



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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AMISHLANDS Pennsylvania Trip

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.

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

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.

General Conference 2019 will begin their day on February 23, as a day of prayer. They will be in their working session February 24-26. **We ask that you keep all delegates in prayer.**

2/20 - *Sally M. Queen*

2/21 - Andrew Woods

2/22 - *Shelly Webb*

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

Prayer scripture:

February 23 - Jeremiah 29:11

February 24 - Hebrews 13:20-21

February 25 - James 1-5

February 26 - Proverbs 3:5-6

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

**February 24-March 2, 2019
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Seventh 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
 6:00pm Parent Ministry Seminar (Fellowship Hall)

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
 5:00pm 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 (February 17).....	188
Sunday School (February 17).....	63
2019 Operating Budget.....	756,951.67
2019 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$63,079.31
**Year to Date Received.....	\$127,665.24
Total Receipts for 2/3/19-2/6/19.....	\$8,389.00
Over/—Under Budget for the year.....	\$40,324.53

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



Be sure to check out our
 website: www.cumcshelby.org
 And our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/

Serving Sunday, February 24, 2019



The Guppies
 Sunday School and Worship:
 Diana Mullinax

The Stars
 Sunday School and Worship:
 Linda Zachary

Nursery Volunteer:
 Sunday School: Rita Chen
 Worship: Evelyn Ribadeneyra

Collection Counters:
 Christ Mabry and Pat Tiernan

Collection Counters 3/3/2019:
 Christ Mabry and Matt Triplett

Sunday School Assistant:
 Jim Lutz

Children's Sermon:
 Lori Wilson

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 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?



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.

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 And March Birthdays

February 24	Lindsay Hamrick
February 24	Abbie Ribadeneyra
February 25	Margaret Dedmond
February 26	Barek Cardell
February 27	Bretta Lundquist
February 28	Brenda Whicker
March 1	Erin Wilson

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

Sunday

Tribes at 9 am
UMYF at 5:30 pm

Parent Ministry Seminars

Understanding TEENAGE BRAINS

This Sunday, February 24
6-7pm, in the midst of UMYF!
Feel free to stay for worship from 7-7:30pm!



Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Youth Bible Study at 5 pm—New Time!

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.



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.



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Shelby, NC 28150

Bible Study Update

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

****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.

We are a **Safe Sanctuary** and a **Tobacco-Free Campus**.

Please be sure that your children are accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult caregiver. We appreciate your assistance as we strive to ensure the safety of all.

Church policy prohibits the use of tobacco products on our church grounds.

Thank you for your cooperation!!!

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Bea Justis by Paul & Pat Ellison

In Memory of Adelaide Craver by Paul & Pat Ellison

In Memory of Lou Alice Whisnant by Paul & Pat Ellison

In Memory of Tom Ellis by Paul & Pat Ellison

In Memory of Frederick C. Meekins, Sr. by Paul & Pat Ellison

Piano:

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

School Ministries:

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

Literature:

In Honor of Julian Wray, Rob Laney, Brownie Plaster, Tommy Rempson, and Fawn Mikel by Saints and Sinners Class

**MENTAL
HEALTH
FIRST AID®**

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. To register for these classes, visit <https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/>

[MentalHealthFirstAidTraining](https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/). 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