

MORNING WORSHIP

JANUARY 29, 2012

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Eleven O'clock

The color green represents Christian growth.

*In silence and reverence let us prepare our hearts for worship.*

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Concerns of the Parish (Congregational Greeting)

Prelude

Introit

Chancel Choir

\*Processional Hymn 110

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN'FESTE BURG

\*Congregational Prayer (Unison)

Jane V. Doull  
Robert Mitchell, Liturgist

**God of power and wonder, we are awestruck by the glory of your presence. We rejoice at what we can see; we marvel at what we cannot see. You dazzle us with your brightness; you overshadow us as with a great cloud. Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing, you strengthen and transform us. May we love and serve you in all that we are and do. Glory be to you. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith 884

*A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church*

\*Gloria Patri 70

Anthem

*What Is This Lovely Fragrance?* (Old French Carol)

Healey Willan

Chancel Choir

Jean Yonce, soprano

Pastoral Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer 895*

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

David S. Bell

**Awesome God, you sent Jesus to teach people firsthand the power of your love, grace, and authority. Jesus washed away unclean spirits and performed countless other miracles so that even the faithless would experience your love. You call us to be mindful and vigilant of the extraordinary miracles that you continue to work in our lives today. May this offering undergird ministries that show others your miraculous love, grace, and authority. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Offertory

*Shall We Gather at the River*

arr. Robert H. McIver

Chancel Choir

Laura Mitchell, solo

\*Doxology 95

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100TH

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children's Sermon

Rev. Alex Stevenson

(Children three years old through kindergarten are invited to follow the leader to Children's Church. The others may return to their seats.)

\*Hymn of Preparation 364

*Because He Lives*

RESURRECTION

Old Testament Reading

*God Will Raise You up on Eagle's Wings*

Isaiah 40:21-31

\*The Gospel Reading

*Jesus Casts out a Demon on the Sabbath*

Mark 1:21-28

<sup>24</sup> *"And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."*

Sermon

**WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD DEVIL?**

Rev. Alex Stevenson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

(During the singing of the last hymn, the altar of this church is open to those who have special needs and/or a desire to affirm or reaffirm their faith. Please let one of the pastors know if you want him or her to pray with you.)

\*Recessional Hymn 370

*Victory in Jesus*

HARTFORD

SENDING FORTH

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

Chancel Choir

The congregation will stand as able.

CRUCIFER

Lauren Dixon

ACOLYTES

Wales Dixon and John Harrelson

WE WILL BE LOYAL TO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THROUGH FAITHFUL PARTICIPATION IN THE MINISTRIES OF THIS CONGREGATION BY OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, AND WITNESS.

PRAYERS (insert)

Christian sympathy is extended to Rosa and Allen Senn upon the death of Rosa's brother, William Mitchell of Rock Hill, SC. Mr. Mitchell died on January 22. He was 95 years old.

PRESENCE January 22, 2012

Sunday School 153

Worship 334

GIFTS

Weekly Budget \$ 11,849

YTD Budget \$ 47,396

Received 6,335

YTD Received 36,682

Under (5,514)

YTD Under (10,714)

Building Fund Debt: Balance as of December 20, 2011 . . . \$106,632

## SERVICE AND WITNESS

### Today, January 29

**9:00 AM** Coffee and Doughnut Hour  
**9:00 AM** Moravian Worship (Chapel)  
**9:45 AM** Sunday School  
**10:15 AM** Chancel Choir Practice  
**10:30 AM** Coffee and Doughnut Hour  
**11:00 AM** Worship Service  
**4:00 PM** Altar Guild (Sanctuary)  
**5:00 PM** Chimers Rehearsal  
**5:45-8:00** UMYF/Youth Supper (Dixon/Lansberry)

### Serving this Sunday

**Nursery** Stephanie and Mike Younger  
**Children's Church** Brent and Amy Driggers

### Monday, January 30

**4:30 PM** Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, January 31

**7:30 AM** Men's Prayer Breakfast  
**6:00 PM** Bible Study (Music Room)

### Wednesday, February 1

**10:30 AM** Bible Study (Parlor)  
**4:00 PM** Knitting Group (Parlor)  
**5:00 PM** Children's Choir  
**5:45 PM** Wednesday Night Supper  
**6:30 PM** Carillon Rehearsal  
**6:30 PM** Children's Fellowship  
**6:30 PM** Youth Devotions  
**7:30 PM** Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 2

