

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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How can I make a difference?

Sunday's service was a great blessing to me. There was wonderful music from our praise band, glorious singing from Crossfire, and inspiring words from Reverend David Snipes, the President and CEO of the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina.

After the service, about 15 church members, including myself, joined David for lunch and a brief talk on stewardship. David reminded me of how much God has blessed me and my family and that now is my opportunity to bless others with my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness. He helped me realize that this is not a *job* but a *joy*! To bless others with our gifts—whatever they may be—can be such a rewarding experience for both the giver and the recipient. It's especially rewarding when we can leverage the abundance of our blessings to help meet the scarcity of others in our church and in our community.

To this goal, the Legacy Fund was created in 1995 to help members and friends carry forward the mission of Central United Methodist Church. The Legacy Fund is the money that has been left to the church through individuals' wills and bequests and serves as a permanent endowment for the church. And every year, approximately 4% of this accumulated money is used to fund programs outside the operating budget. This past year, \$46,000 was awarded to programs like: new minister moving expenses, window blinds for the education building, shelters for the church vans, care packages for cancer patients & college students, food for the backpack ministry, money for The Soup Group, and start-up salary for the children's ministry coordinator...to name just a few.

Since its inception, the Legacy Fund has distributed over \$400,000 to needy programs! We are very fortunate to have such a program.

So how can *you* make a difference? I encourage you to learn more about the Legacy Fund and how to contribute to it. Members of the Legacy committee include me, Caroline Laney, Stack Reeves, Rod Mauney, Rex Whicker, Elizabeth Lutz, and Will Mabry; and we can all provide you information on contributing to the Legacy Fund. Also, the committee and I encourage you to apply for a grant from the Legacy Fund. We welcome your ideas on how to transform our church and our community, giving back to God, and his people, what he has so abundantly given to us.

Please feel free to e-mail me at ribadeneyra@carolina.rr.com with any questions about the Legacy Fund or ideas for Legacy Fund grants.

--Mike Ribadeneyra



Teach Us to Pray



Tuesdays, Conference Room, 12:30 pm We all want to pray... so why is it so difficult sometimes? Discover different ways to pray and see if they help you communicate with God. March 27th will be a Prayer Walk.

**March 25-31, 2018
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Passion/Palm Sunday)

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 Crossfire Rehearsal
5:30pm UMYF

Monday

9:00am Church Office opens
11:00am Prayer Team
6:30pm Word and Wine Bible Study (at Dragonfly)

Tuesday

Counseling Center open (by appointment)
9:00am Church Office opens
11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)
12:30pm Teach Us to Pray
6:00pm Connect, Middle School Bible Study
6:00pm Butterfly and Sonshine Choir Rehearsals
7:15pm Central Ringers Practice

Wednesday

9:00am Church Office opens
9:15am Fruit Bible Study
10:30am Staff Meeting
6:00pm Supper & Study, High School Bible Study
6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Confirmation
7:15pm Praise Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday

Counseling Center open (by appointment)
9:00am Church Office opens
9:00am Discipleship Bible Study
6:30pm Discipleship Bible Study
7:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service

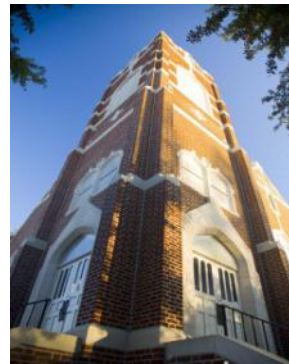
Friday

9:00am Church Office opens

Saturday

11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)

Serving Sunday, March 25, 2017



The Guppies

Sunday School and Worship:
Amy Lookabill

Nursery Volunteer

Sunday School: Laura Rucker
Worship: Jessie Rucker

The Stars

Sunday School and Worship:
Linda Zachary

Collection Counters:

Matt Triplett and Will Rucker

Collection Counters for 4/1/2018:

Will Rucker and Millie Wood

Sunday School Assistant:

Page Morgan

Children's Sermon:

Daniel Sprinkle

2018 Stewardship

10:00am Worship (March 18).....	205
Sunday School (March 18).....	108
2018 Operating Budget.....	\$776,410.22
2018 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$64,700.85
Total Receipts for Month of March.....	\$26,348.10
Total Receipts for 3/11/18-3/15/18.....	\$3,910.10

Egg Fillers Needed for Annual Egg Hunt

Preschool and elementary children will hunt Ester eggs on the court square Easter Sunday, April 1st, following worship. We need lots of bags of wrapped candy to fill many, many eggs. If you would like to contribute candy, please leave the donations at the church office. Supplies are needed by Sunday, March 25 to allow time to fill the eggs. Many thanks!

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS
Weekly Update

Sunday

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

Tuesday

Shelby Senior Highs at Chick-fil-A at 7:15 am
Connect: Middle School Bible Study at 6 pm

Wednesday

Supper & Study High School Bible Study at 6 pm
Confirmation Class at 7 pm

BBQ Sale!

April 22, 2018

See any youth going
to Honduras to buy
your ticket



Tickets are \$40

Each ticket gets you:

1 Boston Butt 1 • Pint of Slaw • 1 Pint of Sauce
All proceeds help our youth go to Honduras!



Holy Week Worship Workshop

Sunday, March 25th, 9-9:45 AM Walk with Jesus into Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday.

