

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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This Sunday, May 20th, we will have 10 students being confirmed. These students have been participating in Confirmation Classes since January, with mentors from the congregation helping and supporting them along the way. Sunday we will celebrate their decision to honor God and the church through the vows of Confirmation! A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow worship service, please join us.

Zanna Rempson	(Rhonda Keeley)	Lillian Lutz	(Savanna Craig)
Anna Alexander	(Julie Ortiz)	Meredith Benfield	(Holli Goforth)
James Hamrick	(David Mitchell)	Mary Jane Buckner	(Nancy Clark)
Emma Richardson	(Holli Goforth)	Maylan Maxwell	(Ginny Hughes)
Riley Blow	(Lori Wilson)	Peyton Simpson	(Tommy Rempson)

The Book of Discipline provides clergy with the opportunity for professional formation leave every four years for ministry education, professional development and spiritual growth. This leave is planned in consultation with the bishop, district superintendent and annual conference continuing education committee. Pastor Mark has requested a professional formation leave for one month, beginning May 21, 2018 and ending June 20, 2018. Pastor Mark has asked for this time both to work toward the completion of his D.Min. degree requirements at Wesley Theological Seminary and as a time of spiritual renewal.

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee unanimously supports this request and it has been approved by Church Council.

We are fortunate that our denomination supports and encourages our clergy. This can be a very important part of maintaining focus, commitment, passion and skill for the ministry. A time apart encourages a person to step off the treadmill long enough to rest, renew and clarify vision for life and work. In the biblical tradition, keeping Sabbath is essential to maintaining one's relationship with God. We believe that leave of this type not only deepens the spiritual lives of our pastor but will result in building up strong spiritual leaders to serve our church.

Mark has made arrangements for his absence by selecting an advantageous timeframe when we are transitioning between spring and summer activities and Fawn Mikel will assume all pastoral duties during this time. Sermons will be shared by staff.

Please offer your kindness, support and prayers to Mark and his family.

Jessica Talbert	Allison Mauney
Church Council Chair	Staff-Parish Chair

**May 20-26, 2018
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Pentecost 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)
 4:00pm NO Crossfire—enjoy the Summer!
 5:30pm UMYF—End of Year Celebration

Monday

9:00am Church Office opens
 11:00am Prayer Team
 12:00pm Owls (at Alston Bridges)
 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 NO Butterfly and Sonshine Choir Rehearsals
 7:15pm Central Ringers Practice

Wednesday

9:00am Church Office open
 10:30am Staff Meeting
 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:15pm Praise Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday

Counseling Center open (by appointment)
 9:00am Church Office opens

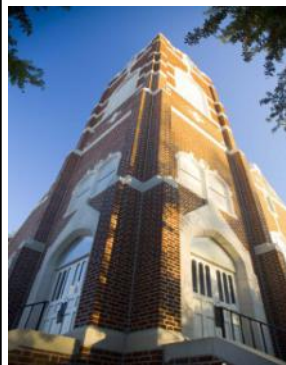
Friday

9:00am Church Office opens

Saturday

11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)

Serving Sunday, May 20, 2018



The Guppies

Sunday School and Worship:
 Amy Lookabill

Nursery Volunteer

Sunday School: Janet Edwards
 Worship: Rita Chen

The Stars

Sunday School and Worship:
 Linda Zachary

Collection Counters:

Allison Mauney and Jim Morgan

Collection Counters for 5/27/2018:

Brad Richardson and Jim Morgan

Collection Counters for 6/3/2018:

Mike Ribadeneyra and Brad Richardson

Sunday School Assistant:

Page Morgan

Children's Sermon:

Caroline Laney



BIRTHDAYS

- May 21 Eula Crews
- May 21 Rod Mauney
- May 21 Tanner Warlick
- May 21 Cate Oliver
- May 22 Rebekah Boggs
- May 23 Bobby McDaniel
- May 24 Eli Teddy
- May 25 Lori Whicker
- May 25 Donna Boggs
- May 25 Victoria Grenier
- May 26 Phil Rucker
- May 26 Jackie Guy
- May 26 Pete Ward
- May 26 Tucker Smith
- May 26 Will Plaster



It's a Mystery!

