



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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Take the Next Step by Donating Shoes

Everyone is invited to bring a pair of shoes (new or gently used) to worship for the worship area highlighting the theme, "Taking the Next Step." During the worship service, they will be collected and placed in the chancel to symbolize our journey to the cross. At the end of the series in mid-October, the shoes will be given to those who need them. This is just one gesture of taking into the world part of our worship experience in the Sanctuary.

Facility Upgrade Update

Central is blessed with a beautiful and functional facility that serve our Congregation and our Community. Over the years, our Staff and our Members have done quite an admirable job of not only maintaining our facilities, but keeping an eye on the future.

After many years of prolonged maintenance, the time has come to address several of our HVAC units that are in need of replacement and upgrades. Since the beginning of the year, we have replaced 4 HVAC units and have decided to replace our out of date cooling tower. A new treatment system will be added as well as an up to date system to control our HVAC systems in the Sanctuary and Education Building. This will provide us with continued comfort, ease of control as well as savings.

All of the above does come at an expense. Trustees have exhausted all available funds for this work while only providing part of the funding. With Trustee and Finance Committees working together, a plan has been made to borrow the necessary funds to accomplish the needed improvements. With the approval of our Church Council, our church will borrow the needed funds from The United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina at a very favorable rate and terms. Central is approved to borrow up to \$250,000. The terms are 4% interest with a 15 year term. Our monthly obligation for payment will be around \$1,850.00.

Work has already begun. Three new units have been installed in the Sanctuary, a new system for our office, and enhanced work completed in numerous areas. In the next couple of weeks, new wiring will be installed along with various monitors. The largest of these projects begins on Monday, October 8 when we will begin the replacement of the cooling tower for the Sanctuary Building. On this day, October 8, 2018 there will be **no power** for any of the facilities for most of the day. Starting the following day, Tuesday, October 9, all services will be functional in the Education Building. From Tuesday 10/9 through Friday 10/12, the Sanctuary Building will have power but no heat or air conditioning. We are sorry for the inconvenience and we thank you for your patience.

Your leadership team at Central continues to look ahead as to the future needs for our facilities. Please feel free to contact any of our team with questions.

Jessica Talbert
Matt Triplett
Mark Barden
Will Rucker
Chris Mabry

**September 23-29, 2018
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Eighteenth 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

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

Thursday

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

Friday

9:00am Church Office opens

Saturday

11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)

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.

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.

Serving Sunday, September 16, 2018



The Guppies

Sunday School and Worship:
 Diana Mullinax

Nursery Volunteer

Sunday School: Laura Rucker
 Worship: Allison Mauney

The Stars

Sunday School and Worship:
 Linda Zachary

Collection Counters:

Mike Schenck and Jessica Talbert

Collection Counters 9/30/2018:

Jessica Talbert and Matt Triplett

Sunday School Assistant:

Brenda Whicker

Children's Sermon:

Savanna Craig

2018 Stewardship

10:00 am Worship (September 16).....NA
 Sunday School (September 16).....NA
 2018 Operating Budget.....\$776,410.22
 2018 Monthly Budget Needs.....\$64,700.85
 Total Receipts for Month of September.....\$20,198.96
 Total Receipts for 9/2/18-9/6/18.....\$6,865.26



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

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.

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 at 6 pm



Keep an eye out for new things starting this Fall! Contact Savanna at 704-487-6336 or childrensministry@cumshelby.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! Bible Class will start this Sunday, September 23rd during Sunday School. Due to the Hurricane, bibles will be given out during class. See you then!

Change to Make a Change—If you got a certificate for books please, Don't forget to head over to Got Books! at 814 Washington St to "buy" books for the Little Library at Township 3 Elementary School. It's Easy Peasy, just bring your \$10 certificate, pick out your books, check out using the certificate and place the books in the Central UMC bin. 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.



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 23 Frank Sikes
- September 23 Linda Staymate
- September 23 Victoria Hunter
- September 24 Sarah Nestlerode
- September 24 Joe Whisnant
- September 25 Elaine Gregory
- September 25 Carol Rose
- September 25 Leigh Mabry
- September 25 Jack Lloyd
- September 25 Allie Hill



September BIRTHDAYS

- September 26 Ginny Hughes
- September 26 Ernie Godfrey
- September 26 Jennifer Tea
- September 26 Chase Chriscoe
- September 27 Isaiah Craig
- September 28 Bill McDaniel
- September 28 Dorothy Strickland
- September 28 Joanna Medlock
- September 28 Wray McDowell
- September 29 Sarah Johnson



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Calling all adult Sunday School Classes!

Elizabeth Program Information Session 9:00 am Fellowship Hall Sunday, September 30

Join Marty McCarty, retired Episcopal minister from Charlotte and Larry Newton, mental health counselor in Tryon as they explain the Elizabeth Program which seeks volunteers to train as mentors for medical students.

Why? Mentoring support is needed to overcome the expected roadblocks that the students will experience as they navigate medical school. The roadblocks can, and do, stop a student from fulfilling their desire to become a doctor and serve their local community. This is amply demonstrated in current medical school data that shows the shift that happens in the perspective of students from their first year to their last year: At the start of school, the students say their goal is to help the sick and injured; in their last year, their goal has shifted to becoming a specialist in a large city. A whopping 84% of the students elect a specialty, while the nation endures a family care shortage that is costly to our health and our community.

What will mentors do? Trained to mentor students on their virtues; mentors help keep students on track with what is most important to them, service, and specifically, service in their own rural community. Seven hours of training, then only an hour per month to mentor is all that is needed.

Has this program started elsewhere? Yes, active groups in Newton and Wadesboro, NC and Gaffney, SC have been started.

How can I help? Just come and listen to the presentation. A few of us might want to be a mentor and lots of us can help pass the word about this important program and invite our friends from all churches in the community to come to Central on September 30.

Thanks,
Stan Anthony, Rotarian and mayor
Brownie Plaster, community volunteer

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

****Experiencing God Through Visual Art**

September 16th, 3 pm

****Draw the Circle**

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm at Pastor Fawn's Home

****Disciple Fast Track: Becoming Disciples**

Through Bible Study

Tuesdays, start date TBD

****Word and Wine**

Resumes October 1st 6:30 pm at Dragonfly

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.

Memorials and Honorariums

Piano:

In Honor of Marilyn Jack by Bill & Jo Marsh

Handbells:

In Honor of All Central Musicians by Robert G. Laney, III

Bus Fund:

In Honor of Fawn Mikel, Anne Wray, and CUMC Senior Citizens by Bill & Jo Marsh



Be sure to check out our website:

www.cumcshelby.org

And our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/