



THE CENTRAL ISSUE

CENTRAL UMC SHELBY IS A SAFE SANCTUARIES CHURCH

Our MISSION: To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God,
GROW in their faith, and SERVE in the church and world.

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Shoe Shine Service

As many of you may know, our youth have developed an amazing relationship between our church and an orphanage in Honduras. The orphanage, Yo Quiero Ser (*I Want To Be*), is home to some 40+ children from ages 2-17 - all who are filled with an amazing love and happiness. Even so, how great is it to add to their happiness?

A few months ago, we asked you all to help us by purchasing a pair of shoes for these children and you responded with FERVOR! Anytime the shoe drive was mentioned, you as a congregation didn't hesitate to reach for a child's specific information card. It was amazing and I can't thank you enough.

The youth of our church were right there in the midst of it all: helping collect pairs of shoes, making sure parents brought them to the church, and doing so with an open heart. Even more amazing was the love put behind each shoe collected. Encouragement and love was shown through birthday cards filled edge-to-edge with signatures and messages - the youth even tried their hand at mastering the Spanish language. As the shoes were being lined up to be inventoried and packed, we saw it as more of a testament of the love we have for our brothers and sisters of Christ, no matter the distance between us.



And with a passionate love for these children, two of our own, Steve Smith and Jay Wilson, flew to the orphanage on a whim to deliver 46 pairs of shoes this past weekend. Fellowship and servanthood went hand in hand with a trip to a waterpark for all the children and an amazing time of handing out the shoes to each and every kid.

The smiles seen on the children's faces serves as a reminder that when things are done in the love of Christ, that love will resonate and shine through everyone involved. So thank you for your response, thank you for your help, and thank you for shining your light.

Nick Richart

More photos are available on our website, cumcshelby.org, and on our Facebook page, facebook.com/cumcshelby/.

**January 29-February 4, 2017
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany)
9:00am TRIBES
9:00am Sunday School for all Ages
10:00am Worship
11:00am Celebration meal for Jeannie's Ministry
5:30pm UMYF

Monday
9:00am Church Office opens
11:00am Staff Meeting
11:00am Prayer Team (Prayer Room)
6:30pm Church Council

Tuesday
Counseling Center opened (by appointment)
9:00am Church Office opens
11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)

Wednesday
9:00am Church Office opens
6:00pm Butterfly and Sunshine Choirs Rehearsal
6:00pm Confirmation Class
7:15pm Central Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday
Counseling Center opened (by appointment)
9:00am Church Office opens
12:00pm Lunch with Susan Bible Study
6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Praise Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday
9:00am Church Office opens

Saturday
11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)



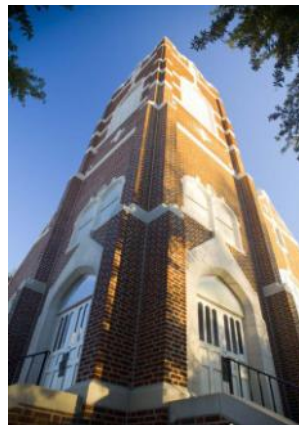
New Signs for the Church Vans

We now have new magnetic signs for the church vans. There are 3 signs for each van. One for the back door, driver's side door and passenger side door. They will be stored in the office. We ask that you return them to the office once you are done using the van(s).

2017 Stewardship

10:00am Worship (January 22).....210
Sunday School (January 22).....124
Total Receipts for Month of January.....\$12,885.85
Total Receipts for 1/15/17-1/15/17.....\$6,976.35

Serving Sunday, January 29, 2017



The Guppies
Sunday School and Worship:
Cassandra Clark

The Lambs
Worship:
Page Morgan

The Stars
Sunday School and Worship:
Linda Zachary, Alyssia Pagan

Collection Counters:
Mitch Hensley and Chris Mabry

Collection Counters for 2/5/2017:
Jim Morgan and Chris Mabry

Sunday School Assistant:
Dylan Davis

Preschool Topic:
Jesus Cares About People Who Are Sick – Luke 17:11-19

Godly Play Kindergarten and Grade 1:
The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Grades 2 and 3:
Jesus Wants Everyone to Follow Him – John 4:1-26; 39-42

Grades 4 and 5:
God Wants Us to Build People Up – 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11

Children's Sermon:
Caroline Laney

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:
In Memory of Garland Johnson by June P. Miller

Sermon: January 29

2 Timothy 1: 3-11

"Discovering Fire"



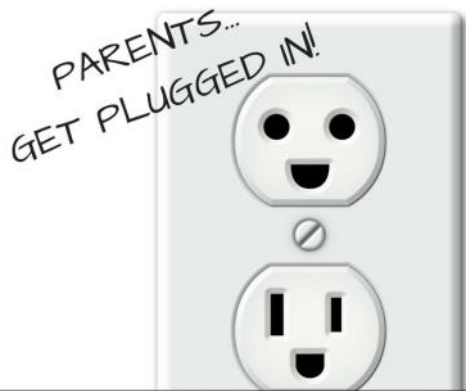
JANUARY and FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 29 Lynn Carter
 January 29 Justin McDaniel
 January 29 Christian Mabry
 January 29 Virginia Lloyd
 January 30 Nancy Morgan
 January 30 Shep Hamrick
 January 30 Margot Todd
 January 31 Gene Clark
 January 31 Susan Tapp
 January 31 Bruce Cox



