



THE CENTRAL ISSUE

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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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Church Council will have a BRIEF meeting following worship on Sunday, May 13th in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Office

**Due to the city construction on the sewer/water lines, Central will be without water the afternoon of Thursday, May 10th, therefore the office will close at 11:30 am. Regular hours will resume on Friday, May 11th at 9 am.

**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.



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 savedbyhymn@gmail.com

Volunteer applications are on our website at [TLC-Project-Volunteer-Application](#) and available in the vestibules.

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 from 8 am to approximately noon. If you can help serve, please contact Julie Daves at 704-476-8328 ext. 4324.

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 630 – 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.



Lydia's Circle will meet Monday, May 14th. 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 11 and be prepared to discuss. Hope to see you there!

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.

**May 13-19, 2018
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Seventh 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 NO UMYF

Monday

9:00am Church Office opens
11:00am Prayer Team
12:00pm Lydia's Circle
5:30pm Trustees Meeting
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 open
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

Friday

9:00am Church Office opens

Saturday

11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)



May 13	Suzanne Hunter
May 13	Keeley Benfield
May 14	Fred Harrill
May 15	Mary Foster
May 15	Sherry Grenier
May 16	Martha Carpenter
May 16	Rhonda Keeley
May 17	Ashley Beam
May 19	Marcus Gaskey

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS
Weekly Update

Sunday

Tribes at 9 am
NO UMYF in honor of Mother's Day

Tuesday

Connect, Middle School Bible Study 6 pm

Wednesday

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

Confirmation Sunday will be May 20! Come celebrate the beginning of our confirmands journeys as they stand before their church family!

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	Grayson Lowery
Gavin Goforth	Keeley Benfield
Hayes Mabry	Jessie Rucker

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

Serving Sunday, May 13, 2018



The Guppies

Sunday School and Worship:
Diana Mullinax

Nursery Volunteer

Sunday School: Rita Chen
Worship: Evelyn and Abbie Ribadeneyra

The Stars

Sunday School and Worship:
Linda Zachary

Collection Counters:

Allison Mauney and Chris Mabry

Collection Counters for 5/20/2018:

Allison Mauney and Jim Morgan

Collection Counters for 5/27/2018:

Jim Morgan and Brad Richardson

Collection Counters for 6/3/2018:

Brad Richardson and Mike Ribadeneyra

Sunday School Assistant:

Don Telle

Children's Sermon:

Savanna Craig



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 the next 2 weeks for Mother's Day and 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

2018 Stewardship

10:00am Worship (May 6).....	165
Sunday School (May 6).....	85
2018 Operating Budget.....	\$776,410.22
2018 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$64,700.85
Total Receipts for Month of April.....	\$67,819.33
Total Receipts for 4/29/18-4/30/18.....	\$4,805.56
Total Receipts for Month of May.....	\$1,425.00
Total Receipts for 5/1/18-5/3/18.....	\$1,425.00



Attention!

Register your children 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](#).

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.

Sermon: May 13

Mark 16: 9-20

"What Will We Do Without Jesus?"



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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.

Billy Graham Library Tour – We will be traveling to Charlotte to explore the Billy Graham Library on Thursday, 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

Be the of Jesus

Coffee Hour + -- The Outreach Team will be sponsoring coffee and treats Sunday, May 13th 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.



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.



Word and Wine Bible Study

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

- May 14th—War, Violence, and Guns
- 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 8th** — praying for others: **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**
- May 15st** — praying through **ART**
- May 22nd** — praying **ULTIMATE QUESTIONS**
- May 29th** — praying for **CENTRAL UMC**

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!!!

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Louis Snyder by Sarah T. Beam