

# 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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Our annual Valentine Banquet was a roaring success! The youth raised over \$3000 thanks to your support. Check out <http://cumcshelby.org/grow/> for more pictures.

## 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.brtaapp.com/>

[CatawbaValleyLayServantTrainingSpring2019](https://wnc-reg.brtaapp.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



Often we have individuals in our congregations and communities who have family

members that live with mental health concerns or substance abuse. How many sit in our congregations or community and silently suffer alone? How can we assist them and our neighbors? Mental Health First Aid is excellent training. We need a minimum of 15 in the class for Atrium to provide the training.

**All courses run 8 am - 5 pm. Lunch is provided. We are offering 3 opportunities to participate in the training:**

- **March 9**, Asbury UMC, 3097 Asbury Church Road, Lincolnton, NC 28092
- **April 6**, Cleveland County Health Center, 200 South Post Road, Shelby NC 28150
- **May 4**, First UMC, 807 South Point Road, Belmont NC 28012

For more information or to register for these classes, visit <https://wnc-reg.brtaapp.com/MentalHealthFirstAidTraining>

**February 17-23, 2019  
Calendar of Events**

**Sunday** (Sixth 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

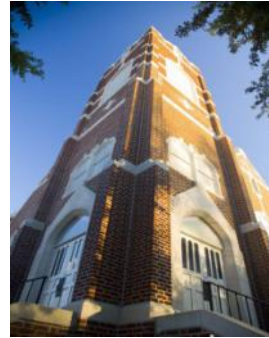
**Friday**

9:00am Church Office opens

**Saturday**

11:30am Hot Lunch Program (PAC)

**Serving Sunday, February 17, 2019**



**The Guppies**

Sunday School and Worship:  
Amy Lookabill

**The Stars**

Sunday School and Worship:  
Linda Zachary

**Nursery Volunteer:**

Sunday School: Leigh Mabry  
Worship: Jessica Talbert

**Collection Counters:**

Rocky Lutz and Pat Tiernan

**Collection Counters 2/24/2019:**

Christ Mabry and Pat Tiernan

**Sunday School Assistant:**

Don Telle

**Children's Sermon:**

Caroline Laney

**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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. (Please remove any labels with your name.)

**Upcoming Orientation Session**

Are you interested in finding out more about membership at Central UMC? If so, Pastor Mark will lead an orientation on Sunday, March 3, following worship in the Conference Room. For more information, feel free to contact Pastor Mark.

**Memorials and Honorariums**

**Operating:**

In Memory of Bea Justis by Barbara McLarty



**Blood Drive**

February 19th from 2-6:30 pm  
At Central UMC  
Fellowship Hall  
Call 1800-RED-CROSS to  
schedule an appointment.

**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.



Contact Savanna at 704-487-6336 or [childrensministry@cumeshelby.org](mailto: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.



Join our **Older, Wiser, Lovelier Seniors (OWLS)** on Monday, February 18th, we will meet at 11:30 am for a Memory Monday Meal at Ken and Mary's, 1628 S. Dekalb, Shelby. Hope you will join us!



## February Birthdays

February 18	Betty Harris
February 18	Steve Smith
February 19	Anna Keeley
February 21	Kim Burton
February 21	David Parker
February 21	Zella Rempson
February 22	Mary Frances Story
February 22	Will Mabry
February 22	Chris Mabry
February 23	Amy Hamilton
February 23	LeeAnne McDowell

## 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

## 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 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?

## 2018 Stewardship

10:00 am Worship (February 10).....	165
Sunday School (February 10).....	103
2019 Operating Budget.....	756,951.67
2019 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$63,079.31
**Year to Date Received.....	\$119,276.24
Total Receipts for 2/3/19-2/6/19.....	\$20,272.21
Over/—Under Budget for the year.....	\$46,492.29

\*\*Year to Date Received amount includes prepayments of 2019 commitments.



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### 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.

### 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.

### 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 18th**— Pet Therapy – Can God use our pets to aid our anxiety and healing? As Christians, how do we balance our own needs with the needs of others?

**\*\*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 28<sup>th</sup>.

### 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