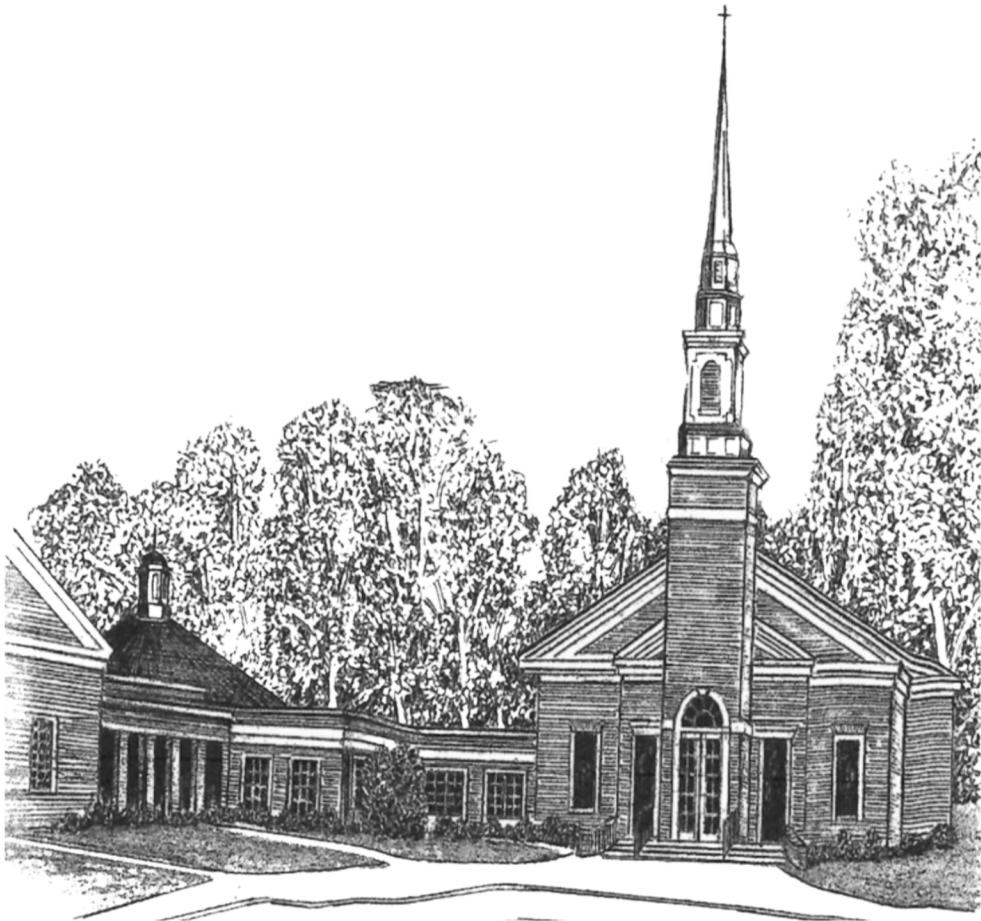


# central

united methodist church monroe



**FEBRUARY 22, 2026**  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



# PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Oh How He Loves You and Me*

arr. John Purifoy

† DOXOLOGY

*Lenten Doxology*

HAMBURG



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low;  
praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;  
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 361

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-27 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“A Blind Man’s Testimony”

† HYMN OF DEDICATION

UMH 365

*Grace Greater than Our Sin*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

arr. Wayne L. Wold

# SERVING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Bill White, Jr. | *Senior Pastor*

Rev. JD Moffett | *Associate Pastor*

Erica Kirby | *Director of Children's Ministries*

Nathan Clements | *Organist*

Chancel Choir

Abril Ruiz-Lopez | *Violinist*

Ushers: Jack Hargett and Jackson Hargett    Greeters: Henry & Addie Baucom

## OUR STAFF

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## WELCOME TO **central**

Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service at Central! We're so glad you've joined us today as we come together in reverence, community, and praise. While we embrace the timeless traditions of our faith, we also seek to create a welcoming space where modern hearts can connect with the rich history and deep meaning of our worship. Whether you're here for the first time or have been with us for years, you belong!

We hope you find a sense of peace, inspiration, and connection as we lift our voices and prayers together. Welcome home!

*Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service. Toddlers and Children through 2nd grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message.*



**ONE BODY** IN **CHRIST**  
CONNECTING WITH



**GOD**  
**EACH OTHER**  
**COMMUNITY**

A graphic icon for Lent, featuring a purple cross with a green leafy branch extending from its base.  
**Lent**  
*at* **central**



## Sunday Mornings

9:00 A.M. · Modern Worship | Central Hall  
10:00 A.M. · Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. · Traditional Worship | Sanctuary  
Stream online at [centralumcmonroe.org/media](http://centralumcmonroe.org/media)

## Tuesday Evenings

6:00 P.M. · Dinner Church | FLC

**First time visitor?**  
Visit [centralumcmonroe.org/iamnew!](http://centralumcmonroe.org/iamnew!)

Welcome to Central United Methodist Church in Monroe, NC, where we believe in a holistic approach to ministry. We address the needs of the whole person: body, mind, and spirit. We have numerous ministries and programs that enable us to effectively serve God, our community, and each other.

Come and experience our vibrant and meaningful worship, where faith is formed and reformed and connections are strengthened through fellowship.

We hope that you will live out your call to Christian Discipleship by uniting with Central UMC, share your spiritual gifts and talents, and be a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours In Christ,  
**Dr. Bill White, Jr.**  
"Dr. Bill"  
Senior Pastor



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## Upcoming Opportunities

- Feb. 22** UWF Churchwide Luncheon, 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.  
Youth Group, 3 P.M.
- Feb. 23** SPRC Meeting, 6 P.M.
- Feb. 25** Central Ringers Rehearsal, 5:30 P.M.  
801! Praise Rehearsal, 6 P.M.  
Festival Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 P.M.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7: 45 P.M.
- Feb. 26** Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M.  
Soul Food Bible Study, 10 A.M.
- Mar. 1** Youth Group, 3 P.M.
- Mar. 3** Lessie Ann Circle, 10 A.M.
- Mar. 4** Central Ringers Rehearsal, 5:30 P.M.  
801! Praise Rehearsal, 6 P.M.  
Festival Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 P.M.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7: 45 P.M.
- Mar. 5** Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M.  
Soul Food Bible Study, 10 A.M.
- Mar. 6** World Day of Prayer, 11:30 A.M.

**For more details about Central's Upcoming Opportunities and to view the full Central Link, visit [centralumcmonroe.org/news](http://centralumcmonroe.org/news) OR visit the NEWS icon on the Central App home page!**