



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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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.

LEGACY GRANTS

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works." Ephesians 2:10

I want to remind everyone that the Legacy Committee will soon accept applications for Legacy Grants. The money from these grants can be used for a project, a program, or supplies that are not funded by the church operating budget. And this year, we anticipate awarding \$60,000 to \$70,000 in grant money!

Application forms are available from Gina at the church office or on our website at <http://cumcshelby.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Legacy-2018-application.pdf> and are due back by Thursday, April 26th. Please note: For an application to be considered by the Legacy Committee, you must attend one of the two Legacy Workshops scheduled for: Sunday, April 15th at 11:15am, and Wednesday, April 18th at 6:00pm. Both workshops will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at ribadeneyra@carolina.rr.com.

Mike Ribadeneyra

"And Now for the Rest of the Story..."

The Resurrection is just the beginning of a long story of God's redemptive process through Jesus Christ. This Easter season, which runs to Pentecost Sunday (May 20), our pastors will focus preaching on the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus in the sermon series, "And Now for the Rest of the Story..." This phrase made famous by radio commentator Paul Harvey, seems to identify the nature of what happened to Jesus after his Resurrection and before his Ascension.

Scriptures and stories to be highlighted are:

April 8 – John 20:14-18 – Mary Meets Jesus in the Garden

April 15 – Luke 24:13-32 – Two Men Meet Jesus on the Road to Emmaus

April 22 – John 20:24-31 – Jesus and Doubting Thomas

April 29 – John 21:1-14 – Jesus Prepares Breakfast for the Disciples

May 6 – John 21:15-19 – Jesus Restores Peter

May 13 (Ascension Sunday) – Mark 16:9-20 – Jesus Gives the Great Commission

Invite your friends and join us to hear "the rest of the story!"

**April 8-14, 2018
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Second 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 8
 John 20:14-18**



"Did You Recognize Jesus?"

Resurrection (Noli me tangere) - Giotto di Bondone (Scrovegni Chapel - Padua)

2018 Stewardship

10:00am Worship (April 1).....311
 Sunday School (April 1).....61
 2018 Operating Budget.....\$776,410.22
 2018 Monthly Budget Needs.....\$64,700.85
 Total Receipts for Month of March.....\$42,163.22
 Total Receipts for 3/25/18-3/29/18.....\$11,356.12

Serving Sunday, April 8, 2018



The Guppies

Sunday School and Worship:
Amy Lookabill

Nursery Volunteer

Sunday School: Jessie Rucker
Worship: Anne Wray

The Stars

Sunday School and Worship:
Linda Zachary

Collection Counters:

Rebecca Wray and Sandy Allen

Collection Counters for 4/15/2018:

Sandy Allen and Kent Bridges

Sunday School Assistant:

Brenda Whicker

Children's Sermon:



Godly Play teaches children how they may experience worship and Scripture through wonder. Beginning April 8th, children K-2nd grade will be invited to worship

God with wonder through the beauty of Godly Play. Following the Children's sermon in Sunday morning worship, the children will be escorted by trained adults to the Godly Play center in room 308 of the Education building. They will experience different elements of worship as they hear the stories of God, learn the seasons of the church year, and more. Parents will pick up their child from Godly Play at the conclusion of the 10 am service. For more information, feel free to contact Savanna Craig, Children Ministry Coordinator.

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!



April 8	June Miller
April 8	Laney Triplett
April 9	Shelley Rempson
April 10	Michele Gassman
April 11	Brian Mills
April 12	Ella Hensley
April 12	Alice Southern
April 12	Sandy Allen
April 12	Rob Laney
April 13	Kim Telle
April 13	Steven Hill
April 14	Chloe Reeves



Israel Trip

In February of 2019, Rev. Fawn Mikel will be leading a pilgrimage to Israel. Iyad Qumri will be the local guide who's strong Christian faith will further enhance the trip from merely visiting the sites where Jesus was born, grew up, died and was resurrected into "living" them. The trip will depart the US on February 7th and return February 20th. You can find an itinerary [here](#) and the registration form [here](#). **An informational meeting will be held after worship on April 15th in the Parlor.** Registration and a non-refundable deposit of \$500 is due by April 1st, 2018.



Lydia's Circle will meet Monday, April 9th. If you would like to eat out, meet at the Shelby Café at noon, others may meet in the Church Parlor at 1 pm for our program. Be sure to read Chapter 10 and be prepared to discuss. Hope to see you there!



200 East Marion St
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Word and Wine Bible Study

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

April 9th – Euthanasia

April 16th – Homosexuality

April 23rd – Politics

April 30th – Fellowship Night

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 10th — praying through **GUIDED MEDITATION**

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

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

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](mailto:realm@cumcshelby.org) 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 or 704-487-6336 to be sure your email is up to date in our system.

Memorials and Honorariums

Columbarium:

In Memory of Vince Carpenter by Lynn Carpenter and Family

We Need Your



Vacation Bible School Volunteer Interest Meeting

will be in the Fellowship Hall on **SUNDAY, APRIL 8**, at 11:15 AM for a brief meeting. 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!



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.