**All Day** Altrusa set-up (Kitchen/Fellowship Hall)  
**7:00 PM** Disciple I (Library)

### Friday, February 3

**12:00 PM** Annual Altrusa Chili Sale  
(Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, February 5

**9:00 AM** Coffee and Doughnut Hour  
**9:00 AM** Moravian Worship (Chapel)  
**9:45 AM** Sunday School  
**10:15 AM** Chancel Choir Practice  
**11:00 AM** Worship Service  
**5:00 PM** Chimers Rehearsal  
**5:45-8:00** MYF/Youth Supper



## OFFICE HOURS

8:15 AM - 4:15 PM  
Monday - Thursday  
8:15 AM - noon Friday  
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Mary Virginia Taylor, Resident Bishop  
Paul W. Harmon, District Superintendent

## STAFF

Alex Stevenson, Senior Minister  
Karen H. L. Jones, Minister of  
Christian Education and Programs  
Kristian Roof, Youth Coordinator  
Sue Perrin, Minister of STAR  
Vic Bilanchone, Choir Director  
Monica Yates, Organist Charlie Boone, Pianist  
Mildred Fields, Perry Henson, Mary Lou Miller,  
and Lynn Proctor, Children's Choir Directors  
Al Jeter, Carillon Handbell Director  
Melissa Parris and David Rice, Central Chimers  
Lillie Norris, Nursery Attendant  
Sherry Manry, Church Hostess  
Jim Heenehan, Sign Language Interpreter  
Ann Darby, Finance Administrative Assistant  
Gina S. Hamer, Administrative Secretary  
Ernest Geter, Custodian

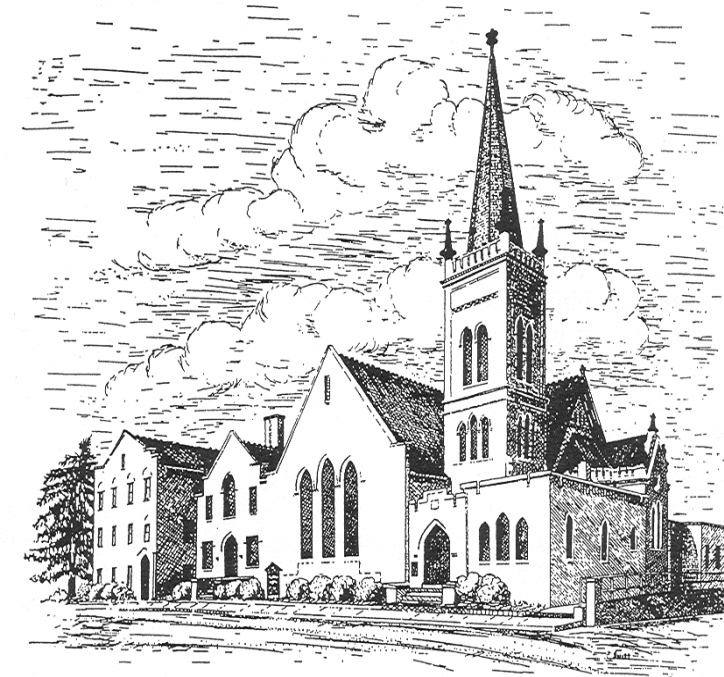
## MINISTERS

The Members of Central

## ACTIVE AND RETIRED CLERGY

Susan A. Bennett, Douglas A. Bowling,  
Joe K. Brown, L. H. Buff, Jr.,  
John M. Bullard, David A. Clyburn, Jr.,  
M. Franklin Dotts, George D. Fields,  
Merrill E. Graves, Betty S. Griffin,  
Jack D. Harris, Louis D. Jamison,  
Mitchell W. Kyllonen, Robert C. Monson,  
William W. Mount, Jr.,  
John Wesley Ropp, Jr., C. Allen Senn,  
Talmage B. Skinner, Jr., Charles P. Teague,  
Molly F. Wilkes, and Thomas B. Wilkes, Jr.

# Central United Methodist Church



*Spartanburg's First Church*  
Organized January 25, 1837

233 North Church Street  
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306

*To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God.*

William Temple

## Central's Prayer List

### Members

Vic Bilanchone  
Joanie Bilton  
Helen Borden  
Dick Bragg  
Tom Grier  
Andrew Harrelson  
The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Harris  
Edna Knox  
Harry Lancaster  
Ray Leonard  
Frank Lyles  
Jeanne Martin  
Helen Menke  
Al Moore  
Mildred Ragan  
Golden Ramsey  
Talmage Skinner  
Mary Ellen Suitt  
Kent Tinder  
Martha Tinder  
Butch Watson  
Tom Wilkes  
Jean Williams (Mrs. John)

