



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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“Taking the Next Step” is our fall theme, which impacts every aspect of our growth as Christian disciples. Now is the time to see where we can take the next steps in our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. During the next two weeks, prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do regarding your faith estimate of giving for the coming year. We know circumstances change and understand this commitment may need to be adjusted accordingly. Here are some things to prayerfully consider:

1. Begin with an understanding of ownership.

As stewards of God's creation, we really don't own anything. It all belongs to God. From the beginning, God gave humankind the responsibility of caring for all of creation (Genesis 1,2). As caretakers, we are entrusted with using the resources to sustain life for the benefit of all. How we use creation's resources should begin with God's desire for their use.

2. Ground your decision in prayer.

Giving is an extension and reflection of our spirituality. As a spiritual discipline, a decision on giving is rooted in prayerful discernment. This is more of a heart process than a thought process. As Christians, we believe God will supply our needs. So, it is important to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in deciding of where our gifts go.

3. Don't settle for giving the leftovers.

Many givers in postmodern culture decide what to give by first determining the costs of both basic and perceived needs. If anything is left over, it is available for giving to God. This approach is counter to principles for giving found in the Bible and through the teachings of Jesus Christ. The concept of giving God the first fruits (Proverbs 3:9) goes back to the Children of Israel in the Old Testament. This practice reminds us of God's place in our lives and truly cultivates a reliance upon God to meet our needs.

4. Approach the tithe as a benchmark.

With its roots in the Old Testament (Genesis 14 and 28), tithing is a way of acknowledging God as the source

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Hurricane Michael Help

Members of our church, Nancy and Jerry Clark, are taking a truck to Panama City, Florida, on Wednesday, October 24th with supplies to help with the recovery from Hurricane Michael. Nancy has 15 family members affected by the storm and her home church was destroyed. The Saints and Sinners Sunday School class is asking any church members that would like to help to bring the following supplies Sunday, October 21st or by Tuesday, October 23rd to the church office.

32-64 oz. Liquid laundry detergent

16-34 oz dish soap

6-14 oz pump spray insect repellent or wipes

Reusable cleaning wipes

36-50 clothes pins

N95 respirator dust mask

Kitchen gloves

Paper towels

Household batteries

Energy Drinks (Gatorade, etc.)

16-40 oz Household cleaner (no sprays)

4-8 oz pump spray air freshener

Scrub brushes with and without handles

Scouring pads (no stainless steel)

50-100 foot clothesline

33-45 gallon Heavy duty trash bags (construction grade)

Work gloves (cotton with leather or all leather)

Toilet paper

Wet wipes

**October 21-27, 2018
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Twenty-second 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
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (in the PAC)
 6:30pm Word and Wine (at Dragonfly)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (in the PAC)

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
 6:45pm Messiah Rehearsal
 7:50pm 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)
 9:00am UMYF at Abuse Prevention Council

Serving Sunday, October 21, 2018



The Guppies

Sunday School and Worship:
 Diana Mullinax

Nursery Volunteer

Sunday School: Lori Wilson
 Worship: Allison Mauney

The Stars

Sunday School and Worship:
 Linda Zachary

Collection Counters:

Rebecca Wray and Sandy Allen

Collection Counters 10/28/2018:

Kent Bridges and Sandy Allen

Sunday School Assistant:

Jim Lutz

Children's Sermon:

Daniel Sprinkle

2018 Stewardship

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| 10:00 am Worship (October 14)..... | 240 |
| Sunday School (October 14)..... | 110 |
| 2018 Operating Budget..... | \$776,410.22 |
| 2018 Monthly Budget Needs..... | \$64,700.85 |
| Total Receipts for Month of October..... | \$28,565.26 |
| Total Receipts for 10/7/18-10/11/18..... | \$6,626.16 |



Kids Place Preschool

We have had a great start to our new school year! We have been learning, playing and making new friends! Please stop by and visit us anytime! Would you like to be a part of making a

difference in the life of a child? We are in need of scholarships. If you are interested in sponsoring a student or making a onetime donation please contact Shelley @ 704-487-6357 or make your donation to the Dianne in the church office, just mark it Kids Place Scholarship.



