



# 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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## Shifting from Worship as an Event to Worship as a Lifestyle

Several years ago, a group in a local church studying worship was asked, "Who is the audience in worship?" The response from nearly everyone was that the congregation was the audience. The group leader pressed them further by asking, "But, isn't God the

audience?" This question prompted a great deal of pondering. Some confessed that they perceived worship as something for them, an event where they are "fed," and "something to be received for personal edification." They had not thought about what worship would be like if it really was all about God.

Phil Maynard in his book "Shift: Helping Congregations Back Into the Game of Effective Ministry," says

*Worship is about giving honor and glory to God. At a corporate level, worship is the gathering of the community of faith praise God, learn the ways of God, and be challenged to take the next steps in our commitment as disciples. At a personal level, worship is about living life in a way that honors God in all that we are and do.*

One observation that Maynard gleaned from both current research and his experience is

*Worship is not just about an event. It is a lifestyle. What we do in corporate worship has the opportunity to equip people to be better worshipers the rest of the week.*

In shifting from worship as an event to worship as a lifestyle, Maynard suggests each one consider these things:

- How I choose to use my time
- How I choose to use the resources God has provided
- The focus I place on loving my wife/husband and family
- The way I interact with a difficult person
- The priority I place on spending time with God
- My faithfulness on following through on commitments
- The excellence with which I perform the tasks of my job.

Of course, more can be added to this list, which illustrates how we can move worship out of the pew and into our daily living. Worship is not a spectator sport. Worship is a lifestyle. Praise be to God in all of life!

Blessings,  
Pastor Mark

## CUMC Prepares for Hurricane Florence

As Hurricane Florence approaches the North Carolina coast with anticipated impact upon our area, we want to be prepared. Please be aware of the following:

\*Pastors Mark (704-300-8326 [mbarden@wncumc.net](mailto:mbarden@wncumc.net)) and Fawn (954-547-2593 [fawn@cumcshelby.org](mailto:fawn@cumcshelby.org)) are standing by to coordinate response to your needs (i.e. fallen trees, medical issues, lack of electricity). Feel free to contact them at one of their numbers listed above and they will try to help.

\*If you would like to volunteer to help out in the response (i.e. help with limb removal, extra refrigerator/freezer storage, transportation), please contact one of the pastors by phone or email.

\*We will try to keep the congregation informed through the web page, Facebook page, email, etc. Be aware communication may be difficult if power is lost. However, both pastors have cell phones that should be operational.

\*We are in communication with the conference disaster response coordinators and will relay any information as we receive it.

\*If for some reason (i.e. loss of power) church services and activities will need to be cancelled, we will post the announcement by 6 am Sunday on the web page, Facebook, church telephone, Channel WCNC.

Most importantly, be in prayer! This storm will affect people up and down the eastern seaboard who will need our prayers and support in the day and weeks to come.



**September 16-22, 2018  
Calendar of Events**

**Sunday** (Seventeenth 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)  
 4:00pm Crossfire Rehearsal  
 5:30pm CUMC Youth

**Monday**

9:00am Church Office opens  
 11:00am Prayer Team  
 5:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday**

Counseling Center open (by appointment)  
 7:15am High School Breakfast at Chick-fil-A  
 9:00am Church Office opens  
 11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)  
 6:30pm Draw the Circle (Pastor Fawn's house)  
 7:00pm Central Ringers

**Wednesday**

9:00am Church Office opens  
 5:00pm Butterfly and Sonshine Choirs  
 6:00pm Youth Bible Study  
 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:15pm Praise Ensemble Rehearsal  
 7:15pm Discipler Study

**Thursday**

Counseling Center open (by appointment)  
 9:00am Church Office opens

**Friday**

9:00am Church Office opens

**Saturday**

11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)

**2018 Stewardship**

10:00 am Worship (September 9).....	139
Sunday School (September 9).....	50
2018 Operating Budget.....	\$776,410.22
2018 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$64,700.85
Total Receipts for Month of September.....	\$13,333.70
Total Receipts for 9/2/18-9/6/18.....	\$13,333.70



**BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA**

**Cub Scouting**

Our Cub Scouts are looking for new members. If you have a child K-5th grades who would like to join, please contact Chris Mabry at chris-mabry23@gmail.com or you can come to the Cub Pack 104 Organizational Meeting, Monday, September 17th at 6:00 pm in the Porter Activity Center.

**Serving Sunday, September 16, 2018**



**The Guppies**

Sunday School and Worship:  
Diana Mullinax

**Nursery Volunteer**

Sunday School: Janet Edwards  
Worship: Allison Mauney

**The Stars**

Sunday School and Worship:  
Linda Zachary

**Collection Counters:**

Mike Schenck and Mike Ribadeneyra

**Collection Counters 9/23/2018:**

Jessica Talbert and Mike Schenck

**Sunday School Assistant:**

Jim Lutz

**Children's Sermon:**

Savanna Craig



Keep an eye out for new things starting this Fall!  
 Contact Savanna at 704-487-6336 or [childrensministry@cumcshelby.org](mailto:childrensministry@cumcshelby.org) if you have any questions or need more information.