### Family and Friends

Dot Bright (Sue Lowe's sister - Magnolia Assisted Living of Gaffney)  
Family of Lem Carter  
Wilma Cooper (Joyce Coggins's mother)  
Iris Powell Browning (Lynn Powell's aunt)  
Cecelia Cunningham (friend of Pete and June Sereque)  
David Dolge (friend of Barbara Latham)  
Tim Fincher (Pat and Sid Franklin's nephew)  
Sylvia Friesen (Edith Rowell's sister)  
Daughty Granade (Jack Lawrence's mother)  
Cameron Hayes - The Hayes Family (friends of Susan Taylor)  
Jonathan Hansel (Julian Morgan's friend)  
Mary Hines (Joy Spencer's mother)  
Gus Ingram (Betty Griffin's nephew)  
Jay Jackson (Jan Francis's grandson)  
Pam Jackson (friend of The Stevenson's)

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Raymond King (Sylvie Galloway's father)  
Ned Manry (Sherry Manry's father-in-law)  
Doris Moore Kanipe (Lynn Powell's aunt)  
Thomas McConnell  
Lois Mitchell (Robert Mitchell's mother)  
Mario Schenkel (James Hodges's father-in-law)  
Tony Scherer (Mitch Kyllonen's nephew)  
Vickie Scherer (Mitch Kyllonen's cousin)  
Mildred H. Thomason (friend of Joan E. Johnson)  
Gabriel Troutman (Great-Nephew of Annette Boan)

### In Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Frances Amidon (Summit Hills)  
Rev. Joe Brown (Eden Terrace)  
Grace Crawley (White Oak Estates)  
Caroline DiMarco (Eden Terrace)  
Louise Foster (Skylyn Place)  
Barbara Geer (Magnolia Place)  
Gwen Gosnell (Skylyn Place)  
Emma Jean Griffin (Summer Place)  
Denny Jones (White Oak Estates)  
Irene Moorhead (Golden Age Nursing Home)  
Hugh Ratterree (Magnolia Place)  
Dot Sanders (Skylyn Place)  
Frank Schwartz (Eden Terrace)  
Vivian Swofford (Greenwood)  
Annie Laura Williams (Windsor House)

### Military

Sergeant Kevin Fine  
Drew Fitch  
SPC Nick Hagood  
Commander Tom Hagood  
Tyler Kimsey  
Captain Tom Maddux  
Captain Kevin Sill  
Private Derek Starkey

## Announcements



Sign Language Interpreter provided for Sunday School and for the 11:00 AM Worship.

Central has a nursery for infants and children up to the age of three during the Sunday school hour and the 11:00 o'clock morning worship service. It is staffed by trained adults so that you may have the opportunity to participate in a more meaningful worship service. The nursery is located on the first floor of the educational building.

A magnetic loop for the hearing impaired is installed in this sanctuary.



Large-print bulletins and hymnals are available. Ask an usher for details.

Central is in need of van drivers for various activities of the church. No special license is required, but you must be under 75 years of age. Please call the church office if you are available.

**Chapel Project** If you are gifted or have experience with needlepoint, we need you. Five kneeling cushions, one parament, and a Bible marker have been designed for Central's chapel and they will be quite a beautiful addition. One of the kneelers is on display in the church office. All of the cushions have not been assigned yet. Donations in the form of memorials and/or honorariums designated to the Chapel Fund are also welcome.

### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili/Vegetable Soup Lunch**

You are invited to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili/Vegetable Soup Lunch at Central UMC in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, February 3. Dine in at 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM. Take out from the hours of 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM. Cost: \$7 per plate Bulk orders are available as well. Chili - 1 gallon \$35 or 1/2 Gallon \$20

To place bulk orders you may call (864) 529-0129 or email: [lparris@aol.com](mailto:lparris@aol.com)  
All profits from this event are used to support scholarships for local students and programs to increase the literacy level of Spartanburg County residents.

### **Church Council Meeting, Sunday, February 5**

There will be a very brief meeting of the Church Council immediately following the worship service on Sunday, February 5. The sole item of business is to act on a motion from the Finance Committee to adopt a proposed budget for 2012. I hope you will be able to attend.

- Richard Robinson, Chair of Church Council

### **Sacred Traditions and Rituals Sunday, February 12, 6:00 PM, Central UMC**

### **Request for submission: Articles for 2012 Lenten Devotional**

Share your spiritual thoughts, images, and musings to guide others in devotion during their Lenten journey. Submissions can be an original or reproduced.\* (poems, artwork, essay, musings, narrative, hymn lyrics, photograph, quotations, dialogue, print, letter) Please send to [karenjones@centralumcspartanburg.org](mailto:karenjones@centralumcspartanburg.org). The deadline is February 12. \*\*Please keep written submissions under 500 words.\*\*