

# 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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## LEGACY GRANTS

The Legacy Fund is intended for purposes that are not a part of the church's established programs which are funded through the annual operating budget of the church and the regular giving of its members. This year's schedule is as follows:

- \***Monday, March 19** — Applications available
- \***Sunday, April 15**, 11:15 am, Grant Workshop in the Fellowship Hall
- \***Wednesday, April 18**, 6:00 pm, Grant Workshop in the Fellowship Hall
- \***Thursday, April 26**, 4:00 pm –Grant applications due to church office
- \***Late May** — Awards announced
- \***February 28, 2019** — Monies awarded are to be spent and invoices turned in to the Church Financial Secretary. No extensions will be granted.

Applications are available in the office or on our website at <http://cumcshelby.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Legacy-2018-application.pdf>

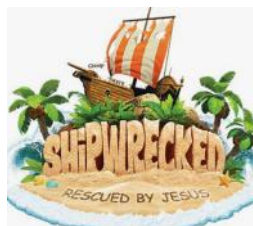


## Attention Seniors!

OWLS will meet Monday, April 16th at 12 noon. at Parkway House in Cherryville. All seniors are invited to join us for good food and fellowship. Please call Martha Ballinger at 704-538-8110 if you need directions. Hope to see you there!

## Congratulations!

Bishop Leeland and cabinet has announced a new District Superintendent appointment. **Rev. Linda Kelly**, currently serving at First United Methodist Church Lenoir, in the Appalachian District will be appointed to the Smoky Mountain District. She served Central UMC as an associate from 1990 to 1993. We congratulate her on this new step in her ministry.



**Attention!** Volunteers for VBS 2018 are still needed in all service areas. The dates are June 10-14, 5-8 PM. Please let Savanna or Fawn know if you are interested in serving, and they will get you plugged in!



## We Need Your Input through Readiness 360 Survey

Changes and new ministries can take many different shapes and forms. To help our Council in this process, We NEED your INPUT to see what areas where we are ready for change. Beginning today and for the next two weeks, the Readiness 360 Survey is available online for your input. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey at this link: <https://app.readiness360.org/survey/login>

Enter our congregation's survey code: **9623861237** and begin the survey. For those who don't have emails or are uncomfortable completing an online survey, three stations will be set up in the gathering area outside the choir room and the inside Sanctuary entrance before and after worship on Sundays, April 8 and 15. Assistants will be available to walk you through the process.

Our Church Council is continuing to discover the direction our congregation should take in living out our mission "to make disciples of Christ who worship God, grow in their faith and serve in the church and world." We are taking seriously our call to multiply our ministry and reach new people. We are considering how to best nurture disciples for Jesus Christ to extend our ministry into the community. Your input is most appreciated.

**April 15-21, 2018  
Calendar of Events**

**Sunday** (Third Sunday of Easter)  
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)  
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

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

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

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS  
**Weekly Update**

**Sunday**  
Tribes at 9 am  
UMYF at 5:30 pm

**Tuesday**  
Connect, Middle School Bible Study 6 pm

**Wednesday**  
Supper & Study, High School Bible Study 6 pm  
Confirmation 7 pm

**Lock IN /  
OUT**

**April 13-April 14**  
**8pm Drop off/11:30am Pick up!**

**A night of games, conversations,  
and fellowship, followed by a  
morning of service!**



**BBQ Sale!**  
**April 22, 2018**

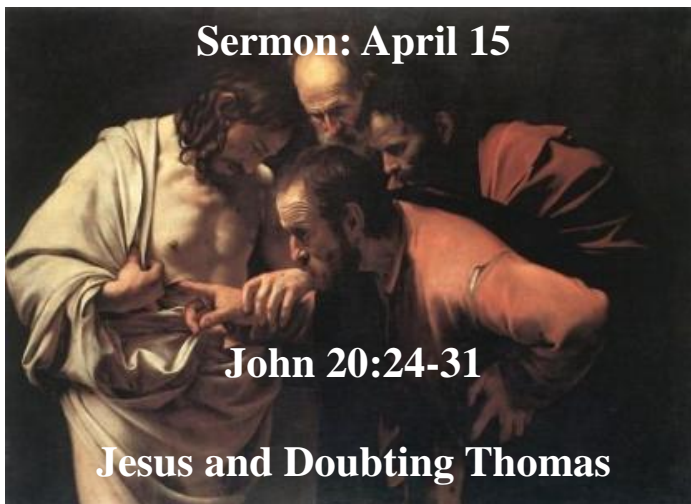
See any youth going  
to Honduras to buy  
your ticket



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!

