



Central United Methodist 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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The Worship of God

July 1, 2018

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Mark Barden

Lighting of the Candles Finn Parker

Prelude *Old Hundredth* arr. Hamlin
Libby Alexander, organ

Introduction "Thanksgiving on the Fourth" Rev. Mark Barden

*Congregational Praise *Now Thank We All Our God*

Children's Time Lori Wilson

**Godly Play is taking the summer off. Children up to age 5 may join the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

Prayers of the People Ginny Hughes

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever.**

Anthem *From Sea to Shining Sea* arr. Ward
Chancel Choir

Sermon "Freedom with Responsibility" Rev. Mark Barden
Galatians 5:13-15

Response My Country, 'Tis of Thee (v. 1,4)

A Litany for Independence Day (see bulletin insert)

Church Office Closed

The Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th. Newsletters will be published on Thursday, July 5th. Have a safe and happy Holiday!

Facility Manager--Central continues the process of hiring a Facilities Manager for our Church. If anyone knows of a qualified candidate or someone who might be interested, please share with them the information and application that is available on the Church's web site or contact Allison Mauney--Staff Parrish Chair.

To Our Guests:

Thank you for sharing in worship today. We are honored that you have chosen to spend a portion of your day with us and we want to help you have a meaningful experience. Here are a few things that you may find helpful.

-**Childcare** is available for infants and preschool aged children. Our nursery staff awaits you in room E105.

-**Hearing devices** are available for those who need them.

-**Large print Bibles & Hymnals** are available for those who need them.

The Ushers are at each door and will happily assist you with any of these.

Sermon Notes

A LITANY FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the Giver of all good gifts.

For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world, we thank you Lord.

For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation, we thank you Lord.

For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation, we thank you Lord.

For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all, we thank you Lord.

For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town, we thank you Lord.

For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice, we thank you Lord.

For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good, we thank you Lord.

For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows, we thank you Lord.

For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far, we thank you Lord.

Lord, we pray for The United States, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice.

We pray that we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness.

We pray those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them.

We ask that we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace.

We ask that you bless us as you bless other nations and instill in all a spirit of cooperation and peace.

Gracious God, Father of all nations, bless and defend us and our land, prosper the work of our hands, and increase in us your grace and compassion, and our offerings of thanks to you, our rock and our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summer Backpack Ministry

In order to maintain this wonderful summer ministry, we are asking the congregation to lend it's support by bringing **BREAD, RICE,** and/or **FRESH FRUIT** to the office by Monday, July 2nd. This ministry is providing much needed nutritionally balanced food to 10 families in our communities on a weekly basis in an effort to combat childhood food insecurity. Did you know in Cleveland County childhood food insecurity, as of 2016 is nearly 24%? Almost a quarter of our children don't have enough food in their home! Your support of this ministry is greatly needed and much appreciated.

Created to Create- Creativity Camp

July 23-27 from 9am-12pm at Central UMC. Mark your calendar for this *FREE* week of creativity and fun for Pre-K to 5th Grade kids. We will be exploring God's love for us through music, cooking, art, photography, and so much more! Use the following links to register your child:

Elementary Registration (Completed K- Completed 5th Grade):

<https://goo.gl/forms/raAzG4nQYXqEuQQJ3>

Pre-K Registration (Age 3- Rising K):

<https://goo.gl/forms/m6AX5zK3yvdbgZYN2>

Contact Central United Methodist Church at (704)487-6336 or childrensministry@cumcshelby.org for more information.

We are so excited to get creative with you!

Word and Wine Bible Study

Join us 6:30-8 pm on Mondays at Dragonfly for some great conversation over a glass.....After a couple of weeks off for Vacation Bible School, we are beginning in June a summer series: ***The 10 Commandments: More Than Just Some Good Ideas***

July 2nd--#3 Only Do Good in the Lord's Name

July 9th—#4 What's Sabbath and how do I keep it Holy?

July 16th—#5 Honor your parents

July 23rd—#6 Don't kill

July 30th—#7 Fidelity