**Sunday School**—9-9:45 am every Sunday

**3rd Grade Bible Class**—If you're in 3rd grade this fall, get ready! On September 23rd, during Sunday School, we'll be starting our annual Bible Class. You'll get your very own bible on September 16th so be sure to bring it with you on the 23rd!

**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. Don't forget to head over to Got Books! at 814 Washington St with your \$10 certificate, pick out your books, check out using the certificate and place the books in the Central UMC bin. It's Easy Peasy! If you didn't get your certificate, Savanna still has some and will gladly give you one. Let's fill that little Library up!

**Godly Play** needs volunteers! If you would like to help, please contact Savanna as soon as possible.

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS  
**Weekly Update**



**Sunday**

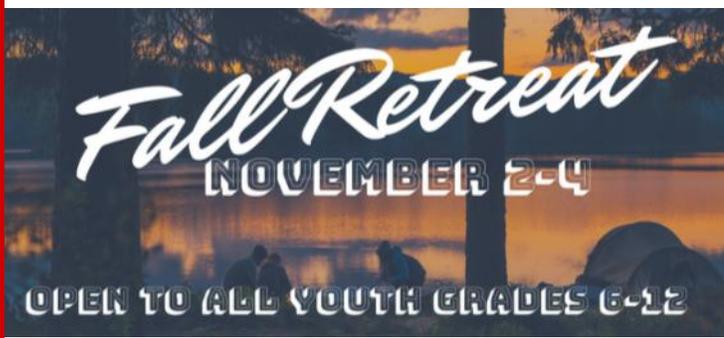
Tribes at 9 am  
 CUMC Youth Starts 5:30-7:30 pm

**Tuesday**

High School Breakfast at Chick-fil-A at 7:15 am

**Wednesday**

Youth Bible Study starts at 6 pm



**OWLS: Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors**



**September 17th**

**“How I Spent My Summer Vacations”**

Rhonda Keeley will share with us her adventures in Dubai, hiking in Croatia, and serving in Honduras.

Catered by J-Birds Deli

Contact the office to make your reservation.

(reservation deadline: 9/13/18)

**Upcoming Committee Meetings**

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



**Supper Club**

We have heard from a few people who plan to opt out of this session of Supper Club. Now we want to hear from those who would like to be added this next time. We will begin in October and end in January. It is for any person who would like to participate; singles are more than welcome! A group of eight people will meet once a month for dinner and each group will determine if they want to eat out; bring in; do covered dish, etc. People from previous groups will be reshuffled into new groups and new people will be added. There is always room for more! All current participants are urged to invite others to join! Contact Brenda Whicker to sign up mangrec@hotmail.com.

- September 16 Greer Dalton
- September 16 Patricia Holland
- September 16 Daniel Talbert
- September 17 Dave McDowell
- September 17 Jake Gallagher
- September 17 Zee Rempson
- September 18 Joe Hendrick
- September 18 Brad Hamrick
- September 18 Hannah Telle
- September 19 Becky Cook



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- September 19 James Bridges
- September 19 Jane Szymborski
- September 19 Jason Newman
- September 20 Rachel Fowler
- September 20 Beverly Shuford
- September 22 Naushaba Samuel
- September 22 Ellen Warlick
- September 22 Tommy Rempson
- September 22 Jackson Reid



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## Memorials and Honorariums

### Piano:

In Memory of Bill Carpenter by Bill & Jo Marsh  
In Memory of Jim Windham by Bill & Jo Marsh



**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)

### 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.

### Is God Calling You to Serve in 2019?

Please be in prayer for our Lay Leadership Team as they prepare the nominations for 2019. If you feel a call or desire to serve or know of someone who would be great on a particular committee or in a position, feel free to contact a member of the Lay Leadership Team. Members are Mark Barden (chair), Susan Mabry, Susan Tapp, Rex Whicker, Page Morgan, Rhonda Keeley, Julianne McDowell, Suzanne Hunter, and Wren Westbrook.

Areas to consider are Church Council, Trustees, Finance, Parsonage, Staff-Parish, Lay Leadership (Nominations), Legacy, Kids' Place, Evangelism, Outreach/Missions, Stewardship, Worship, and Discipleship.

### Parents of College Students

We'd love to send your college student our weekly newsletter and other church news. Please let Gina know their new mailing address and email address and whether they prefer the newsletter by email or mail.

## Fall Bible Studies

Mark your calendar for the many bible studies that will be starting this Fall. Additional information can be found on our website at

<http://cumcshelby.org/grow/adults/>

**\*\*Continue the SHIFT Conversation**

**Sundays, 11 am in Fellowship Hall**

**\*\*Discipler**

**Wednesdays, 7:15 pm in Conference Room**

**\*\*Experiencing God Through Visual Art**

**September 16th, 3 pm**

**\*\*Draw the Circle**

**Begins September 18th, 6:30 pm at Pastor Fawn's Home**

**\*\*Disciple Fast Track: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study**

**TBD**

**\*\*Word and Wine**

**Resumes October 1st 6:30 pm at Dragonfly**

**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.



Be sure to check out our website:

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

And our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/](http://www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/)

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!!!