

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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5:30 - 7:00pm

Valentine Banquet

Hosted by
CUMC Youth

Have you got your tickets yet?

Join us for:

A Menu of

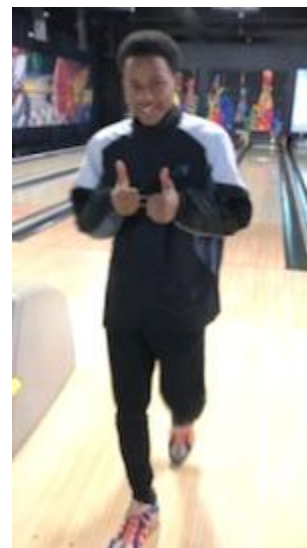
Veggie Lasagna, Romaine Salad,
Cheesy Garlic Bread,
and Homemade Cakes and Cupcakes;
a Silent Auction;
and a night of entertainment from our students!

\$10 Adults; \$5 Children

Find one of our awesome youth to reserve tickets or
contact Nick in the office.

All proceeds will go towards
Central Youth Ministries!

The Youth had a grand time this past weekend as they launched their Monthly Small Groups with 2 days of fun, service, and fellowship. More pictures are available on our website, <http://cumcshelby.org/grow/youth/>. Off we go!!



**February 3-9, 2019
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Fourth 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 NO 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
5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
6:30pm Disciple Bible Study (Conference Room)
7:00pm Central Ringers
7:00pm Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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)

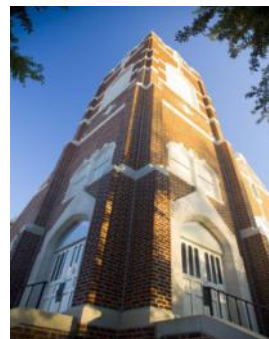
2018 Stewardship

10:00 am Worship (January 27).....	186
Sunday School (January 27).....	90
2019 Operating Budget.....	TBD
2019 Monthly Budget Needs.....	TBD
Total Receipts for Month of January.....	\$63,219.45
Total Receipts for 1/20/19-1/25/19.....	\$31,064.60

New Conference Office Ribbon Cutting

Join Bishop Paul Leeland and Conference officials for a ribbon cutting and official consecration of the new conference office building on the afternoon of Saturday, February 16 at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments and building tours to follow. Located at 13924 Professional Center Dr, Huntersville.

Serving Sunday, February 3, 2019



The Guppies
Sunday School and Worship:
Amy Lookabill

The Stars
Sunday School and Worship:
Linda Zachary

Nursery Volunteer:
Sunday School: Evelyn Ribadeneyra
Worship: Jessica Talbert

Collection Counters:
Mitch Hensley and Will Rucker

Collection Counters 2/10/2019:
Rocky Lutz and Will Rucker

Sunday School Assistant:
Lynn Carter

Children's Sermon:
Savanna Craig

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?



Keep an eye out for new things starting this Fall! Contact Savanna at 704-487-6336 or childrensministry@cumeshelby.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, February 24th, to be the change this world needs!

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

United Methodist Women

Prayer Breakfast

Aldersgate UMC
February 23rd

Gathering 8:30 am
Brunch 9:00 am
Program 10:00 am

Featuring:

Fawn Mikel

“Holy Land: A Mission Trip”

Cost is \$8

Contact Aldersgate at 704-487-8491 to make reservations

Reservation deadline February 20th

MEAL DELIVERY

CUMC is partnering with Hospice by delivering hot meals to patients on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Would you be able to deliver occasionally?

Contact Fawn at the church office to serve.



CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

Sunday

Tribes at 9 am
NO UMYF

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Youth Bible Study at 6 pm

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 am). You don't have to assist every week. Call Fawn if you are interested in serving God and our community.

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.)



February 7	Martha Ballinger
February 8	David Rose
February 8	John Reid
February 8	Danny Buckner
February 9	Lisa Clary
Correction from last week:	
January 29	Christian Mabry



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Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Lou Alice Whisnant by Lillian Michael and Laura Moncure

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 and to make your reservation. This is a first-come first-serve event and slots are filling up fast. Deadline for reservations is February 28th.

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



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.

Bible Study Update

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

February 4th – Exploring Space – What does the cosmos hold for humanity... and what are our responsibilities?

****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.

****Following Jesus So Closely...** -- Have you ever had an experience when you were very aware of God’s presence in your life? It may have been in a moment (birth of a child, a wonder in nature), or it may have been during a critical period (illness, grief, a major change in life). We are hoping to share our stories with a Lenten devotional. EVERY story is important! Please, write your experience and submit to the church office by February 28th.