The History Room is missing the Big Red Membership/History Book. This book is an integral piece of Central's history and is vital to the record keeping of our church. It disappeared

sometime around the History Room renovation.

If you know anything about it's whereabouts, please contact the office or Lynn Carter, Jim Morgan, or Billie Ann Haynes.



OUR CHURCH WELCOMES

Welcome New Members!

In addition to our confirmands, we will welcome Diane Underwood, Savanna Craig, Nick Richart, and Ben and Emily Ousley into membership at Central UMC this Sunday, May 20th. Please join us as we welcome them into our church family.

2018 Stewardship

10:00am Worship (May 13).....	246
Sunday School (May 13).....	85
2018 Operating Budget.....	\$776,410.22
2018 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$64,700.85
Total Receipts for Month of May.....	\$20,954.35
Total Receipts for 5/6/18-5/10/18.....	\$19,529.35



Choir Schedule

The Central Ringers, Crossfire, and the Butterfly and Sonshine Choirs are now off for the summer. Look out for these ministries to resume in August/September. Chancel Choir and the Praise Ensemble will meet sporadically during the summer. Thank you for the gifts of music that you have shared with us and the community over the past 9 months.



Mark your calendar now for all the fun, exciting things we have coming up this summer! Contact Savanna at childrensministry@cumcshelby.org or 704-487-6336 if you have any questions or need more information.

Change to Make Change—Children love to know they have a purpose in life. On May 27th, the children will be collecting loose change from parishioners during worship. 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—Will be taking a break for this Sunday, Confirmation Sunday. Children, kindergarten through 2nd grade, are invited to rejoin us on Sunday, May 27th, after children's time during worship in room 309 of the Education Building.

VBS Kick-off Block Party—Join us for food and fun as we prepare for VBS. June 2nd 9-11am behind First Baptist Church. Preregistration for VBS will also be available. Contact Savanna for more information or if you can help set up and/or take down. childrensministry@cumcshelby.org

VBS-SHIPWRECKED! Plan to come to this year's Vacation Bible School, June 10-14, 5:00-8:00 PM. At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms and is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids can see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! Please plan to join us! Go ahead and register your children by clicking [here](#).

Created to Create Creativity Camp—July 23-27 from 9 am to 12 noon. More information to come.

Superhero Night—Friday, July 27th, 6-8:30 pm. More information to come.

Being the  ,  , and  of Jesus



VBS Needs You!

Register your children to 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 a volunteer meeting with Savanna on Sunday, May 27th, immediately after worship service.

Shelby Middle School Needs Proctors

Academic testing at the end of each school year increases demands for volunteers at our middle school. Proctors are needed to assist with monitoring classrooms on Thursday, May 31, Friday, June 1, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 6 and 7 from 8 am to approximately noon. If you can help serve, please contact Julie Daves at 704-476-8328 ext. 4324.

Come Help with the Chalk Fest!

The Cleveland County Arts Council is sponsoring **Chalk Fest** on June 2nd and they need our help! This fun, family-friendly sidewalk chalk competition will be held around the court square from 9 am– 12 noon. Set up begins at 8 am and clean up ends around 1 pm. Volunteers are needed for any (or all) of these hours. Central UMC will be giving out water bottles, helping with giant kids games, moving materials, etc. Please come represent Central and share in this fun event. For questions or to sign up, please contact Lynn Carter at 704-473-3428 (text or call) or lynncarter61@gmail.com or Nick Richart at 704-487-6336 or nick@cumcshelby.org.



Its that time again, time to save someone's life. Actually, you could save three lives. One unit of blood can save up to three lives. The next Blood Drive is to be held on May 29th from 2 until 6:30 – in the Fellowship Hall. You can register to donate at redcrossblood.org. If you have never given blood, please consider being a first time donor. If it has been a while since you have donated, please consider attending this next drive. The need for blood is constant and there is always a critical need. If you have any questions, please call Joanie Mabry at 980-295-8576.



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. If interested, please contact Laura Lombardi at 631-294-6656 or savedby-hymn@gmail.com Volunteer applications are on our website at [TLC-Project-Volunteer-Application](#) and available in the vestibules.

Calling All Greeters!

Can you smile and welcome people to Central UMC on Sunday mornings? Then we need you!



