



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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Membership Update Part 2

We are continuing to update our membership rolls. Those listed below were presented to Charge Conference on November 5, 2017 for the First Year Reading. They will be presented again to this year's Charge Conference for final removal. If anyone has an update on any of them, please contact Gina in the office.

Elizabeth Addington	Mary Augustin
Jack Atkinson	Angela Atkinson
Russell Boring	Brian Branton
Rebecca Hope Craig	Russell Forrest
Dana Franklin	Richard Franklin
Ernest Godfrey	Elizabeth Godfrey
Jonathan (Craig) Goforth	Sherry Grayson
Robert Hagar II	Kristina Hagar
Scott Handback	Jackson Harris
James Hinson	David Hoag
Elaine Hoag	Molly Lloyd
Kyla Mann	Paul McKnight
Linda McKnight	David (Kerr) Palmer
Pauline Reynolds	John Urmston
Alecia Urmston	Terry Vaughan
Jerry Vaughan	

Lake Junaluska Singers Concert at Aldersgate

The Aldersgate Endowment Fund is presenting the Lake Junaluska Singers at a live concert at Aldersgate United Methodist Church on Thursday, July 26 at 7 p.m. This 16 member troupe will present a mix of spirituals, gospels, and some July 4th themed tunes. The concert will last 1 ½ hours. Admission is free – come and enjoy!!

Spiritus PAINT PARTY FUNDRAISER
For the youth at Central UMC

Sunday, July 29th in the CUMC Fellowship Hall
5:30-7:30 \$25.00/person
Dinner will be provided

Please RSVP with your design choices by July 26th to Wren Westbrook at getcrafty@workshopshelby.com
(please note any dietary concerns as well. Best for ages 7 and up. Younger children are welcome to paint with an adult)
Central's Youth will receive \$15 from each painted sign!

Volunteer Meeting

If you are helping with the Created to Create Camp, please meet with Savanna in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship service this Sunday, July 22nd. This will be a brief meeting.

Don't forget that as of 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 22-28, 2018
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Nineth 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 opens
 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 Closed

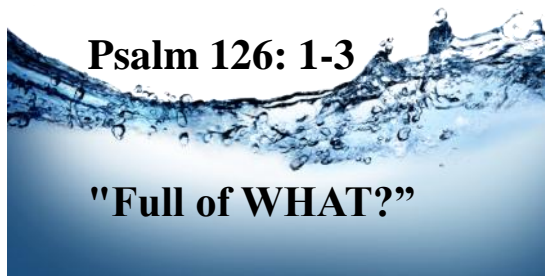
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11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)

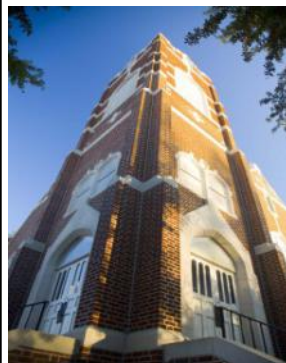


Please note there has been a change in the Church Council meeting schedule. Our next meeting will now be on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 7 pm so that Pastor Mark can be with us. We will be discussing Kim Shockley's feedback from her visit in June.

Sermon: July 22, 2018



Serving Sunday, July 22, 2018



The Guppies

Sunday School and Worship:
 Diana Mullinax

Nursery Volunteer

Sunday School: Ellen Benfield
 Worship: Ellen Benfield

The Stars

Sunday School and Worship:
 Linda Zachary

Collection Counters:

Kent Bridges and Sandy Allen

Collection Counters for 7/29/2018:

Matt Triplett and Kent Bridges

Sunday School Assistant:

Don Telle

Children's Sermon:

Lynn Carter

2018 Stewardship

10:00am Worship (July 15).....	179
Sunday School (July 15).....	70
2018 Operating Budget.....	\$776,410.22
2018 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$64,700.85
Total Receipts for Month of July.....	\$14,638.36
Total Receipts for 7/8/18-7/12/18.....	\$6,102.00

Church Office Vacation Schedule

Gina will be gone July 30-August 3. There will NOT be a newsletter that week and **the office will be closed Friday, August 3rd**. Thank you to Mary Ann Rogers, Tina Rucker, and Laura Lombardi for answering the phone and manning the desk while Gina's out of the office.

