



# 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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## Where is God leading us and how do we get there?



Our Church Council has been at work laying the groundwork for taking the next step in fulfilling our mission to “To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God, GROW in their faith and SERVE in the church and world.”

With the guidance of our District Congregational Vitality Strategist Kim Shockley, the Council has been studying shifts that need to be considered in the way the church

does ministry in the 21st Century to be faithful to the mission. Kim worked previously with our church leadership four years ago when foundations for the future were put in place.

The Council is forming a vision team that will work with Kim to help us gain clarity and update work that has been done in the past. Please keep this team in your prayers.

The Council has been studying the book, “SHIFT: Helping Congregations Back Into the Game of Effective Ministry,” by Phil Maynard. Beginning Sept. 9, Pastors Mark and Fawn will begin a sermon series on “Taking the Next Step” providing a biblical and theological foundation for the shifts needed for the future. After each service, a discussion group with more information will be offered in the Fellowship Hall. Also, articles about each of the shifts will appear in the newsletter each week.

Series topics include:

- A Shift from Fellowship to Hospitality (Sept. 9)
- A Shift from Worship as an Event to Worship as a Lifestyle (Sept. 16)
- A Shift from Membership to Discipleship (Sept. 23)
- A Shift from “Serve Us” to Service (Sept. 30)
- A Shift from “Survival Mentality” to Generosity (Oct. 7)

We are fortunate that Kim Shockley is committed to working directly with us and shepherding us through this process. She is excited about the possibilities for faithful discipleship ministries at Central UMC and is committed to doing everything she can to facilitate our growth in fulfilling our mission.

## Fall Bible Studies

Mark your calendar for the first of many bible studies that will be starting this Fall.

### Continue the SHIFT Conversation

**Beginning September 9th,  
11 am Fellowship Hall**

This Pastor-led Study will lead participants in talking about the worship message, identifying and considering how to make the key shifts ALL churches need to make for fruitful ministry: Fellowship to Hospitality; Worship as an Event to Worship as a Lifestyle; Membership to Discipleship; “Serve Us” to Service; and Survival Mentality to Generosity.

### Discipler

**Beginning September 12th,  
7:15 pm Conference Room**

Developing a mature relationship with Jesus takes intentionality and commitment. Doing it alone is difficult. Truthfully, God created us to grow our faith in community, as well as personally. Pastor Fawn will lead this 24 week study guiding participants with engaging activities around six key dimensions of discipleship: worship, hospitality, opening to Jesus, obeying Jesus, service, and generosity. Breaks will be taken for holidays.

**September 2-8, 2018  
Calendar of Events**

**Sunday** (Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

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)

**Monday**

9:00am Church Office Closed for Labor Day  
11:00am No Prayer Team

**Tuesday**

Counseling Center open (by appointment)  
9:00am Church Office opens  
11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)  
5:30pm Lay Leadership Meeting  
7:00pm Central Ringers

**Wednesday**

9:00am Church Office opens  
6:15pm Messiah Rehearsal (at Aldersgate UMC)  
7:15pm NO Praise Ensemble Rehearsal

**Thursday**

Counseling Center open (by appointment)  
9:00am Church Office opens  
5:30pm Stewardship Meeting

**Friday**

9:00am Church Office opens

**Saturday**

11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)



The Church office will be closed Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, September 4th.

**Serving Sunday, September 2, 2018**



**The Guppies**

Sunday School and Worship:  
Diana Mullinax

**Nursery Volunteer**

Sunday School: Leigh Mabry  
Worship:

**The Stars**

Sunday School and Worship:  
Linda Zachary

**Collection Counters:**

Brad Richardson and Jim Morgan

**Collection Counters 9/9/2018:**

Mike Ribadeneyra and Brad Richardson

**Sunday School Assistant:**

Don Telle

**Children's Sermon:**

Daniel Sprinkle

**2018 Stewardship**

10:00 am Worship (August 26).....	191
Sunday School (August 26).....	96
2018 Operating Budget.....	\$776,410.22
2018 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$64,700.85
Total Receipts for Month of August.....	\$27,363.79
Total Receipts for 8/12/18-8/15/18.....	\$4,494.50



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@cumshelby.org](mailto:childrensministry@cumshelby.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.

**3rd Grade Bible Class**—If you're in 3rd grade this fall, get ready! On September 16th, during Sunday School, we'll be starting our annual Bible Class. You'll get your very own bible on September 9th so be sure to bring it with you on the 16th!