Your shift will be from 9:40-10:00 am for approximately ONE Sunday per quarter. Contact Lynn Carter at 704-473-3428 (text or call) or lynncarter61@gmail.com with questions or to take part in this important ministry.



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 704-487-6336 or central@cumcshelby.org or if you are interested.

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!!!



Church Office

**Dianne will be out of the office the week of May 14th-18th. Please hold any financial questions until she returns on May 22nd.

**Church Office will be closed May 28th for Memorial Day Holiday.



Attention Seniors!

OWLS will meet Monday, May 21st, at 12 noon at Alston Bridges on Grover Street. All seniors are invited to join us for good food and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



Word and Wine Bible Study

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

May 21st—When Christians are unchristian
May 28th—No Word and Wine, Memorial Day

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.

May 22nd — praying **ULTIMATE QUESTIONS**

May 29th — praying for **CENTRAL UMC**



Israel Pilgrimage – It's not too late to walk where Jesus walked. Our Holy Land Pilgrimage is February 7-20, 2019. These 2 weeks will help you understand

the Bible as the *living* word as you travel throughout Israel. For more information go to the CUMC website, pick up a brochure at the church office, or contact Pastor Fawn.

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

Sunday

Tribes at 9 am

UMYF 5:30 pm End of Year Celebration

Tuesday

NO Connect, Middle School Bible Study 6 pm

Wednesday

NO Supper & Study, High School Bible Study 6 pm

Bible Studies will resume in September. Watch out for our Summer Plans, coming soon!

Graduation Sunday will be held on June 3!

Participants should send Nick 3-4 photos, some younger and some current! We will miss you all so much, but we sure do want to celebrate the impact you've made and will make!

2018 Scholarship Applications are Available Now!

All High School Graduates and Current College Students may apply. Visit our member's only page (password: cumc) on the church website or contact Nick for more information! Applications are due Sunday, May 27!

Honduras Mission Trip

This summer is an exciting one for the youth at Central UMC... we are participating in an awesome mission opportunity! This July, a small group of our youth are traveling to Honduras to share in the love of Christ with the children of the area and work toward building a more comfortable life for the community. They are:

Ethan Richardson
Gavin Goforth
Hayes Mabry

Grayson Lowery
Keeley Benfield
Jessie Rucker

With your help, these trips will be made possible! We are encouraging YOU to invest in our youth. We have divided the cost of this trip into shares which we are selling for \$20 each! Any amount of stock you purchase will help us out. If you do buy stock, we invite you to join us at our Presentation Dinner in August to see how your "investment" has grown!



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Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Dr. Mike Miller by June P. Miller

Piano:

In Memory of Catherine Dorsey by Paul & Pat Ellison

In Memory of Louis Snyder by Paul & Pat Ellison

In Honor of Libby Alexander by Paul & Pat Ellison

Ellison

In Honor of Marilyn Jack by Paul & Pat Ellison

Billy Graham Library Tour – We will be traveling to Charlotte to explore the Billy Graham Library on Wednesday, May 30th. We will leave the church at 9 am, tour the library and discover the life and legacy of Dr. Graham as we visit the grounds. We will have lunch at the Graham Brothers Dairy Bar before returning to Shelby. The tour is free. We are able to purchase meal vouchers in advance for \$11 per person. Please contact Anne Wray or the office to make your reservation and pay for your voucher no later than noon on May 23rd



LOST & FOUND There are several new items in the Lost and Found Basket in the office. If you have lost anything on the church campus you may call or come by the office anytime between 9-4 Monday-Thursday and 9-1 Friday.



What's Happening at Central?

Some of you may not know about all the different informational resources that are available to Central UMC. The church newsletter is published weekly on Wednesday afternoon. It is available through our website as well as through the mail and by email. If you would like to get our newsletter by email please contact Gina at central@cumcshelby.org and she will add you to the list. Deadline for announcements is Wednesday at 10am. Weekly bulletins are printed every Thursday afternoon and are posted to our website. The church website is cumcshelby.org. In addition, audio recordings of the sermons and special services are also posted on the website. Head over there and check out all the opportunities, ministries and missions that we have available. We also have a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/. If you have something to share please call the office at 704-487-6336 or email us at central@cumcshelby.org.