February 1 Anne Wray
 February 1 Madison Darnell
 February 2 Beth Story
 February 2 Michael Wood
 February 2 Jessica Talbert
 February 2 Robert Gallagher
 February 2 Hayden Porter
 February 3 Byers Newman
 February 4 Justin Godfrey

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS **Weekly Update**



Interested in getting involved in our youth program? Whether you're trip leader, teaching a bible study, or helping out on Sunday nights, we would love to have you join us!

Take a look at what's coming up:

Sunday

Sunday Morning Tribes 9-10am
 UMYF 5:30-7pm

Tuesday

Senior High Breakfast @ Chick-fil-A 7:15am

Wednesday

Confirmation Class 6:00pm

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5:30—7:30 PM

Valentine Banquet

Hosted by
CUMC Youth

Proceeds will help fund CUMC Youth Summer trips!

Dinner choice is Meat or Veggie Baked Ziti.
 Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child.
 You can purchase them at the church or reserve them online at <http://bit.ly/valentinetickets>



****We're going back to Wilderness Trail!**
 We'll be going July 22-28. Space is limited so sign up ASAP! For more information and to register please visit docs.google.com
****Join us on February 5th from 6-9pm at the Morgan's home to watch the Superbowl, grill up some burgers and enjoy a great time of fellowship!**





Lay Servant Training

The Lay Servant Training for the Catawba Valley District will be held on the four Sundays in February: Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 3-5:30 pm, at FUMC (Morganton). You must attend all four sessions in order to complete the training. The cost of the

training is \$25. The registration form can be found on our website at <http://cumcshelby.org/2017-class-registration/>. Simply download and fill it out and mail both the completed form and a check for \$25 to the district office. Registration deadline is January 27.



The Bell is Back at Work!

On behalf of the CUMC Board of Trustees, I would like to express sincere gratitude to T C Strickland Construction (Talmadge Strickland IV) and to C J Construction (Chris Jones) for furnishing and for safely installing an OSHA Approved Peak Anchor (Single D-Ring)

tie-off point as well as an OSHA Approved Safety Lanyard for safely accessing the mechanisms connected to the cast bell housed within the Bell Tower. I.E. the bell is now ringable and you're invited to visit the North-West Narthex where you will find a newly installed pull-rope that operates the mechanisms connected to the cast bell housed within the Bell Tower.

While in the Bell Tower, this photo was taken of the 1894 vintage Cast Bell manufactured by McShane Bell Foundry in Glen Burnie, MD 21060.

Blessings,
Alan Hughes



A Celebration of Jeannie's Ministry

Jeannie Hamrick has faithfully served as a staff person at Central for more than three decades! Her ministry of many years has allowed her to minister to two generations in many families. She has been instrumental in shaping the faith of children and adults. We will celebrate Jeannie's ministry on Sunday, January 29. She will be recognized during our 10am Worship and the celebration will

continue at a Lunch that will follow morning worship. Please plan to participate in both of these events on that day.

You may also express your appreciation to Jeannie by contributing to a Love Offering for her. Please indicate that it is for the "Love Offering for Jeannie." You may also bring your offering to Dianne in the church office, deadline will be Thursday, January 26th.



HELP WANTED!

Central hosts quarterly blood drives and the next blood drive is February 21st from 2 until 6:30. There is an ongoing tremendous need for blood in our community and the world. Thank you so much to everyone that comes out to donate blood. These drives are well attended and provide a large number of units of blood. However, in order to continue offering these drives, volunteers are needed to help man the registration table and canteen during the drives. This is a DESPERATE need! Even if someone could just volunteer an hour or two, that would be a big help. There are only 4 drives a year, February, May, August and November. The WINGS Circle has been a huge help in the past, as well as other individuals. Please consider this opportunity to give back to our Church and the community in such a special and easy way. Volunteers are needed in February. You can contact Joanie Mabry at 980-295-8576 if you able to help. Thanks for considering helping with this ongoing project.



In the event of future bad weather, the following notifications will take place in regards to Sunday services, events,

meetings and church office hours.

****WCNC TV will be the TV station to check for church updates.**

****Our website and Facebook page, Cumcshelby.org and www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/, will also have updated information.**

****Those that get the newsletter by email will receive an email.**

****If you have questions or need to contact the staff during such weather please email centralumc12@gmail.com**

Please note that if Sunday service is canceled ALL events/meetings for that day will be canceled. If the church office is closed ALL events/meetings for that day are canceled.

We also encourage you to look after each other. If you know of someone who might not have access to the above technology please call them and let them know of any changes. We want to ensure the safety of all of our members, first and foremost.