



THE CENTRAL ISSUE

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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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GIFTED FOR MINISTRY WORKSHOPS OFFERED

Every Christian is called and gifted for ministry of one kind or another. Sometimes, one can be involved in a ministry for which he/she is not equipped or enjoys. Join Pastor Mark in an exploration of how you are gifted and where you may be called to put those gifts to work. This workshop will help you identify your spiritual gifts, look at your talents and abilities, and explore your areas of passion. In probing all these areas, participants can begin to discern areas and specific tasks for ministry.

You may choose from one of two Gifted for Ministry workshops held this fall at CUMC: Saturday, Sept. 21 12:30 pm (right after Open Table) – 3:30 pm or Sunday, Oct. 13, 1 -4 pm. Both workshops will be held in the Conference Room. Space is limited to 8 participants per workshop. Advanced registration is required with a deadline of Monday, Sept. 15 for the September workshop and Monday, Oct. 7 for the October workshop. An online questionnaire will need to be completed before the class. You may register by contacting the church office or Pastor Mark.

WNCC PREPARES FOR HURRICANE RESPONSE

The WNCC Disaster Response Team is monitoring Hurricane Dorian closely. They advise churches to prepare for eventual storm damage should Dorian move toward North Carolina. The best way to respond is financially. Online donations may be made at <https://wnc-reg.brtapp.com/HurricaneReliefDonations2018>. Remember, 100% of your donation goes directly to relief when given through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

If you are currently an Early Response Team (ERT) member, please remember to only deploy with the appropriate invitation. If you are interested in ERT training, one is scheduled for Sept. 14. For more information and registration, go to <https://www.wnccumc.org/mission-operations>.

Get Lit! at FAMILY CAMP 2019

FINAL CALL—Registration and Final balance due Wednesday, September 11th!!!

WHO: All CUMC families... young and old alike!

WHERE: Camp Tekoa is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, near Hendersonville, NC. Tekoa is owned and operated by the Western NC Conference of the United Methodist Church.
<http://www.camptekoa.org/>

WHEN: Friday, September 27th through Sunday, September 29th

FEE: \$65 per- person, children 2 and under are FREE! There is a \$300 family maximum (for families that would exceed that amount otherwise). Camp fee includes lodging (linens and towels NOT provided), all meals, a t-shirt, and activities at camp (climbing tower, zip line, gaga ball, lake swimming, etc). **If needed, scholarships are available.**

HOW TO REGISTER: Turn in the registration form found [here](#), a recent family photo, a \$65 deposit (NON-REFUNDABLE) made out to "Central UMC" into Savanna Craig or Fawn Mikel.

For more information go to <http://cumcshelby.org/grow/>

If you have any question/concerns, please contact

Savanna at childrensministry@cumcshelby.org or Fawn at fawn@cumcshelby.org

**Sept. 8-14, 2019
Calendar of Events**

Sunday (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

8:30am Praise Ensemble
 9:00am TRIBES
 9:00am Sunday School for all Ages
 10:00am Worship Service
 4:30pm Youth Praise Team
 5:30pm UMYF

Monday

9:00am Church Office opens
 5:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)
 6:30pm Word and Wine (at Dragonfly Wine Market)

Tuesday

Counseling Center open (by appointment)
 9:00am Church Office opens
 6:30pm Disciple II (Conference Room)
 7:00pm Central Ringers Rehearsal

Wednesday

9:00am Church Office opens
 5:00pm Butterfly and Sonshine Choirs Rehearsal
 5:30pm Legacy Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
 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 Open Table (PAC)



Music Ministries

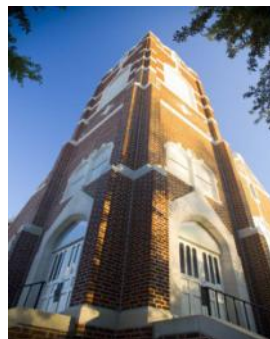
Now that September is here, it's time to get ready for our additional music ministries that will be starting up. Our children's choirs, Butterfly and Sonshine, will resume, Wednesday, September 11th at 5pm. Our youth choir, Crossfire, will resume on September 15th at 4pm. We hope you'll join us!

