



THE CENTRAL ISSUE

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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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Happy April!

April is going to be an exciting month! We get to begin the month with April Fool's Day. That is a great way to begin any month. It causes us to revisit the gift of humor that the events of life so quickly beat out of us. I always remember my mother-in-law on April Fool's Day with flowers.

April also reminds us of our responsibility to the government. The IRS was surprised to receive a letter which read,

"Dear Sir,
Last year I cheated on my taxes and I can't sleep for thinking about it. I am therefore enclosing a check for \$2,000. If I find that I still can't sleep, I'll send you the balance."
Sincerely,
Anonymous

The pinnacle event of April is the celebration of Easter. The Easter celebration is at the center of our faith. It is the seal that God put on Jesus' life confirming all that Jesus taught and represented in his ministry. Easter is not merely a reminder of what God has done for us but it proclaims what God is doing for us now.

Easter Sunday is April 16. We will gather at Sunset Cemetery for our Sunrise Service at 7am and then we will worship together in the sanctuary at 10am. This is a great opportunity to invite your family members and friends to share in worship with you.

Have a blessed week.

Legacy Grants

Centrals Legacy Committee would like to announce the schedule and timeline for the 2017 Legacy Grant process.

Friday, March 31	Applications available in church office and on website
Sunday, April 9	Legacy workshop 9am in Fellowship Hall
Monday, April 10	Legacy workshop for CUMC staff
Wednesday, April 12	Legacy workshop 6pm in PAC
Friday, April 28	Deadline for applications to be turned into church office
Sunday, May 21	Grants announced

Please remember:

- grants are for non-budgeted CUMC items
- grants are not for an individual
- grant applicants MUST attend a workshop
- no extensions to deadline

Easter Food Bags



Once again the United Methodist Churches in our area will be providing Easter dinner for families in our community. This year Central UMC will be responsible for **Instant Potatoes. We need 130 more boxes! Deadline for this collection will be Sunday, April 2nd.** Volunteers are needed to deliver 15 meals on Saturday, April 8th. Contact Tina and Will Rucker to sign up. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**April 2-8, 2017
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Fifth Sunday in Lent)
8:30am Praise Ensemble
9:00am TRIBES
9:00am Sunday School for all Ages
9:45am Chancel Choir
10:00am Worship Service
11:00am Wesley Class (All Adults Welcome)
4:30pm Crossfire Rehearsal
5:30pm UMYF

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

Tuesday
Counseling Center opened (by appointment)
9:00am Church Office opens
11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)
1:00pm Lenten Study "Forgiveness"

Wednesday
9:00am Church Office opens
12:00pm Lenten Service & Lunch @ Aldersgate UMC
6:00pm Butterfly and Sonshine Choirs Rehearsals
6:00pm Confirmation Class
6:00pm Middle School Bible Study
7:15pm Central Ringers Rehearsal

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

Friday
9:00am Church Office opens

Saturday
11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)

Sermon: April 2

Matthew 6:7-18



"Keeping Up With The Joneses"

**Central has started collecting old Sunday School Curriculum and bible study books to give to churches that lack funding for such resources. Boxes are located throughout the church. Your contribution of student or teacher books is greatly appreciated!

2017 Stewardship

10:00am Worship (March 26).....	231
Sunday School (March 26).....	108
2017 Operating Budget.....	\$762,448.60
2017 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$63,537.38
Total Receipts for Month of March.....	\$46,328.25
Total Receipts for 3/19/17-3/23/17.....	\$6,144.25

Serving Sunday, April 2, 2017



The Lambs
Sunday School:
Alyssia Pagan
Worship:
Wren Westbrook

The Guppies
Sunday School and Worship:
Cassandra Clark

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

Collection Counters:
Matt Triplett and Rex Whicker

Collection Counters for 4/9/2017:
Millie Wood and Stan Anthony

Sunday School Assistant:
Page Morgan

Children's Sermon:
Laura Rucker

CALLING
— all —
* **CAMPERS!** *

SAVE THE DATES
Friday August 18 - Sunday August 20
Family Weekend at Camp Tekoa

\$65/per person
Includes lodging, meals, and a t-shirt
\$65 deposit per family is required by June 4th
Contact Suzanne Hensley with questions

April 2 Ann McDaniel
 April 2 Terri Reid
 April 2 Sherry Vess
 April 2 Will Meekins
 April 3 Aron Goss
 April 3 Bailey Strickland
 April 5 Emily Bridges
 April 5 Davis Beam
 April 6 Gene Cook



April 6 William Beam, Jr.
 April 6 Mack Wright
 April 6 Mary Jane Buckner
 April 7 Brian Pollock
 April 7 Holly Mabry
 April 7 Andrew Eusebio
 April 7 James Hamrick
 April 8 June Miller
 April 8 Laney Triplett

There are pictures from the Not So Newlywed Game on the website. Check them out at <http://cumcshelby.org/grow/> Thanks to everyone who made it a success and thanks for the pictures!



