

# 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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## Easter Egg Hunt and Butterfly Release

There was much oohing and awwwwing on Easter Sunday as kids (those of all ages!) released butterflies after service.

Followed by lots of fun as the Easter Egg Hunt commenced on the square. Thanks to everyone who helped hide the eggs. If you have pictures to share please email them to [central@cumcshelby.org](mailto:central@cumcshelby.org) so they can be posted on our website.



**April 29-May 5, 2018  
Calendar of Events**

**Sunday** (Fifth 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)  
4:00pm Crossfire  
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 Sunshine 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)

**Sermon: April 22  
John 21:1-14**

**"I'll Have the Garbage Platter"**



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

**Attention Parents!**

Please plan to join us for a  
Reaching Discipleship as a Family meeting  
on Wednesday, May 2nd at 7 pm.

Thanks to the Ruckers and the Stricklands for cooking such delicious BBQ on Sunday. And to everyone who helped and/or bought food, your support for our mission to Honduras is greatly appreciated!



April 29	Frank Cloyd
April 29	Jim Ricker
April 30	Page Morgan
April 30	Annabella Schmoutz
May 1	Hayes Mabry
May 1	Brad Richardson
May 2	Missy Darnell
May 2	Susannah Dedmon
May 2	Lula Warlick
May 3	Rieta Maxwell
May 3	Alan Hughes
May 3	Kesha Hobbs
May 3	Emily Epley
May 3	Ty Oliver
May 3	Andrew Epley
May 4	River Harrill
May 5	Gwen Harden
May 5	Beth Porter

**Serving Sunday, April 29, 2018**



**The Guppies**  
 Sunday School and Worship:  
 Diana Mullinax

**Nursery Volunteer**  
 Sunday School: Laura Rucker  
 Worship: Jessie Rucker

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

**Collection Counters:**  
 Mitch Hensley and Matt Triplett

**Collection Counters for 5/6/2018:**  
 Mitch Hensley and Chris Mabry

**Sunday School Assistant:**  
 Jim Lutz

**Children's Sermon:**  
 Lori Wilson



**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 309 in the Education Building immediately following worship service.

**2018 Stewardship**

10:00am Worship (April 22).....	210
Sunday School (April 22).....	88
2018 Operating Budget.....	\$776,410.22
2018 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$64,700.85
Total Receipts for Month of April.....	\$51,404.27
Total Receipts for 4/15/18-4/19/18.....	\$9,256.14



**Attention!** Volunteers for VBS 2018 are still needed in all service areas. The dates are June 10-14, 5-8 PM. There is an online sign up that will get you plugged in! Click [here](#) to sign up.

There will be an All Volunteer Meeting at First Baptist on May 6th at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

**Spaghetti Lunch**

Our Boy Scout Troop will be hosting a spaghetti lunch fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 6th, immediately following worship service. We hope you'll make plans to join them!



**TLC** – is seeking men and women called to walk with someone diagnosed with cancer. Contact through phone calls, visits, and cards are so appreciated as patients experience surgery, chemotherapy, or radiation treatment. Volunteer

applications are on our website at [TLC-Project-Volunteer-Application](#). They may be turned into the office or emailed to Laura Lombardi at [savedby-hymn@gmail.com](mailto:savedby-hymn@gmail.com). You may contact Laura at 631-294-6656 for more information.



**Word and Wine Bible Study**

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

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



**Church Photographers**

The office is looking for 3-4 people who are willing to attend church events/functions and take digital photos and email them to Gina. No fancy equipment is needed—a cell phone with camera will do just fine. And you won't be required to attend everything! Contact Gina at [central@cumcshelby.org](mailto:central@cumcshelby.org) or 704-487-6336 if you are interested.



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## Want to join Central UMC?

If you are interested in becoming a member or wanting more information about Central UMC, you are invited to a gathering with Pastor Mark on Sunday, May 13 following the 10 am worship service in the Conference Room. We will receive new members on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. If you are not able to attend on May 13 and would like to join, please contact Pastor Mark at 704-300-8326 or [mbarden@wnccumc.net](mailto:mbarden@wnccumc.net).

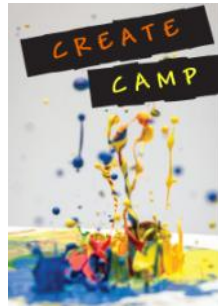
## Be the of Jesus

**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.

We are a **Safe Sanctuary** and a **Tobacco-Free Campus**. Please be sure that your children are accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult caregiver.

We appreciate your assistance as we strive to ensure the safety of all.  
*Church policy prohibits the use of tobacco products on our church grounds.*  
**Thank you** for your cooperation!!!



## 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.

**The Don Gibson Theater** will be hosting the **2nd Annual Nashville Hitmakers** concert on April 28, 2018 at 7 pm. This unique concert features 4 legends of country music songwriting as they play their songs and share the inspiring stories of writing the hits and their hilarious interactions with the stars who sang their hits.

All proceeds from this concert will benefit Feeding Kids Cleveland County ([www.feedingkidscc.org](http://www.feedingkidscc.org)). They are a local nonprofit who works to address the major problem of food insecurity among nearly 1 in 3 kids in Cleveland County.

## Memorials and Honorariums

### Operating:

In Memory of Louis Snyder by June P. Miller



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And our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/](https://www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/)