



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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Some of the strangest terminology is used in the language of Methodism. One of these is “fix.” That’s what happened to my appointment at Lake Junaluska last Sunday. At the conclusion of the worship service, Bishop Leeland “fixed” the appointments for the coming year. I joke about it saying I get broken every year and have to go to conference to be “fixed” for another year. All this means is that I am officially appointed to serve a second year as your pastor at Central UMC. For this I am truly grateful. I look forward to continuing the work with you for the Kingdom of God and I know the Spirit is moving us to do great things for Jesus Christ.

It is great to be back, especially after a month of study and renewal, which was long overdue for me. I didn’t realize how much I had neglected my well-being by not taking time away for serious rest, grounding and reflection. This year I had the added task of working on my D. Min. project, which I will execute here in the fall.

We all need time to pull away and be alone with God. Jesus did this as the gospels relate. Sometimes he had a difficult time because the people would follow. Yet, to be in sync with the will of God, he needed this time, just as we do.

One of the things I realized is we are so busy doing that we fail to take the time to just “be” in the presence of God. The Psalmist reminds us “Be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10). In the midst of a busy summer, let us not forget the need and importance for us to spend quality time with God. It can truly make a difference.

As I have come back renewed and refreshed, I look forward to following the footsteps of Jesus as we journey into another year together.

Blessings,
Mark

CUMC Shelby Tech Crew

Have you ever wondered how the church service comes together behind the scenes? Have you ever looked at the tech booth and wondered how all that equipment works?

If so, the CUMC Shelby Tech Crew can use your help! Come on June 27 from 7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. if you are interested in helping run sound or visual (screen & video) for the services.

Dan Treharne is our Director of Worship Media and head of Shelby High Theatre. See him at the tech booth or email him at dan@cumcshelby.org to learn how to make the behind the scenes magic happen!



Starting on Sunday, July 1, the exterior doors at Central will be locked just prior to the beginning of our Sunday Church Service. Access will still be available through the doors to the Sanctuary on Marion Street as they will remain unlocked. Trustees feel that this will control any type of entrance while we are focused on our time of

worship and is another step regarding the safety of our congregation and facility. We apologize if this is any inconvenience and ask for your patience as we implement this new safety measure.

**July 1-7, 2018
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)
8:30am Praise Ensemble
9:00am TRIBES
9:00am Sunday School for all Ages
9:00am Promised Land Bible Study
10:00am Worship Service
11:00am Wesley Class (All Adults Welcome)

Monday
9:00am Church Office opens
9:00am Youth Ultimate Frisbee (Shelby City Park)

Tuesday
Counseling Center open (by appointment)
9:00am Church Office opens
11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)
1:00pm Never Alone Bible Study

Wednesday
9:00am Church Office Closed for July 4th Holiday
6:00pm NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm NO 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)



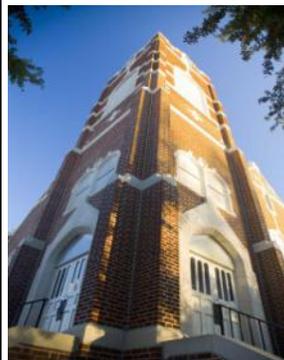
TLC – is seeking men and women called to walk with someone diagnosed with cancer. Contact through phone calls, visits, and cards are so appreciated as patients experience

surgery, chemotherapy, or radiation treatment. If interested, please contact Laura Lombardi at 631-294-6656 or savedbyhymn@gmail.com.

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 if you are interested.

Serving Sunday, July 1, 2018



The Guppies
Sunday School and Worship:
Amy Lookabill

Nursery Volunteer
Sunday School: Rita Chen
Worship: Janet Edwards

The Stars
Sunday School and Worship:
Linda Zachary

Collection Counters:
Matt Triplett and Will Rucker

Collection Counters for 7/8/2018:
Will Rucker and Rebecca Wray

Sunday School Assistant:
Jim Lutz

Children's Sermon:
Lori Wilson

2018 Stewardship

10:00am Worship (June 24).....	172
Sunday School (June 24).....	74
2018 Operating Budget.....	\$776,410.22
2018 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$64,700.85
Total Receipts for Month of June.....	\$21,624.90
Total Receipts for 6/17/18-6/21/18.....	\$3,598.75



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. If you could bring it this Sunday, that would be even better. 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.



If you have a preschooler or 5th grader, mark your calendar now for all the fun, exciting things we have coming up this summer! Contact Savanna at 704-487-6336 or childrensministry@cumcshelby.org if you have any questions or need more information.

Sunday School—9-9:45 am every Sunday until July 1st we'll be studying Green Church, learning what it means to be good stewards of this beautiful planet that God has created.

Change to Make a Change – June's collection raised \$98.06 for the Free Library at Township Three Elementary School—Way to Go!

Created to Create Creativity Camp—July 23-27 from 9 am to 12 noon. Join us for music, cooking, dancing, art, and crafting fun! Led by the amazing people of Central UMC. Schedule and registration will be available this coming week!

Superhero Night—Friday, July 27th, 6-8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come dressed as your favorite superhero for games, dinner and plenty of Fun!

Jungle Book Movie Date—meet at the church Thursday, August 9th at 9:45 am and bring \$1 for a morning viewing of the animated Jungle Book at the Don Gibson Theater. Free Popcorn will be provided.



Church Office Closed

The office will be closed, Wednesday, July 4th to celebrate Independence Day. The newsletter will be published on Thursday.

Regular hours will resume on Thursday, July 5th.

Have a safe and happy holiday!



CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

Sunday
Tribes at 9 am

Monday

Ultimate Frisbee

Meet at Shelby City Park
Baseball Fields, by the Carousel!
Every Monday This Summer

9-11am

SpiritUs
August 4-6
Deadline to register is Wednesday, June 27th



BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Alex Lutz
July 1	Kate Carter
July 1	Mikaela Mitchell
July 1	Lyric Bonino
July 3	Miller Plaster
July 5	Courtney Simpson
July 5	Cody Peterson
July 6	Barbara McLarty
July 6	Kerr Palmer
July 6	Ethan Richardson
July 7	Frankie Bridges-Hicks
July 7	Scott Blanton
July 7	Lauren Burton



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Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Dean Whisnant by Kristy Kretzschmar & Whisnant Family

In Memory of Dean Whisnant by Eddie & Jeannie Hamrick

Piano:

In Honor of Bill Marsh by Bill & Marilyn Jack

In Honor of Bill Marsh by Bobby & Ann

McDaniel

TLC:

In Memory of Barbara Lombardi by Bill & Marilyn Jack



Israel Pilgrimage – We are getting ready to order plane tickets so now is the time to make your reservation for our Holy Land Pilgrimage, 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.

June Habitat Report

Wesley Class \$18.31

Hoey Bible Class \$14.00
\$32.31

I marvel at the dedication of the Hoey Bible Class and Wesley Class. Though small in number, they are a mighty force of Christian example!

No finer leadership to be found anywhere!

Dick Schafer



Be sure to check out our website:

www.cumcshelby.org

And our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/

Bible Studies Available

Promised Land Bible Study– Can you imagine traveling for decades and suddenly you see the destination – the fruition of every promise? For 5 weeks, we will hear and see the Promised Land through video and Scripture. Every Sunday at 9 am in the Conference Room.



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

Never Alone Study—This 6 week study for women reminds us that we are never alone—even when we feel no one understands or cares. We will examine the Gospel stories of 6 hurting women and how Jesus' "with-ness" changed them...and can change us. Every Tuesday, 1-2:30 pm in the Conference Room. Feel free to invite a friend!

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!!!