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| October 21 | Marywinn Amaya |
| October 21 | Mark Ausborn |
| October 21 | AnneMarie Wood |
| October 22 | Hanson Mabry |
| October 22 | McCall Cox |
| October 22 | Lindsay McGinnis |
| October 22 | Emma McGinnis |
| October 22 | Emma Richardson |
| October 23 | Claudia Lutz |
| October 24 | David Secrest |
| October 24 | Jackson Swenson |
| October 24 | Rocky Lutz |
| October 26 | Chuck Hamilton |
| October 26 | Olivia Hamrick |
| October 27 | Annie Shirk |

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS
Weekly Update

Sunday

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


Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Youth Bible Study at 6 pm

**Help at the
Abuse Prevention Council**



Any short rakes, pitchforks, or
shovels you can lend will go a long
way!

October 20 & 27
9-1pm



**Corn
Maze**
it's a-maize-ing!

October 21
5:30-8:00pm

Meet at the church

We'll eat together, before we go!

Bring \$8

Prospective Member Orientation

Are you interested in becoming a member of Central UMC or want more information about our church? If so, join Pastor Mark for a Prospective Member Orientation on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 11 am in the Conference Room.



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—During Sunday School in E312

Change to Make a Change — Our children have loved collecting loose change from parishioners during worship the last Sunday of every month. September's offering allowed the children to purchase shoes for other children in our community. So look under the sofa cushions, dig through the bottom of your purse and empty the car ashtray to help our children collect change on **Sunday, October 28th**, to be the change this world needs!

Taking the Next Step

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of all, a means to give thanks for all God's goodness and a spiritual discipline that draws us closer to God. For United Methodists, tithing (10%) is the "minimum goal of giving" according to the Book of Discipline. Tithing is viewed as a benchmark to measure growth. John Wesley said, "Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can." He expected Methodists in his day to give at least 10% of their earnings.

Take the next step... Today, the average United Methodist gives to the church about 2% of his/her income annually. The goal of 10% seems impossible to reach, especially to make the change in one year! However, there is a way to move toward the goal: step up a percentage point each year until you reach the 10% benchmark. For instance, if you are currently giving 2% annually, move to 3% the next year and then to 4% the following year until you reach 10%.

5. Respond willingly and joyfully.

Remember II Corinthians 9.7: "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

October Bible Studies

****Word and Wine** –Join us every Monday evening at 6:30 pm at Dragonfly Wine Market.

October 15th – Enneagram (a model of the human psyche which is principally understood and taught as a typology of nine interconnected personality types.)

October 22nd – Boycotts (how may we use our resources, buying power and voices to stand for justice for others)

****Disciple Fast Track: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study**—Tuesdays, starting October 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. Scriptures point to God and remind us of the love and grace in which God created us. Rob Laney will be leading this exhilarating study through the Bible.

****The Gospel of John** – Starts October 17th, Wednesday mornings, 9:30-10:30 am in the Conference Room. This study will provide inspiration and deeper understanding as we look at discipleship through a disciple. Together we will study the Scriptures, finding our own calling to follow Christ.

****In the Dust of the Rabbi** – Beginning Sunday, October 21st, 9 -9:45 am in the Conference Room. For 5 weeks we will travel to the Holy Land via video and walk closely behind Jesus... close enough to feel the dust of his footsteps fall upon us, helping us become more like him.

**** Discipler** —Begins Tuesday, October 23rd, 6:30 pm, at Pastor Fawn's home Developing a mature relationship with Jesus takes intentionality and commitment. Doing it alone is difficult. This study guides participants with engaging activities around six key dimensions of discipleship: worship, hospitality, opening to Jesus, obeying Jesus, service, and generosity.



Hot Lunch Ministry

It is getting to be that time of year when the air gets colder and we are getting out our sweaters and jackets. However, some in our community do not have warmer clothes for the Fall and coming Winter. The Hot Lunch ministry is accepting donations of new or gently used coats, jackets, sweaters, gloves, hats, and blankets. Please bring your items to the church office.



