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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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Bishop Paul Leeland has appointed Mark Barden to Central UMC.

I was excited to learn that Mark will become the pastor of Central. I have known Mark for many years and have found him to be a very talented and personable pastor. Mark is easy with a laugh and connects with a wide variety of people. Mark is well-known across our Annual Conference and United Methodism.

Mark is no stranger to ministry and mission. Son of a United Methodist pastor and grandson of Methodist missionaries, he grew up in parsonages throughout the Western North Carolina Conference and became deeply involved in the church from an early age.

He is coming to Central from First UMC, Elkin where he was appointed pastor in June 2011. Prior to that appointment he served 11 years on the conference staff of the Western North Carolina Conference as Director of Communications and Director of Mission/Outreach. Previously, he served local churches in Winston-Salem (Burkhead), New London, Kernersville (Main Street – Associate), Hickory (First-Associate) and Reidsville (Fairgrove and Mizpah).

The United Methodist Association of Communicators named Mark its 2010 “Communicator of the Year.” His nomination for that award included this statement, “The sheer quantity of work he produces, his creativity, his amazing array of skill sets – everything from finance and computer skills to photography, writing, video production and teaching – is nothing less than inspiring. Mark finds a way to use his entire being in his work and in his life.”

Mark is a graduate of Duke University (M. Div), the University of Mississippi (M.A. in Radio-TV) and Oral Roberts University (B.S. in Telecommunications). Prior to his call to ministry, Mark was a broadcast journalist who taught at the University of Mississippi and Murray State University (Ky.).

Mark is married to the Rev. Barbara J. Barden who serves as Minister of Education at Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte. Their son, Chris, is a junior at the University of NC Charlotte. In his free time, he enjoys traveling, photography, music and going overboard decorating the parsonage for Halloween and Christmas.

Mark's first Sunday at Central will be Sunday, July 16.

If you would like to welcome Mark to Central, feel free to contact him via his email listed below.

Mark Barden mbarden@wncumc.net

This Sunday, May 7th, we will have eight students joining Central UMC. These students have been participating in Confirmation Class since January, with mentors from the congregation helping and supporting them along the way. Sunday we will celebrate their decision to honor God and the church through the vows of Confirmation! Congratulations to:

Emma Buckner	Hattie Hensley
Jackson Lundquist	Rayney Maxwell
Cate Oliver	Jack Parker
Zee Rempson	Bella Schmoutz

Reception in the fellowship hall following the service.



**May 7-13, 2017
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter)
8:30am Praise Ensemble
9:00am TRIBES
9:00am Sunday School for all Ages
9:45am Butterfly and Sonshine Choirs (choir room)
10:00am Worship Service
11:00am Wesley Class (All Adults Welcome)
4:30pm No Crossfire Rehearsal
5:30pm UMYF

Monday
9:00am Church Office opens
11:00am Prayer Team
11:00am Staff Meeting
5:30pm Trustees meeting
5:30pm Crossfire concert at Poplar Springs Baptist

Tuesday
Counseling Center opened (by appointment)
9:00am Church Office opens
11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)
7:00pm Bible Study on Colossians

Wednesday
9:00am Church Office opens
7:15pm Central Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday
Counseling Center opened (by appointment)
9:00am Church Office opens
6:00pm Chancel Choir
7:30pm Praise Ensemble

Friday
9:00am Church Office opens

Saturday
11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)

Save the Date!

Sunday, May 21st, we will have a covered dish brunch immediately following service. Hope to see you there!



2017 Stewardship

10:00am Worship (April 30).....	245
Sunday School (April 30).....	N/A
2017 Operating Budget.....	\$762,448.60
2017 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$63,537.38
Total Receipts for Month of April.....	\$31,360.82
Total Receipts for 4/23/17-4/27/17.....	\$8,332.75

Serving Sunday, May 7, 2017



The Lambs
Sunday School:
Alyssia Pagan
Worship:
Rhonda Keeley

The Guppies
Sunday School and Worship:
Cassandra Clark

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

Collection Counters:
Karin Cook and Mitch Hensley

Collection Counters for 5/14/2017:
Chris Mabry and Mitch Hensley

Sunday School Assistant:
Bill Henshaw

Children's Sermon:
David Mitchell

An Army of Women Serving CUMC

For a number of years over 80 women of Central have been meeting a need for our church family members. They are known as the Bereavement Ministry. Seven teams of women, one team at a time, oversee the needs of families who have lost loved ones, who then wish to have a reception after the funeral, or a meal for the family taken to the home. Thanks to our Board of Trustees and many others, we now have a lovely restored fellowship hall in which to have the receptions.

We have women moving on and off of the teams for various reasons during a year. Should this sound like a ministry you would like to serve on, please let me know at terryb1@shelby.net. We are grateful for all who have served, including both past and present volunteers.

