

# 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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We hope that you and your family will spend

## Christmas at Central

*Yes, it will be here before you know it!  
Some of our special celebrations are starting this  
weekend! We hope you'll join us this Friday  
evening and be sure to mark your calendar for the  
following events.*

### **Uptown Shelby Holiday Celebration**

*\*In the Fellowship Hall*

**November 23rd, 6-8 pm – family craft time\***

**November 30th, 6-8 pm – decorate**

*Gingerbread Houses\**

**December 7th, 6-8 pm – Christmas caroling  
on the church steps with Crossfire, Central  
Ringers, and Praise Ensemble**

**December 14th, 7-9 pm—Handel's Messiah  
performance in the Sanctuary**

### **Special Events**

**December 7th, noon - Kid's Place Christmas  
Program**

**December 9th, 5 pm—Biblical Story of  
Christmas, Christmas Children's Program**

**December 16th, 5:30 –7:30pm – One Starry  
Night at Aldersgate UMC**

**January 9th, noon -- Kid's Place Epiphany  
Service**

## **Gathering Stories of Faith**

Sunday was a wonderful celebration of some of the ministries of Central UMC that have impacted the lives of those around us. There are many stories to tell and we would like to share them. We will begin video taping short interviews to share periodically in worship with responses to the question, "How has the ministry of Central UMC helped you grow in your Christian faith?" A sign-up sheet is on the table in the hallway outside the choir room. You may contact Pastor Mark ([mbarden@wnccumc.net](mailto:mbarden@wnccumc.net), 704-300-8326) for more information or to arrange a time.

## **Bible Study Update**

\*\*Word and Wine will not meet November 25th. We will resume on December 3rd at 6:30 pm at Dragonfly Wine Market.

\*\*Pastor Fawn will be starting a new study that will begin Sunday, December 2nd at 9 am in the Conference Room. This 5 week study will examine Joseph the earthly father of Jesus Christ. We hope to see you there.



We want to thank everyone for their prayers, supplies and support that were given since Hurricane Michael devastated my home town,

Panama City. Everyone was so grateful. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. We feel blessed to be part of CUMC.

In Christ's Love,  
Nancy & Jerry

**November 25-December 1, 2018  
Calendar of Events**

**Sunday** (Christ the King Sunday)  
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 NO Crossfire Rehearsal  
5:30pm UMYF Movie Night

**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 Disciple Bible Study (Conference Room)  
7:00pm Central Ringers

**Wednesday**  
9:00am Church Office opens  
9:30am Gospel of John Bible Study (Conference Room)  
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 closed  
9:00am Church Office opens

**Friday**  
9:00am Church Office opens  
6:00pm Make Gingerbread Houses (Fellowship Hall)

**Saturday**  
11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)

**Serving Sunday, November 25, 2018**



**The Guppies**  
Sunday School and Worship:  
Diana Mullinax

**Nursery Volunteer**  
Sunday School: Jessica Talbert  
Worship: Leigh Mabry

**The Stars**  
Sunday School and Worship:  
Linda Zachary

**Collection Counters:**  
Allison Mauney and Chris Mabry

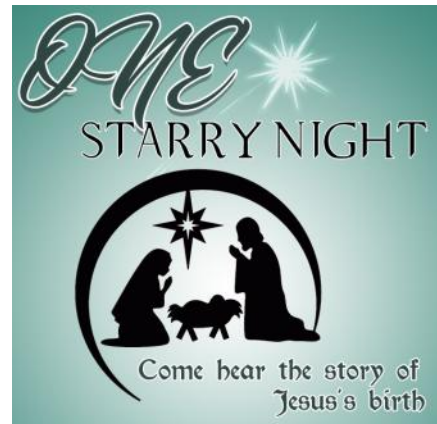
**Collection Counters 12/2/2018:**  
Allison Mauney and Jim Morgan

**Sunday School Assistant:**  
Don Telle

**Children's Sermon:**  
Billie Ann Haynes

**2018 Stewardship**

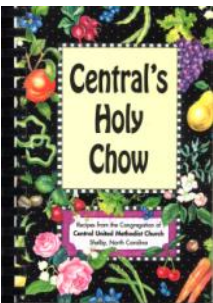
10:00 am Worship (November 18).....	246
Sunday School (November 18).....	124
2018 Operating Budget.....	\$776,410.22
2018 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$64,700.85
Total Receipts for Month of November.....	\$21,226.03
Total Receipts for 11/11/18-11/15/18.....	\$7,050.00



Aldersgate UMC (Shelby) has invited us to join them for a family fun Christmas event called One Starry Night. It is sure to be a special family night in which you will walk from station to station witnessing a live retelling of the story of Jesus' birth. Make plans now to join them from 5:30-7:30 on Sunday, December 16th. Registration will happen in the sanctuary and groups will leave every 10 minutes starting at 5:30.

