



# 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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As I was unpacking books in the church office last week, the title of one book caught my eye: "Change or Die." If that doesn't grab your attention, I don't know what will. I read this book a few years ago while participating in the Royce and Jane Reynolds Program in Church Leadership. I thought I had better read the book to make sure I could change and not risk dying!



Change is often difficult and uncomfortable. The premise of the book is unless we embrace adaptive change, then we risk dying as an individual, business, organization... even the church. The book ends with these words: "Change and thrive!"

Change has been a part of life since God created the heavens and the earth. Our faith is built upon change and growth. As I look back on my life, I am blessed by the changes I've made in my life and the growth in my faith journey. God is not finished with me yet. There is still more growth and change ahead.

Still, I find times when I find a comfortable spot in life and wish things would never change. Deep down I know it could be a dangerous place to be for I could miss out on blessings God has in store. Just think, if I had not decided to seek a change of appointments this past year, I would have missed the privilege of being a part of this great congregation. What a blessing I would have missed!

As we start a new chapter as a congregation with a new pastor, my prayer is with God's guidance, we will have the wisdom and courage to change as guided by the Holy Spirit. Spirit-guided changes are not to be feared, but embraced for they lead to an abundant life just waiting for us.

So, let me end this little "epistle" with the words of Alan Deutschman: "Change and thrive!"

Blessings,  
Mark



## Pastor Contact Information

Now that Mark is here and settling in, he has made some changes and wanted everyone to know how to contact him. There is no longer a landline at the parsonage so you will need to reach Mark on his cell phone at 704-419-0329. His email address is [mark@cucmshelby.org](mailto:mark@cucmshelby.org). And be sure to check out his bio on the website at <http://cumcshelby.org/about-us/staff/> !

**July 23-29, 2017  
Calendar of Events**

**Sunday** (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)  
8:30am Praise Ensemble  
9:00am TRIBES  
9:00am Sunday School for all Ages  
10:00am Worship Service  
11:00am Wesley Class (All Adults Welcome)  
4:30pm No Crossfire Rehearsal

**Monday**  
9:00am Church Office opens  
11:00am Prayer Team  
5:30pm SPRC Meeting

**Tuesday**  
Counseling Center closed  
9:00am Church Office opens  
11:00am Staff Meeting  
11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)  
12:00pm Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday**  
9:00am Church Office opens  
6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm Praise Ensemble Rehearsal

**Thursday**  
Counseling Center closed  
9:00am Church Office opens

**Friday**  
9:00am Church Office opens

**Saturday**  
11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)

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!!!



Be sure to check out our website:  
[www.cumcshelby.org](http://www.cumcshelby.org)  
And our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/](http://www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/)

**Serving Sunday, July 23, 2017**



**The Guppies**  
Sunday School and Worship:  
Amy Lookabill

**Nursery Volunteer**

**The Stars**  
Sunday School and Worship:  
Linda Zachary

**Collection Counters:**  
Millie Wood and Stan Anthony

**Collection Counters for 7/30/2017:**  
Stan Anthony and Kent Bridges

**Sunday School Assistant:**  
Lynn Carter

**Children's Sermon:**  
Fawn Mikel

**2017 Stewardship**

10:00am Worship (July 16).....	207
Sunday School (July 16).....	85
2017 Operating Budget.....	\$762,448.60
2017 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$63,537.38
Total Receipts for Month of July.....	\$19,575.14
Total Receipts for 7/9/17-7/13/17.....	\$9,546.80



**Office Change**  
Please note that Staff Meetings have been changed to Tuesdays at 11:00am.

**Your Weekly Giggle**

A Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?" Tommy blurted out, "I know, Aces."



**Ladies, Mark your Calendar!**

Fawn is leading a women's 4 week Bible study every Tuesday, 12-1 pm -- **Who Is She?: Mostly Unnoticed Women in the Bible.**

July 25<sup>th</sup> – Keturah [Genesis 25:1-6; 1 Chronicles 1:32-33]

August 1st– The Widow of Zarephath [1Kings 17:8-24; Luke 4:25-26]

Bring your lunch and join us as we discover how God is always aware of our needs.

July 23 Matt Beam  
 July 24 Bill Owens  
 July 24 Rocky Lutz  
 July 24 Molly Lloyd  
 July 25 Marilyn Logan  
 July 25 Renie Keggan



July 25 Carter Reeves  
 July 26 Kenny Holland  
 July 27 Larry Brown  
 July 28 Ann Anthony  
 July 29 Laurie Fisher  
 July 29 Sidney Smith



**Sermon: July 23**

**Romans 8:26-39**

**"Overcomers"**

**K.R.O.S.S.**  
**Kids Rockin' on  
 Summer  
 Sundays**  
 Sunday Mornings  
 9 am-9:45 am

Children entering 1st-6th grade...  
 In July, come join the excitement of The CREATION!  
 We will learn the story through art, cooking, games, Godly play, science and great storytelling!



*It's a Girl!*

**Congratulations!**

Rita Chen and Daniel Sprinkle welcomed a new addition to their family Monday, July 17th. Dorothy Anne was born at 6:09 pm and was 7 lbs 3 oz and 19" long. She joins her older brothers, Edmond and Samuel.



**Central UMC Youth!**

We're back to meeting regularly on Sunday nights!  
 Don't forget that we leave for Wilderness Trail this Saturday, July 22nd  
 and we'll be back Friday, July 28th.

**PIZZA AND  
 MOVIE NIGHT**  
 JULY 20, 8-10! AFTER HELPING WITH VBS!



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## You're Invited!

The District UMW Annual Meeting is August 5th at First UMC in Gastonia at 190 E. Franklin Blvd, Gastonia, NC. The resource room will open at 9 am and the program will begin at 10am. The guest speaker is Debbie Windley from On Eagles' Wings Ministries and the Hands-on Mission will be this ministry (a wish list is below). Deadline for registration is July 31st. Registrations may be made by phone (828-413-2022), email (paularbuchanan@gmail.com) or mail (Paula Buchanan, 2099 NC 181, Morganton, NC 28655).

### On Eagles' Wings Wish List:

Toilet paper  
Sanitary napkins  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Gift cards to Walmart, Target, Bi-Lo, Harris Teeter, and Foodlion



Clock's ticking and you don't want to miss this family fun event! **A deposit of \$65 is required when you register.** Registration form is available at <http://cumcshelby.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/family-camp-registration-form.pdf>



Well, it's almost that time again! We would love to stay in touch with your son or daughter while they are away at school. When you receive their new address information and email address, please send it to the church office. We can send them the weekly newsletter and other news from Central so they can know the church is still a part of their lives. You may email their school mailing address and email address to [central@cumcshelby.org](mailto:central@cumcshelby.org).

## Memorials and Honorariums

### Operating:

In Memory of J.L. Hamrick by Bryson and Wrenn Westbrook

In Memory of Dick Kelly by Bill and Marilyn Jack

### Piano:

In Memory of Lemont Reese by Mike and Libby Alexander

In Memory of J.L. Hamrick by Mike and Libby Alexander

CALLING  
— all —  
\* **CAMPERS!** \*

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

**\$65 per person**  
Reservations are still being accepted  
Contact Suzanne Hensley with questions.