Honduras Mission Trip

On July 15th, a small group of our youth left for 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

Nick Richart, Mark Barden, and Rhonda Keeley are their chaperones. We hope you'll keep them in your prayers as they return home on the 23rd, and share the love of Jesus with the people of Honduras.



If you have a preschooler, 5th grader, or one in between, 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 this Sunday we'll be doing a service project to finish up our lessons on Green Church, learning what it means to be good stewards of this beautiful planet that God has created. Starting July 15th we'll be learning about Heroes from our Faith.

Change to Make a Change – Keep collecting those coins! Bring them on July 29th so we can keep making change with our change!

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!

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! Please RSVP to Savanna.

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.

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



BIRTHDAYS

July 20	Hill Morgan
July 22	Sallie Craig
July 22	Karla Patel
July 23	Matt Beam
July 24	Bill Owens
July 24	Molly Lloyd
July 24	Rocky Lutz
July 25	Renie Keggan
July 25	Carter Reeves
July 26	Kenny Holland
July 27	Larry Brown
July 27	Wayne Gregory
July 28	Ann Anthony

2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUMMARY

The 2018 Western North Carolina Conference met June 22-24 at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, with the theme: “Teaching Plants the Seeds of the Future.” Bishop Paul L. Leeland presided over his second annual conference as the resident bishop of the Charlotte area.

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball of the West Virginia Conference preached at opening worship that led off the conference. Her sermon entitled: “Go and Teach” focused on the theme and on the focus passage- Matthew 28:16-20. She challenged the conference to get out of our buildings and into our communities, “Jesus said, ‘Go and teach.’ In too many places we have lost that sense of going, of being a movement and we have convinced ourselves that is enough to gather in our building and to wait for people to come find us.”

Bishop Al Gwinn Jr., retired, preached both the commissioning service and the ordination service. His sermon at the June 22, “Anywhere but Nineveh” challenged new clergy to be willing to go where they are sent and to see each setting as an opportunity to share Good News, even in these odd and confusing times. “We may be going into a time where the church has never been before, but God is not taking us into a time where he's never been before,” he preached.

On June 23, Bishop Kenneth Carter Jr. of the Florida Conference spoke on the Commission on a Way Forward. Carter, who spent 28 years in the Western North Carolina Conference before being elected bishop, offered insight into the three plans that were discussed by the Council of Bishops and the One Church plan endorsed by the council.

He concluded, “If we conform to the world, we will divide. The world will teach us how to divide. But I close with these words. I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, this is Paul writing, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called. With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.”

Some of the main business items of the conference included:

The 2019 Budget was adopted for a total of \$16,166,481 dollars, a small decrease from 2018. Percentage of apportionments paid has grown from the previous year, and more churches are paying 100 percent than the year before.

The conference Church Vitality Team began a process of providing micro grants for new Fresh Expressions across the conference, with nearly 170 churches expressing an interest in receiving one of the grants.

The conference heard reports the connected ministries of the conference. The conference continues to be a leader in missions giving and other missional services across the nation and world. Leadership Development opportunities abound for clergy and laity, and a new emphasis on Certified Lay Servant Ministry will begin in the fall of 2018. The Justice and Reconciliation Team is working across many constituencies of the conference to promote programs and initiatives for a more just world and church.

Received an offering for Bennett College, a historic black, women’s college in Greensboro College of \$20,902.15 dollars during opening worship.

Received an offering for the Lake Junaluska Bridge Restoration fund at closing worship. The total was \$14,450.53 dollars.

Resolutions discussed by the conference, included:

Petition 18- “Support of NETWorX” an initiative of the Rural Faith Development CDC that addresses poverty needs was adopted by the conference. This group has been approved to receive a special offering from churches in conference, with the suggestion that take place during Lent.

Petition 19- Change in percentages of proceeds from sales of closed church properties was adopted by the conference. Since 2003, funds from closed churches were shared 75 percent with the district and 25 percent with the conference. With the passing of this resolution, the percentages are now, 25 percent staying with the district and 75 percent going to the conference Church Vitality Team for new churches, new faith communities and revitalization initiatives.

Petition 20- “Encouraging Gracious Exit Accommodation.” This petition was ruled not properly before the conference and was not covered in conference business.

Petition 21- “Just Policy for Local Church Employees” was adopted by the conference. This states that the conference is committed to employment practices aligned with the *Social Principles* and supports local church policies in which laity called to serve “are employed and dismissed solely on their gifts and graces without regard for sexual orientation or gender identity.”