**Central's Holy Chow Cookbook**

The WINGS circle has many cookbooks still for sale. They are \$15 each and available in the office. They make great Christmas presents! If you don't have one come by and pick one up today!



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/)

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS  
**Weekly Update**

**Sunday**

Tribes at 9 am

UMYF Movie night at 5:30 pm

\*\*Haywood Street Trip has been canceled



**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

Youth Bible Study at 6 pm

**December 16th**

UMYF Christmas Party



Keep an eye out for new things starting this Fall!  
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 every Sunday

**3rd Grade Bible Class**—During Sunday School in E312

**Godly Play**—All K-2nd graders will meet in the Godly Play rooms for Sunday School.

**Change to Make a Change** — Our children have loved collecting loose change from parishioners during worship the last Sunday of every month. So look under the sofa cushions, dig through the bottom of your purse and empty the car ashtray to help our children collect change Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, to be the change this world needs!



**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.

**Poinsettias and Wreath Order Forms** will be available on Sunday, November 25th. Poinsettias are \$15 and wreaths are \$20. Deadline will be December 16th. Please place completed forms with your check in the offering plate.



November 26	John Lutz
November 26	Elaine Koder
November 27	Tom Hawkins
November 28	Greg Gallagher
November 28	Karen McGinnis
November 28	Matt Ferguson
November 28	Porter Yelton
November 28	Talmadge Strickland
November 30	Angie Atkinson
December 1	Liberty Fortenberry
December 1	Silas Goss



Many thanks to our CUMC family for supporting the WinGS Chili and Dessert sale on Sunday. We sold out of chili in short time, and all the baked goods were purchased, too. Hope you enjoy your items, and perhaps we can do it again in 2019.



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### Memorials and Honorariums

#### **Pastor's Discretionary:**

In Honor of Becky Cook by the Wesley Class  
In Honor of Cecil Jenkins by the Wesley Class  
In Honor of Barbara Schafer by the Wesley Class

#### **Piano:**

In Honor of Bill Jack by Bill & Jo Marsh  
In Honor of Paul & Pat Ellison by Scott & Sheila Ellison

#### **Kid's Place Scholarship:**

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

#### **School Ministries:**

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

### **Visioning Team Begins Work**

The visioning team, appointed by Church Council Chairperson Jessica Talbert has met for the first time with Kim Shockley, our district congregational vitality strategist. Kim is leading our team on laying the groundwork for ministry at Central UMC in the future. Beginning with the "playbook" developed by the Council several years ago, the team will update it and work on ways we can focus on doing what God is calling us to do well instead of "being scattered" in our approach to ministry.

Kim is helping the team to understand the nature of visioning, which is based on God's picture of a preferred future for Central UMC. She said it is important to keep vision fluid, adaptable, flexible with changing culture. Vision becomes the heart of an organization – everything you do has to run through the vision, much like the circulatory system runs through the heart.

Please keep our team in your prayers and feel free to be in conversation with them about the future. Members are Chris Mabry, Ethan Richardson, Bob Snyder, Sarah Nestlerode, Rob Mauney, Marilyn Henshaw, Suzanne Hensley, Fawn Mikel and Mark Barden.

**HOSPICE MEALS** – Shelby is blessed to have a vibrant and active Meals on Wheels program. However, it has reached its capacity to assist in our community. Hospice of Cleveland County has asked CUMC to partner with their patients in providing healthy, hot meals to those in need. The Hot Lunch Ministry will prepare the meals... we need adults capable of delivering the meals to homes on Tuesdays and Saturdays. You may wish to deliver once a week or once a month... all assistance will be appreciated. If you are interested in serving please contact Fawn at the church office.

### **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.



### **Church Office Hours for the Holidays**

Please make note of the following changes in office hours during the upcoming Holiday season.

#### **Thanksgiving:**

**November 21**—Office closes at 1 pm.

**November 22-23**—Office Closed

#### **Christmas and New Years:**

**December 25-26**—Office Closed-no newsletter this week.

**January 1**—Office Closed