**Sermon: April 15**



**John 20:24-31**

**Jesus and Doubting Thomas**

**2018 Stewardship**

10:00am Worship (April 8).....	163
Sunday School (April 8).....	99
2018 Operating Budget.....	\$776,410.22
2018 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$64,700.85
Total Receipts for Month of April.....	\$7,902.92
Total Receipts for 4/1/18-4/5/18.....	\$7,902.92



**Serving Sunday, April 15, 2018**



**The Guppies**

Sunday School and Worship:  
Diana Mullinax

**Nursery Volunteer**

Sunday School: Leigh Mabry  
Worship: Evelyn and Abbie  
Ribadeneyra

**The Stars**

Sunday School and Worship:  
Linda Zachary

**Collection Counters:**

Kent Bridges and Sandy Allen

**Collection Counters for 4/22/2018:**

Kent Bridges and Matt Triplett

**Sunday School Assistant:**

Bill Henshaw

**Children's Sermon:**

Laura Rucker



**Change to Make a Change** – Children love to know they have a purpose in life. Beginning in April, the children will be collecting loose change from parishioners during worship the last Sunday of every month. Monies gathered will be used to help the children make a change in our community through a service project they will choose. So look under the sofa cushions, dig through the bottom of your purse and empty the car ashtray to help our children be the change this world needs!

**Godly Play**—All children Kindergarten to 2nd Grade are invited each Sunday after Children's Sermon to join our trained adults in Godly Play Worship Time. Parents may pick up their child in room 308 in the Education Building immediately following worship service.



April 15	Jim Putnam
April 16	Katherine Hendrick
April 16	Madison Clary
April 17	Julian Wray
April 19	Jane McDaniel
April 19	Jennifer Rose-Cook
April 20	Sherry Grayson
April 20	Bob Noblitt
April 20	Seth Smith
April 20	Tracy Szymborski
April 20	Avalina Richardson
April 20	Rebecca Eakins
April 20	Carrie Richardson
April 20	Jesse Lookabill
April 21	Gavin Richardson
April 21	Mariel Camp
April 21	Scout Denning

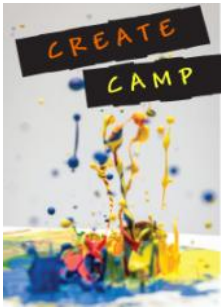
**You're invited to attend the  
EAGLE SCOUT  
Court of Honor for  
James Mabry  
Sunday, April 15th  
2:00PM  
Central United Methodist  
Shelby, NC**



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/)



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### **CREATE: Creating with God through the Arts**

We are created in the image of God and are invited to create with God. Children love to express their creativity through art, dance, music, and drama. CUMC is hoping to offer our children in the community a one week summer

camp filled with opportunities to experience God through the arts. But to do so we need adults and youth willing to lead. Do you have a passion for an art form that you are willing to share? Do you paint, draw, use multi-media to create a story? Do you dance, sing, play an instrument or love drama? Or maybe you have a love for children and are willing to help? Contact Savanna or Fawn for more information.



### **Lord, 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.

**April 17th** — praying using **CENTERING PRAYERS**

**April 24th** — praying using **BREATH PRAYERS**



### **Word and Wine Bible Study**

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

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Homosexuality

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Politics

April 30<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Night

### **Be the of Jesus**

**Coffee Hour** + -- The Outreach Team will be sponsoring coffee and treats Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30-10 am. Come before Sunday School – or maybe your Sunday School class would like to make this a great time of gathering together and sharing life. The children will have their own special “coffee hour” with child friendly treats and make something special to celebrate Mother’s Day.

**Communities in Schools** – To end the school year, CUMC will host a thank you dinner for the mentors volunteering with Cleveland County Communities in Schools on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. Servants are needed to provide and serve the meal, as well as decorate tables. Contact Fawn if you would like to show God’s appreciation to those who reach out to our children in Cleveland County schools.

### **Contribution Statements**

Now that our membership software has been upgraded, we are able to email you your quarterly giving statements. The emails will come from [realm](#) via Central United Methodist Church. If you would like to receive your statements by email and/or haven’t received your first quarter statement, please contact Dianne at [dianne@cumcshelby.org](mailto:dianne@cumcshelby.org) or 704-487-6336 to be sure your email is up to date in our system.

### **Memorials and Honorariums**

#### **Piano:**

In Honor of Ann McDaniel by Bill and Jo Marsh