2019 Stewardship

10:00 am Worship (September 1).....	135
Sunday School (September 1).....	71
2019 Operating Budget.....	\$756,951.67
2019 Weekly Budget Needs.....	\$14,556.76
**Year to Date Received.....	\$472,896.75
Total Receipts for 8/25/19-8/29/19.....	\$13,841.00
Over/—Under Budget for the year.....	-\$22,033.24

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

Serving Sunday, September 8, 2019



The Guppies

Sunday School and Worship:
 Laura Lombardi

The Stars

Sunday School and Worship:
 Linda Zachary

Nursery Volunteer 9/8/19:

Sunday School: Rita Chen
 Worship: Evelyn Ribadeneyra

Collection Counters 9/8/19:

Mike Ribadeneyra and Mitch Hensley

Collection Counters 9/15/19:

Will Rucker and Mitch Hensley

Sunday School Assistant 9/8/19:

Page Morgan

Children's Sermon 9/8/19:

Savanna Craig

Sunday Morning Classes

Every Sunday morning, participants gather throughout the church to study together in order to learn more about who God is and who we are as disciples of Christ. Come grow with us this Sunday!

- **Cornerstone E2, Room 207.** Most Participants are Age 40+. *Soul Keeping* reminds us that the soul is the MOST important part of our being and how living the "with God" life isn't just a good idea--it's the only way to find lasting peace and satisfaction.
- **Growing Christians E2, Room 208.** Most Participants are Age 40+. Following the lectionary schedule of Scriptures provides students deep conversation as together we experience who God is and who we are as disciples of Christ
- **Hoey Bible Class S2, South Side of Sanctuary.** Most Participants are Age 70+. Discover God's mystery and wisdom as experienced through the creation stories found in Genesis.
- **Holy Ground E2, Conference Room.** Most Participants are Age 50+. Freedom came to Hebrews as they left Egypt, but with it came new challenges like learning how to live in community. This DVD study, *Fire on the Mountain*, takes participants to biblically significant sites in the Holy Land.
- **Saints & Sinners E2, Room 203.** Most Participants are Age 60+. Discover God's mystery and wisdom as experienced through the creation stories found in Genesis.

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

Sunday

Tribes at 9 am
UMYF at 5:30 pm

Savanna is looking for small group leaders to help with Middle and High School. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/SmallGroupLead> if you are interested.

Check out our Youth Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Central-Youth-Shelby-2226774027375814/>

Upcoming Bible Studies: The Fall will be bringing new opportunities to grow as a follower of Christ by studying the Scriptures. Look for a sign up sheet in this Sunday's bulletin or go to <http://cumcshelby.org/grow/adults/> to sign up online.

Word and Wine – Mondays, beginning September 9th, 6:30 pm at Dragonfly Wine Market on the Square This Fall we will be considering world religions and their impact on Christianity.

Disciple: Into the Word, Into the World Starts Tuesday, September 10th, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Conference Room. This 24 week study is led by Rob Laney and covers the books of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. It is not required to have taken Disciple I beforehand. Please let the office know by September 9th if you want to participate so we can order enough books for everyone.

Living the Questions – Sundays, beginning September 15th, 5:30 pm Christians NEED to question beliefs to develop a personal relationship with God. Come ask and listen for the answers God has waiting for you.

GriefShare Tuesdays, beginning October 1st, 6 pm GriefShare is a 13 week program giving hope to those struggling with grief-related issues after the loss of a loved one. Each weekly session is designed to be "open" so that a person may begin attending at any time, finding comfort, answers, and hope. Join us to begin your journey toward joy even in the midst of sorrow.

Short Stories by Jesus Wednesdays, beginning October 9th, 9 am Conference Room This 6-week study interweaves history and spiritual analysis to explore Jesus' most popular teaching parables, exposing their misinterpretations and making them lively and relevant for modern readers.



Contact Savanna at 704-487-6336 or childrensministry@cumcshelby.org if you have any questions or need more information.

Sunday School—9-9:45 am every Sunday

· **NURSERY** - Birth thru 2 Years - E1, Room 106. Babies and toddlers are loved on and begin hearing of how love comes directly from God.

· **PRESCHOOL** - Age 3 thru Pre-K - E1, Room 107. Our smallest children will be learning about our God as they discover the very beginnings of creation.

· **EARLY ELEMENTARY** - K-2nd Grade - E3, Room 309. Through the beauty of Godly Play storytelling children will experience the stories of beginnings found Genesis: creation, sin, leadership, and community.

· **3RD GRADE BIBLE CLASS** - E3, Room 312 Third graders gather each week for *THE Bible Class*, receiving new Bibles and learning how to use them to grow in their understanding of God and who God has created them to be.