Pat and Che Tiernan joined Central UMC on March 26. They come to us from The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Shelby. We're glad to have you!

Annual Cookout and Easter Egg Hunt



***On the Court Square
 April 12th
 5:30-7 pm***

Donations of candy to fill the eggs will be collected until April 9th. Contact Suzanne Hensley if you can donate a dessert.

Club Miracle at Shelby High School is presenting a Military Dedication Concert on April 9th from 6-9 pm at the Malcolm Brown Auditorium at Shelby High School. Tickets are needed for admission and will be available in the church vestibules before and after service on April 2 and 9.



Central UMC has a Basketball Team!

They play at Dover YMCA and would love to have some fans come out and cheer them on. Check out their schedule below, we'll see you there!

March 30	6:30pm	Court 3	vs. YMCA
April 4	6:30pm	Court 3	vs. Friendship UMC
April 6	6:30pm	Court 3	vs. Cleveland County 1
April 11	6:30pm	Court 3	vs. First Baptist
April 13	6:30pm	Court 3	vs. Zion Baptist
April 20	8:30pm	Court 3	vs. Cleveland County 2
April 25	7:30pm	Court 3	vs. Eagle Transport Ministry

Special Seasonal Arrangements Available

If anyone would like to purchase the pre-ordered arrangements in honor or in memory of someone, please contact the office. They will be available on a first come basis.



- Palm Sunday Palm altar arrangement
- Easter Lily altar arrangement
- Three red roses for crown of thorns



Sunday

Sunday Morning Tribes 9-10am

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
 Middle School Bible Study 6:00 pm

Homebound Visitation Ministry



Many times family, friends, and church staff simply cannot be there as much as they would like for seniors and others who are no longer able to leave their homes, nursing centers, or assisted-living facilities. Central's **Home-Bound Visitation Ministry** is a way to keep these persons in touch with the church community through personal visits from volunteers who share a warm smile, a caring hug, a holiday or birthday card through the mail or a phone call just to say, "How are you today," "I hope you're feeling better," "We've been praying for you as a congregation," or "I've been thinking about you." Many home-bound members have expressed how much it means to not be forgotten by our church. Our volunteers

continually say what a gift it is to meet new friends of a completely different generation and development expected relationships in venues outside the traditional brick-and-mortar walls of our building. Bringing our church and The Church to persons of limited or no mobility is a practical and healing way to put our faith into action as the hands and feet of Christ on this earth. If you are interested in participating in this outreach ministry, please contact Claudia Lutz at calutz@carolina.rr.com or Gloria Newman at 704-487-8186.



Backpack Ministry needs your help! They are short on snacks. If you can please donate healthy individually wrapped (low sugar) snacks like trail mix, crackers, granola bars, fruit cups,

nuts, goldfish, etc. A box will be beside the water fountain next to the choir room.

We are a **Safe Sanctuary** and a **Tobacco-Free Campus**.

Church policy prohibits the use of tobacco products on our church grounds.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP & LUNCH

ALDERSGATE UMC
1207 West Dixon Boulevard, Shelby
704.487.8491
12 NOON



April 5 – Rev. Tony Tench, Senior Pastor,
 1st Baptist Church, Shelby
 (Chicken noodle soup, cheese toast, &
 snickerdoodle cookies)

April 12- Rev. Colston Morris, Pastor,
 Durham/Philadelphia UMC
 (Cowboy soup, pimento cheese sandwiches,
 & cookie sampler)

LUNCH COSTS \$5.00 PER PERSON
 (Limited amounts of vegetarian soup
 available each week)



Howard Shuford Memorial Golf Tournament

Aldersgate United Methodist Men are sponsoring their annual Golf

Tournament on Saturday, April 22, at River Bend YMCA Golf Club. Cost to enter is \$70 each, and Hole Sponsorships are \$100 each. Lunch is served at 1:00 pm with the tournament starting at 2 pm. The format is Captains Choice. You may choose your own foursome, or if others sign up, the Pro will assist in placing them in a foursome. Those with no handicap use best estimate. Awards and presentations will take place immediately following the tournament. Please turn in your application to the Aldersgate Church Office **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, APRIL 18th**. Please make checks out to: Aldersgate Methodist Men. Proceeds support UMM mission projects.



For the month of March, we will be collecting the following items to help our local Hospice:

Non-alcohol Mouthwash &

Tooth brushes, Paper Towels, Napkins, Toilet Tissue, Family Size Boxes of Tissue, Non-perishable can goods, and Trash Bags - 13 gallon or larger. Please leave donations in the bin outside of the elevator on Level 2 Sanctuary.



Easter Lilies

April 9th is the deadline for purchasing **Easter lilies** in memory or honor of a loved one. Forms will be available at the back of the Church for your convenience. Cost per lily is \$15.

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

- In Memory of Elsie Peeler by Jack & Carole Arey
- In Memory of Elsie Peeler by Craig & Evelyn Morehead & Ann Hicks
- In Memory of Elsie Peeler by Anti-Can't Class of Hermitage UMC