**Change to Make a Change**—It's time use all of that change to buy those books for the Little Free Library at Township Three Elementary School. Savanna will be giving out certificates for \$10 worth of books at Got Books! at 814 Washington St. Take your certificate with you, pick out your books, check out using the certificate and place the books in the Central UMC bin. Easy Peasy!

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS  
**Weekly Update**

**Sunday**

Tribes at 9 am

**August 31st**

Adult Youth Leadership Meeting  
6 pm

**September 16**

CUMC Youth Starts 5:30-7:30 pm

**September 19**

Youth Bible Study starts at 6 pm



Central UMC extends our deepest sympathy to Ginny Hughes whose brother, Jim Windham, unexpectedly passed away this past Friday.

**Labor Day Cookout** – The Hot Lunch Ministry is providing a cookout for the community on Monday, September 3rd, 11:30 am-12:30 pm. We hope you will participate! How can you be a part of this wonderful day???

- 1) Come eat!!! Join our neighbors for a hamburger or hot dog and the trimmings. And the best part – you get to know others!
- 2) Donate fresh tomatoes, lettuce and onions for the meal. Bring your contributions to church on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Cook or serve... come flip hamburgers or grill some dogs or pick up a pitcher and serve some cool tea!

Contact Gary or Linda Staymate at 704-466-8787 for more information or to serve.



**Supper Club**

It's almost time for Supper Club to resume for the fall. If you are a current participant and do NOT want to join in this

time, please let Brenda Whicker know. If you would like to join as a first timer, more information will be coming in the next couple of weeks or you can contact Brenda Whicker at mangrec@hotmail.com.

**CUMC YOUTH**  
SUNDAY NIGHTS  
5:30-7:30  
STARTING BACK SEPTEMBER 16!

**Fall Retreat**  
NOVEMBER 2-4  
OPEN TO ALL YOUTH GRADES 6-12

**THE CHURCH DIRECTORY IS NOW ONLINE!**

The church directory is now available online. The link and sign-in information is on our website on our members only page. Please contact the office for the password.

**September**

**BIRTHDAYS**

September 2	Alma Doty
September 2	Teresa Skidmore
September 3	Beth Hill
September 4	Street Hamrick
September 5	Bill Story
September 5	Tripp Schenck
September 6	Madison Hager
September 7	Brownie Plaster
September 7	Jack Arey





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## Memorials and Honorariums

### Operating:

In Memory of Bill Carpenter by June P. Miller

### Bereavement:

In Memory of Bill Carpenter by Charles & Erika Draffin



**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](mailto:savedbyhymn@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Committee Meetings

If you are on **Lay Leadership or Stewardship**, please mark your calendar for the following meetings:

\*\*Lay Leadership (Nominating) - Tuesday, Sept. 4, 5:30 pm

\*\*Stewardship - Thursday, Sept. 6, 5:30 pm

**Church Council, Board of Trustees and Finance** will have changes to their regular meeting times in September due to Labor Day Holiday:

\*\*Finance will meet September 10th at 5:30 pm

\*\*Church Council will meet September 10th at 7 pm

\*\*Board of Trustees will meet September 17th at 5:30 pm

**Israel Pilgrimage** – We have ordered plane Tickets for our Holy Land Pilgrimage, February 7 20, 2019. BUT, it's not too late! 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.



This innovative six-week experience, beginning Sept. 16, will enable participants to explore their spirituality through visual art.

You do not have to possess any artistic ability. This approach is designed for both persons without or with skills. It goes beyond to experiencing God simply by viewing art to experiencing God to creating art to experience God.

Though the schedule TENTATIVELY lists Sunday afternoons as meeting times, these are negotiable. We really would appreciate your participation. This is open to anyone in our community. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Mark no later than Wednesday, Sept. 5.

For a full details see the Aug. 8 and 15 issues of the newsletter or go to <http://cumcshelby.org/grow/adults/> on the website.

## Habitat Report for August

Hoey Bible \$15.75

Wesley 18.06

\$33.81

We ran into our next future homeowner in Subway restaurant with her son and others from the youth at Hoppers Chapel. She works full time, has a daughter starting nurses training and another freshman in college. She is doing her 200 hours of “sweat equity” right now to complete her requirements to become a homeowner. We are proud of her!



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[www.cumcshelby.org](http://www.cumcshelby.org)

And our Facebook page:

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