A petition was brought late to the floor of the conference, entitled: “Reunite Immigrant Families.” The petition was adopted instructing the conference secretary to request the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Justice to “reunite children with their families who had been previously separated by the United States government due to the ‘zero tolerance’ policy in an expedient, humane and compassionate manner.” **(continued on next page)**

Catawba Valley Lay Servant Training Summer 2018



Catawba Valley Lay Servant training will be offered on Sunday afternoons: **AUGUST 5, 12, 19, and 26.**

3:00 – 5:30 PM

ALDERSGATE UMC

1207 WEST DIXON BLVD., SHELBY, NC 28152

Each course listed below consists of four Sunday afternoon class meetings. Attendance will be required all four days in order to complete the 10 hours needed for certification.

BASIC LAY SERVANT TRAINING

This basic course is the first course that must be completed by each Lay Servant. This 4-week course serves as the prerequisite for all Advanced Level Lay Servant courses.

Instructors: Pete Ross and Patricia Withrow

PREACHING

**** This is an advanced course. Prerequisite: Basic Lay Servant Class ****

Instructor: Rev. Teresa Blanton

LEADING PRAYER

**** This is an advanced course. Prerequisite: Basic Lay Servant Class ****

Instructors: Jesse Caldwell and Dick Strachan

Cost for each Lay Speaking course is \$25 per student, which includes the cost of your text book.

Deadline for Registration is July 31, 2018. All checks must be received in our office by July 31.

Registration is online at <https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/CVLayServantTrainingSummer2018>

(cont. from previous page) On the evening of June 22, three provisional deacons and 21 provisional elders were commissioned. On June 23, six deacons and 18 elders. The bishop also recognized the orders of one clergy. On June 22, the conference celebrated the ministry of 60 retiring clergy.

Statistical reporting:

Membership stands at 279,996 down 2622 from the previous year.

Worship attendance stands at 100,839 down 3718 from 2016.

Church school attendance stands at 41,118 down 1294 from 2016.

Professions or reaffirmations of faith for 2017- 3054 down 49 from 2016.

Adults and young adults in small groups for 2017- 67,510 down 4310 from 2016.

Worshippers engaged in mission for 2017- 73,675 down 1782 from 2016.

Proceedings from the 2018 Annual Conference can be found at www.ac2018.org. Photos from the conference are catalogued [here](#), and video media is catalogued [here](#)



200 East Marion St
Shelby, NC 28150

Lay Servant Ministries Come and See Session

WHEN

Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

WHERE

First United Methodist Church
311 Third Avenue NE
Hickory, NC 28601

The Western NC Conference of the UMC is committed to equipping and empowering laypersons who have responded to the call of God to serve in mission and ministry. The United Methodist Church has established three categories for laypersons in the area of lay servant ministries to discover, develop, and deploy principled Christian leaders for the mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world:

- Certified Lay Servant
- Certified Lay Speaker
- Certified Lay Minister

Being called to ministry is a serious endeavor. It takes a disciple to make a disciple. Thus we must do all we can to prepare ourselves and others to serve. We invite you to "Open the Door" to register your interest in pursuing Lay Servant Ministries and explore upcoming opportunities to begin your journey!

Our Come and See session invites you to bring your questions and join us as we explore what each of these positions means and how you can become involved.

To register, visit <https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/LayServantMinistriesComeandSeeSession>



Word and Wine Bible Study

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

Join us as we continue *The 10 Commandments: More Than Just Some Good Ideas*

July 23rd—#6 Don't kill

July 30th—#7 Fidelity

Summer Backpack Ministry

This wonderful outreach is having a powerful impact on the volunteers as well as the families we are serving—Thanks be to God! In order to maintain this wonderful summer ministry, we are asking the congregation to lend it's support by bringing **CANNED TUNA, CHEESE, and/or CEREAL** to the office by Monday, July 23rd. 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 community on a weekly basis in an effort to combat childhood food insecurity. Your support of this ministry is greatly needed and much appreciated.

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Courtney Brown by Larry Triplett

In Memory of Louis Snyder by Bobby & Ann

McDaniel

Piano:

In Memory of Courtney Brown by Bobby & Ann

McDaniel

Pastor's Discretionary:

In Honor of Gene & Becky Cook by The Wesley Class



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www.cumcshelby.org

And our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/