12 noon, January 21.

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Due to the lack of people using offering envelopes, we will NOT be mailing envelopes this year.  If you desire a box of OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2018, they are available in the vestibule to your right.  Sign your name beside the number on the box.  If you are shut-in and would like envelopes delivered to you, please call the church office 276-3903.