Butterfly Release and Easter Egg Hunt on the Court Square



Following the 10 am worship service on Easter Sunday, April 1st, children should meet on the sidewalk outside the Sanctuary to release butterflies and hunt Easter eggs around the town square.

Don't forget to bring a bag or bucket to collect your eggs. Following the hunt, empty your eggs and return them to the bins provided. Remember to wait for the signal that says the hunt has begun!



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

****Palm/Passion Sunday begins with Joy and Ends With a Somber Reality**

No service offers the emotional extremes as does the Palm/Passion Service to be held at Central UMC on Sunday, March 25 at 10 am. The children will usher in the joy with the palm processional recalling Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. The mood changes as we face the reality of Jesus' final days culminating with the Crucifixion.

****Maundy Thursday Service to Feature Last Supper and Tenebrae**

One of the most moving experiences of Holy Week is the celebration of the Last Supper and remembering Christ's Passion through the Tenebrae Service. This year's service will feature both on Thursday, March 29 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The Tenebrae is characterized by the gradual extinguishing of candles as the story of Jesus' Crucifixion is read. Danny Buckner is planning great music to be shared by the Praise Team, Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir.

****Commemorate Good Friday with the Ways of the Cross at Aldersgate UMC**

You are invited to remember the events of Good Friday by following the 14 Stations of the Cross at Aldersgate UMC on March 30th at 2-4 pm or 5:30-8:30 pm. Small group guided tours will take about an hour to complete and will take place throughout the afternoon and evening sessions.

****Central UMC to Join Presbyterians and Baptists for Easter Sunrise**

At the invitation of Luke Harkey, pastor of Shelby Presbyterian Church, we will celebrate the joy of Easter on Sunday, April 1 at 7 am at the Shelby Presbyterian Church for a community sunrise service along with First Baptist Church. Pastor Mark will participate by delivering the meditation. You are invited to join our friends and bring a flower for the Easter cross. Coffee, juice and Hot Cross Buns will be served afterward.

****Easter Worship Service**

Please join us at 10 am as we celebrate the Risen Lord. Immediately after worship, we'll have a butterfly release and Easter Egg Hunt. Don't forget your basket!



March 25	Doris Kunkle
March 25	John Daniel Lattimore
March 25	Chris Carter
March 26	Jane Hamrick
March 26	John Noblitt
March 26	Hope Craig
March 27	Claudia Rose
March 27	Diann Noggle
March 27	Kelly Gregory
March 27	Gavin Goforth
March 28	Joe Ellis
March 28	Becky Sloan
March 28	Sydney Urmston
March 29	Dean Kistler
March 29	Emma Buckner
March 29	Trevor McDaniel
March 30	Brian Branton
March 30	Cassie Plaster
March 30	Chris Canoutas
March 31	Alex Chandler



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CV District Lay Servant Training

Lay Servant Training will be offered on Sundays: April 8, 15, 22, and from 3:00 – 5:30 pm at St. Luke's UMC, 52 16th Ave.,

Hickory, NC. Attendance will be required for all four afternoons in order to complete the 10 hours needed for certification. Course descriptions:

- 1) **Basic Lay Servant Training**-This course must be completed by each Lay Servant. It serves as the prerequisite for all Advanced Level Lay Servant courses.

If you've already had Basic Training you may select one of the following courses for this training:

- 2) **Preaching-Sermon Preparation**
 - 3) **Accountable Discipleship: The Class Meeting**
- Training is \$25 and deadline to register is March 29th. Registration is available at

<https://wnc-reg.brtapp.com/CVDistrictLayServantTrainingApril2018>

Word and Wine Bible Study

Join us 6:30-8 pm on Mondays at Dragonfly for some great conversation over a glass.....

In March we are continuing **What Does God Say?**
March 26th – What About Other Religions and Faiths?

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Interest Meeting

will be in the Fellowship Hall on SUNDAY, APRIL 8, at 11:15 AM for a . This year, we will be partnering with FBC of Shelby for a community VBS. This is an amazing opportunity to join together with others to work towards the common goal of serving the children of Shelby with the love of Christ. We need you! There are ways to serve no matter what your gifts and interests may be. Please mark your calendars to stay after church and find out more!



Lenten Wednesday Worship and Lunch at noon At Aldersgate UMC

MARCH 28– Rev. Juan Cherry, New Creation Christian Center
(Chicken and White Bean Chili, Egg Salad Sandwich, Cookie sampler)

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

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Honor of David, Emily, Jack and Finn Parker
by Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Johnson, III

Piano:

In Honor of Marilyn Jack by Paul and Pat Ellison



Easter Lilies

March 25th is the deadline for purchasing **Easter lilies** in memory or honor of a loved one. Forms will be available in the bulletin and at the back of the Church for your convenience. Cost per lily is \$15.



Kids Place Preschool Central United Methodist Church

Registration for Fall 2018 is now open.

Until March 31st the non refundable deposit is only \$20. Regular deposit is \$40. Contact Shelley at 704-487-6357 or kidsplace@cumcshelby.org