“Social Justice as Evangelism”

featuring Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III

Sat, October 27, 2018

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM EDT

University City United Methodist Church

3835 West W. T. Harris Boulevard

Charlotte, NC 28269

This is a free event presented by the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina in collaboration with Justice and Reconciliation Ministries of the Western North Carolina Conference. This event is generously sponsored by the Reynolds Ministry Fund. The event is open to both clergy and laity. Registration is required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/social-justice-as-evangelism-featuring-rev-dr-otis-moss-iii-tickets-48380008909>. Lunch will be available on site at a cost of \$10/person. Cash or check only. No cards accepted. This event is most appropriate for adults. High School Youth are permitted to attend. This event is not recommended for children under 13. Childcare will not be available on site. Parking is available on the University City UMC campus. Carpooling is recommended. Please contact Caroline Cox, Director of Reynolds Ministries and Programs at the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, with questions: (email) ccox@umfwnc.org (office) 888-450-1956

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.

CUMC Family Pumpkin Carving Contest and Fall Celebration

Sunday, October 28th, 5-7 pm
FREE!!

But please RSVP by October 21 so we can be sure to have enough supplies.

You may register by email to childrensministry@cumcshelby.org or online at <https://docs.google.com>



WHO: Any and all are welcome. Please invite a family or two that are not a part of CUMC to come

WHAT: Food, Fun, Fellowship, Friendly Competition, and Prizes

WHERE: CUMC PAC and Back Parking Lot

WHY: God's love is seen best in the context of loving community....Come be a part of giving and receiving that love!

WEAR: Your best, funnest, most creative Halloween Costume.

**CUMC families, please bring a pumpkin for your family to carve

Prescription/Over-the-Counter Bottles

Someone recently shared with me the need for prescription and over-the-counter medical containers in 3rd world countries. When medications are available, people are most often forced to loosely carry them. We can easily help meet the need! Bring your empty prescription, vitamin, over-the-counter medicine bottles to the church office or place them in the basket located outside the sanctuary in the hallway. Please remove any labels with your name.

IT'S A BUSHEL OF FUN!
The Aldersgate Apple Butter Festival
Saturday, October 20, 2018
9 am - 3 pm

Aldersgate UMC, Hwy 74, Shelby

Apple Butter
Baked Goods
Chicken Pies

Bouncy House
Schiele Museum
Antique Cars



ACOLYTES



ACOLYTE TRAINING –

If you are in 3rd grade or older and would like to serve in this special way you are invited to join us on Sunday, October 28th, at 11 am in the Sanctuary, followed by a pizza lunch in the Fellowship Hall. New acolytes as well as those who have served before are encouraged to attend! Please confirm your attendance with Holli Goforth Clark or the church office.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

CUMC is dedicated in keeping our children and youth safe. Adults and youth working with children are required to be trained each year to cover safety practices. If you work with children or youth in our church, please plan to attend one of the following training events:

- *Sunday, October 21st, at 11 am
- *Wednesday, October 24th at 1:15 pm
- *Wednesday, October 24th at 6 pm



200 East Marion St
Shelby, NC 28150

OWLS

Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors



November 8th

“The Hound of the Baskervilles”

Hendersonville Flat Rock Playhouse
Performance and Lunch

\$39 + a small amount for gasoline.
(reservation deadline: 10/18/18)

HURRICANE FLORENCE RELIEF –

HELP!!!! Volunteers are needed at the Mission Response Center in Terrell to sort and pack humanitarian aid for those affected by recent hurricanes. We will take a group of volunteers on Tuesday, November 6th. We will meet at 8:30 am in the church parking lot and travel together. Bring a sack lunch! What a great opportunity for us to help those who have lost so much!

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Honor of Paul & Pat Ellison by Scott & Sheila Ellison

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Join Pastor Fawn on Saturday, October 20th, at 3 pm at the Mush, Music, and Mutts Festival for the Blessing of the Animals! See you in front of Rollover Pets!

SAVE THE DATE: November 16-17, 2018



Get Ready for a great opportunity to be the hands, feet and heart of Jesus in our community as we serve throughout Shelby, November 16-17. We will feed the hungry, visit the lonely, prepare space for the homeless and love as Jesus does. A variety of projects with a variety of skill needs including all ages will be available for you to choose from... and we want **EVERYONE** to participate. Because **together we are the body of Christ!** So set aside one of these days and join God and serve others in God's name.



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.