



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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Pray for Called Session of General Conference

The called session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church is one month away. The task of this session is to make decisions concerning possible revisions of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church.

Decisions made at this conference will affect our denomination significantly. Please keep our delegates in your prayers as they discern the Holy Spirit's leading of our denomination into the future. Below is a listing of our delegation. We hope that you will pray each day for the delegate listed and for all the delegates while the conference is in session.

For more information, go to

<https://www.wnccumc.org/commissiononawayforwardresources>.

Delegates *(Clergy in Italics)*

1/30 - Davis, Jennifer (Chair of Delegation)

1/31 - *Ingram, Kimberly*

2/1 - Burton, Jennifer

2/2 - *Coles, Amy*

2/3 - Gilbert, M. Lynne

2/4 - *Christy, David*

2/5 - Hooker, Jr., Coley

2/6 - *Stanley, Ashley Crowder*

2/7 - Johnson, Amy

2/8 - *Lee, In-Yong*

2/9 - Sherfey, Shannon

2/10 - *Howell, James*

2/11 - Hieronymus, Sandra (Sandy)

2/12 - *Troxler, Jeremy*

2/13 - Dozier, Henry (Hank)

2/14 - *Moore, Jr., Samuel*

2/15 - Upchurch, Robert

2/16 - *Boggs, John*

2/17 - Lanier, Tonya

2/18 - *Patterson, Jeffrey*

Reserve Delegates

2/19 - McKinney, Sarah

2/20 - *Queen, Sally M.*

2/21 - Woods, Andrew

2/22 - *Webb, Shelly*

2/23-26 – Entire Delegation while at General Conference

Mark your calendar, It's time for



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5:30 - 7:00pm



Valentine Banquet

Hosted by

CUMC Youth

\$10 Adults; \$5 Children

Find one of our awesome youth to reserve tickets!

All proceeds will go towards
Central Youth Ministries!

Join us for:

A Menu of Veggie Lasagna, Romaine Salad, Cheesy Garlic Bread, and Homemade Cakes and Cupcakes;
a Silent Auction;
and a night of entertainment from our students!

**January 27-February 2, 2019
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Third Sunday after Epiphany)

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)
 4:30pm Crossfire
 5:30pm UMYF

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)
 9:00am Church Office opens
 7:15am High School Breakfast at Chick-fil-A
 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
 7:15pm Praise Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday

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

Friday

9:00am Church Office opens

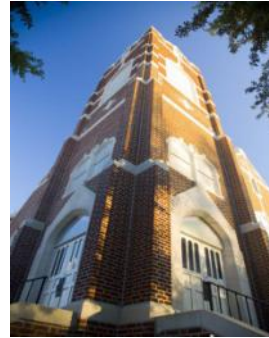
Saturday

11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)

2018 Stewardship

10:00 am Worship (January 20).....172
 Sunday School (January 20).....95
 2019 Operating Budget.....TBD
 2019 Monthly Budget Needs.....TBD
 Total Receipts for Month of January.....\$32,154.85
 Total Receipts for 1/13/19-1/17/19.....\$14,024.50

Serving Sunday, January 27, 2019



The Guppies

Sunday School and Worship:
 Diana Mullinax

The Stars

Sunday School and Worship:
 Linda Zachary

Nursery Volunteer:

Sunday School: Laura Rucker
 Worship: Lori Wilson

Collection Counters:

Mitch Hensley and Mike Ribadeneyra

Collection Counters 2/3/2019:

Mitch Hensley and Will Rucker

Sunday School Assistant:

Janet Edwards

Children's Sermon:

Laura Rucker

Experiencing God through Spiritual Art

“I can’t imagine spiritual growth without art!” This is just one response from last fall’s class, Experiencing God through Visual Art. The experience was so meaningful and helpful, participants requested that it continue. So, in a modified format that does not require weekly participation, you are invited to join the spiritual journey using the arts.

Led by Pastor Mark, the gathering will take place each Sunday 3-5 pm in Room S309 (off the youth lounge area on the third floor of the Sanctuary building). You are invited to any or all the sessions, each one a self-contained module. Every meeting will open with a meditation and topical discussion followed by a creating experience. The remainder of the class will be for participants to work on a continuing project if they like or just “play and experiment” with various art mediums.

The schedule from now until Easter is:

Feb. 3 – Getting Started: Find Out How Everyone is an Artist in a Non-Threatening Environment.