Blessings,
Terry Brown



- May 7 Blair Crum
- May 7 Jeff Davis
- May 7 Kija Palmer
- May 7 Torie Shirk
- May 7 Windham Teddy
- May 8 Rebecca Burton
- May 10 Jerry Vaughan
- May 11 Jim Lutz
- May 12 Mike Schenck
- May 12 Jamie Toole
- May 13 Suzanne Hunter
- May 13 Keeley Benfield

Memorials and Honorariums

Piano:

In Memory of Linda Triplett by Bobby and Ann McDaniel

Operating:

In Memory of Linda Triplett by United Methodist Women

In Memory of Linda Triplett by Bubba and Brownie Plaster

In Memory of Linda Triplett by Dustin Bridges

In Memory of Linda Triplett by Sara G. Branton

In Memory of Linda Triplett by Tony and Janet Tench

In Memory of Elizabeth S. Smith by United Methodist

Women

New Bible Study on Colossians

Fawn will be starting a 4 week study on the book of Colossians on Tuesday, May 9th from 7-8:30 pm. Please let her know if you will be attending and if you need childcare; 704-487-6336 or fawn@cumcshelby.org. Reading the first chapter in Colossians prior to May 9th will be helpful and don't forget to bring your Bible!

As they say, all good things must come to an end. While we await the arrival of our new pastor, we must also, sadly, say goodbye to someone who has been our fearless leader these past two years.

Sunday, June 4th, immediately following the 10:00 service, we invite you to join us in the fellowship hall for a covered dish lunch. This will be a time of celebration and an opportunity to extend our love to Danny and Angela and their children. A basket will be available for cards of appreciation, etc.

We hope you will make plans to bring your favorite dish and join us. Meat will be provided and the kitchen will be open to warm or chill dishes prior to the service. If you would like to help with the gathering you may contact Terry Brown, Marilyn Henshaw or me.

In addition, we want to give everyone a chance to remember the Leonards with a love offering. Please send your offering to the church office no later than June 10th. Mark the envelope specifically for Danny.

Please join us as we gather to say good bye to Danny and to wish him well on his next church adventure.

For Staff Parish,
Beverly Putnam

YARD SALE

HOSTED BY KIDS PLACE PRESCHOOL

SATURDAY, MAY 13

8 AM TO NOON

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Will accept anything but NO adult clothes
Please send items that are in good condition

Donations will be stored in classroom # E104 on nursery hall way. You can bring your items during preschool hours or contact Shelley to arrange @ 704-487-6357

Please price and tag any large items

Donations accepted until May 5th



Lydia's Circle

Lydia's Circle will meet Monday, April 8th. If you would like to eat out meet at the Shelby Café at noon, others may meet in the Church Parlor at 1 pm for our program. Be sure to read Chapter 5 and be prepared to discuss. Hope to see you there!



CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

**Scholarship applications are available! Call the church office at 704-487-6336 or email Nick at nick@cumcshelby.org for more information.

Applications are due May 21.

Sunday

Sunday Morning Tribes 9-10 am

UMYF 5:30 pm

Monday

Milkshake Mondays 3-6 pm @ Dairy Queen

Tuesday

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

High School Hangouts 7-8 pm @ CUMC

Wednesday

No middle school bible study



Milkshake Mondays

Drop by Dairy Queen anytime from 3-6!

Every Monday in May.



Yea!
We're going on
a
FIELD TRIP!

Central UMC Adults will be visiting Daniel Stowe Gardens in Gastonia on Thursday, May 18th. We will meet in the church parking lot and leave 9:30 am, returning at approximately 3 pm. A picnic lunch will be provided!

The entrance fee is \$11.95 + tax for seniors, \$12.95 adults.

Please contact Anne Wray for more information or to sign up!

Crossfire on the Road

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Central's youth choir, Crossfire, is headed to the streets to share the love of God through music! Their first stop will be next Monday May 8

at Poplar Springs Baptist to offer a concert for the Triple L club, which is the church's senior group. Later this month, Crossfire will travel to South Carolina to partner with Little River United Methodist for the weekend. The choir will arrive Friday evening May 19 and stay at a local camp. On Saturday, Little River UMC arranged for Crossfire to sing another concert at nearby assisted living center. Following the concert the choir plans to head to the beach for some fun in the sun! On Sunday morning May 21, Crossfire will have the opportunity to worship and sing in all three services at Little River UMC before heading home. These are exciting opportunities for Crossfire to worship, grow, and serve in our community and beyond. We invite you to be praying for everyone involved over the next few weeks as we prepare to go.



Be sure to check out our website:

www.cumcshelby.org

And our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/

We are a **Safe Sanctuary** and a **Tobacco-Free Campus**.
Church policy prohibits the use of tobacco products on our church grounds.
Thank you for your cooperation!!!