



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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The Hot Lunch Ministry team is considering new ways God is calling Central UMC to serve our community. We are energized and committed, as individuals and a team, to grow as disciples of Christ AND share Christ with our world. To do so, we have decided to take a sabbatical from the ministry the month of March, beginning March 3rd. We will use this time to consider how God may want us to engage with our community in new and more relational ways, how we can be more welcoming and embracing, how we can provide greater hospitality, giving our very best, with efficiency and good stewardship of our resources and gifts. Our guests have been invited to join us in this process and they are excited to be included.

But during this time, people will still be hungry. Our guests know that Mt. Calvary Baptist Church provides lunches on Tuesdays. We would like to provide a sack lunch on Saturdays, but are only able to do so with the support of the church. Would you be interested in bringing your group to the church to prepare and distribute lunches one Saturday? If so, please let Pastor Fawn know.

Gary and Linda Staymate have been the heart of the Hot Lunch Ministry for many, many years. They have decided the time has come to step down. Please thank them for their love for the ministry and God's people. Their love for being the hands and feet of Christ should encourage all of us to seek God's will in serving our community and Christ.

During this time of change, please be in prayer for the ministry. The team will be meeting on Tuesdays to begin listening and planning our next moves as faithful servants. Your prayers for wisdom and discernment are greatly appreciated... and we would welcome you to join the process. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, March 5th, at 3 pm in the Pac Center.

Many of us will be visiting Haywood Street Welcome Table this coming Wednesday, March 6th, to experience their meal program. We would love for you to join us as we leave the church parking lot at 10:45 am. A future Sunday date will be announced. In all, may we remember: TOGETHER we are the hands and feet of Christ!



ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us as we begin the Lenten Season with an Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, March 6th at 7 pm.



Do you love children? Do you love to read? We have a great opportunity for you if so!

Kids Place Preschool is looking for a weekly Story Lady or Gentleman to visit our children and share a story with them. You can bring puppets, props, or just the book! We also have a library of wonderful books to choose from. Please consider this great outreach to the children of your church and your community! Call or email Shelley to sign up for a time!

kidsplace@cumcshelby.org

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

Sunday (Transfiguration of the Lord 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)
 4:30pm 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
 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

Serving Sunday, February 24, 2019



The Guppies

Sunday School and Worship:
 Amy Lookabill

The Stars

Sunday School and Worship:
 Linda Zachary

Nursery Volunteer:

Sunday School: Lori Wilson
 Worship: Janet Edwards

Collection Counters:

Christ Mabry and Matt Triplett

Collection Counters 3/10/2019:

Joanie Mabry and Matt Triplett

Sunday School Assistant:

Janet Edwards

Children's Sermon:

Fawn Mikel

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:

- 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 24).....	180
Sunday School (February 24).....	84
2019 Operating Budget.....	756,951.67
2019 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$63,079.31
**Year to Date Received.....	\$139,661.80
Total Receipts for 2/3/19-2/6/19.....	\$11,996.56
Over/—Under Budget for the year.....	\$37,764.33

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



Be sure to check out our
[website:www.cumcshelby.org](http://www.cumcshelby.org)
 And our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/



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, March 24th, to be the change this world needs!

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



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.



BIRTHDAYS

- March 3 Carol Blanton
- March 3 Bet Ausborn
- March 3 Clay Putnam
- March 4 Gloria Newman
- March 5 Polly Payne
- March 5 Lillian Rogers
- March 5 Jay Teddy
- March 6 Sylvia Knight
- March 6 Joy Knight
- March 8 Zoe Rempson
- March 9 Joe Santora

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 5 pm—New Time!

IGNITEUS

May 3-5, 2019

Camp Hanes

King, NC

Grades 6-8 | More info at www.wnccumc.org/youth-young-adults

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.brapp.com/>

CatawbaValleyLayServantTrainingSpring2019

or mail a check. If paying by check, make checks payable to Catawba Valley District WNCCUMC.

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

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.



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Bible Study Update

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

March 4th—discussing the decision of General Conference to adopt the Traditionalist Plan regarding LGBTQ+ marriage and ordination

****The Gospel of John** –Wednesday, 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.

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.)

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Lou Alice Whisnant by Frances S. Clardy, Jim and Leesa Clardy, and Bobby and Frances Hooper

In Memory of Lou Alice Whisnant by Richard D. Carver

Soup Group:

In Honor of Soup Group by June P. Miller

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.brtapp.com/>

[MentalHealthFirstAidTraining](#). 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

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!!!