· **OLDER ELEMENTARY** - 4th-5th Grade - E3, Room 304. Our older children will come to know kings in the Bible and how God can use all of us, often despite us!



OWLS – Join our **Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors** for lunch on **Monday, September 16th**. We will celebrate the End of Summer as we meet at 11:30 am at Toscanos on the court square. Hope you will join us!



September 9	Lynn Eakins
September 10	Paul Ellison
September 10	Jennifer Mabry
September 10	Mason Wright
September 13	Emily Carpenter
September 14	Emily Tapp



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SHARING GOD – The greatest relationships are developed as we share God with each other. We learn, grow, question, search and more as we open Bibles, ask

questions, listen to others' thoughts. The best thing is we DON'T have to have all the answers! Teachers, leaders and students simply growing together.

**Would you like to be a part of helping children develop faith and discover the joy of being a disciple of Jesus Christ? Adult leaders are needed to assist with Godly Play and 4th-5th grade Sunday School. Material and mentorship is provided. Contact Savanna at savanna@cumcshelby.org to serve in our children's Sunday School ministry.

**Our Youth Ministry has a variety of openings for adult leadership opportunities: Sunday School Teachers, Sunday Breakfast, Sunday Dinner, UMYF Assistant Leaders. Signup online at <http://bit.ly/CUMCYouthServe>. We also are in need of small group leaders. Signup online at <http://bit.ly/SmallGroupLead>. Savanna is more than happy to answer any questions you might have.



OPEN TABLE: a shared community meal

— Help is needed every Saturday 9am-1pm as we share lunch with our community. You can help by picking up food on Friday

mornings, delivering empty boxes to Food Lion and the recycling center on Friday afternoons, setting the tables on Friday or Saturday mornings, preparing salads or desserts, serving or washing dishes on Saturdays. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084EA9AD2FA4F85-open> or just come by – we will always love to have you share in being the hands, feet and heart of Jesus.

UMW Celebrates 150 Years of Missions

The United Methodist Women are celebrating their 150th birthday around the world. The WNCC UMW are commemorating this milestone at their annual meeting Sept. 13-15 at Lake Junaluska. Pastor Mark, along with Catherine Ritch, are leading the music for this event, which also features Christi Campos, UMW Executive for Development and Donor Relations for the keynote and Belinda Forbes, United Methodist Missionary serving in Nicaragua as the missions speaker. All United Methodist Women are cordially invited. For registration and more information go to: <https://wnccumw.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Annual-Celebration-Flyer-2019-FINAL.pdf> Registration deadline is Sunday, Sept. 8.

PRESCRIPTION/OVER-THE-COUNTER BOTTLES

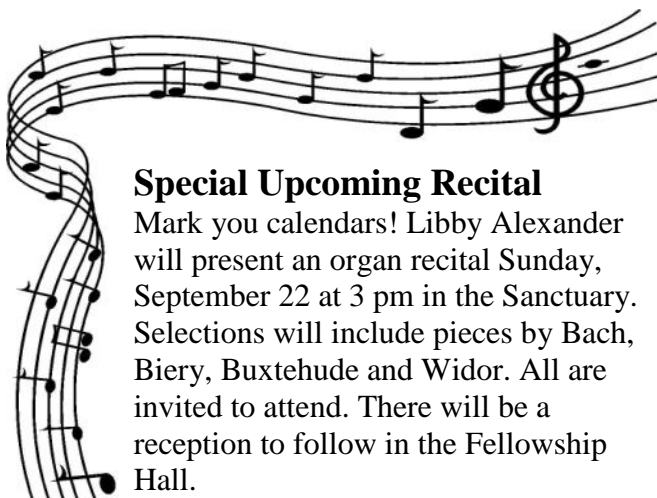
Thanks to all for bringing in your prescription bottles! You have been awesome! So keep up the great work and continue bring in your empty prescription, vitamin, over-the-counter medicine bottles to the church office or place them in the basket located outside the sanctuary in the hallway for use in 3rd world countries. (Please remove any labels with your name.)

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Honor of Carol McPhail by June P. Miller

In Memory of Okley White by Barbara McLarty



Special Upcoming Recital

Mark your calendars! Libby Alexander will present an organ recital Sunday, September 22 at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. Selections will include pieces by Bach, Biery, Buxtehude and Widor. All are invited to attend. There will be a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.