10 – Putting an Abstraction into an Artistic Form through a Centering

17 – Different Perspectives of the Same Work of Art: Honoring Differing Ideas

24 – Creating a Visual Diary

March 3 – Created from Clay Meditation

10 – Right Brain, Left Brain: Impact on Creativity

17 – The Arts as Spiritual Practice: Visio Divina

24 – Pulling It Together Using A Collage

31 – Clay Meditation for Discernment: Find It In the Clay

April 7 – Where is the Beauty in the Unbeautiful?



MEAL DELIVERY

Our community has adults struggling with hunger and catastrophic health issues. We have the ability to help by delivering hot meals to them on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Would you be able to deliver occasionally? As a matter of fact we need someone to deliver this coming Tuesday! Contact Fawn to serve!



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

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, January 27th, to be the change this world needs!

VBS—Save the Date, June 23-27, 5-8 pm! Supper to be provided.



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| January 28 | Matt Triplett |
| January 28 | Alexi Canoutas |
| January 29 | Lynn Carter |
| January 29 | Justin McDaniel |
| January 29 | Chris Mabry |
| January 30 | Nancy Morgan |
| January 30 | Shep Hamrick |
| January 31 | Gene Cook |
| January 31 | Susan Tapp |
| January 31 | Bruce Cox |
| February 1 | Anne Wray |
| February 2 | Beth Story |
| February 2 | Michael Wood |
| February 2 | Jessica Talbert |
| February 2 | Robert Gallagher |
| February 2 | Hayden Porter |

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

Sunday

Tribes at 9 am
UMYF at 5:30 pm

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Youth Bible Study at 6 pm

MEET ONCE A MONTH.
DO LIFE TOGETHER.



*small
group*



LAUNCH WEEKEND
JANUARY 25-26

CONTACT
NICK@CUMCSHELBY.ORG
FOR MORE DETAILS

HOT LUNCH MINISTRY

Servers and cleaning crew members are needed every Tuesday and Saturday. We especially need help in picking up food on Fridays (10-11:30 am) and Saturdays (12:30 pm). You don't have to assist every week. Call Fawn if you are interested in helping. AND... Don't forget: 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.



200 East Marion St
Shelby, NC 28150

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Bea Justis by Jeffrey & Patricia Taylor

In Memory of Lou Alice Whisnant by John & Stuart Schweppe

In Memory of Lou Alice Whisnant by June Miller

AMISHLANDS Pennsylvania

April 29-May 2, 2019 Central UMC and First Baptist Church will travel together for 4 days and 3 nights of experiencing the beauty of the Amish country and her people. Our experience will include transportation, lodging, meals, a performance of "Jesus" at the Millennium Theater (sold-out in 2018), tours and more. Go to <http://cumcshelby.org/grow/adults/>, pick up a brochure, or contact Fawn for more information.

Catawba Valley Lay Servant Training

March 10, 17, 24, and 31

3:00 – 5:30 pm

Park Street UMC, 120 Park Street, Belmont, NC
Each course consists of four Sunday afternoon class meetings. Attendance will be required all four days in order to complete the 10 hours needed for certification. Cost for each Lay Speaking course is \$25 per student. You may register and pay online at <https://wnc-reg.brtapp.com/>

[CatawbaValleyLayServantTrainingSpring2019](https://wnc-reg.brtapp.com/CatawbaValleyLayServantTrainingSpring2019)

or mail a check. If paying by check, make checks payable to Catawba Valley District WNCUMC. Designate your check for "Lay Servant Training" and include the name of the student. Mail your payment **to be received in the District Office by March 4, 2019**, to:

Jana Alexander
CV District Office
166 East Main Avenue
Gastonia, NC 28052

Bible Study Update

****Word and Wine** –Join us every Monday evening at 6:30 pm at Dragonfly Wine Market, 101 West Warren Street, Shelby.

January 28th – Sex Recession Has the sexual revolution come to an end? Could we be seeking a new understanding of sexuality as a culture?

****The Gospel of John** –Wednesday mornings, 9:30-10:30 am, 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 Conference Room)

****With All Your Heart Bible Study** Join Pastor Fawn on Sunday mornings [9-9:45 am] in the Conference Room to consider how we need to remember our need for God in this study by teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan. Through video Vander Laan will guide us to through the Promised Land as we discover the geographical, cultural and historical context of the Scriptures.



Nursery Staff Position

Open – Central UMC is looking for part-time persons to staff our nursery on Sunday mornings and as available for special events.

Qualifications include loving God and God's smallest children. For more information, contact Fawn in the church office.

Prescription/Over-the-Counter Bottles

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 for use in 3rd world countries. (Please remove any labels with your name.)



Be sure to check out our website:

www.cumcshelby.org

And our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/