

Sunday – September 13, 2020

Welcome

Prelude *Blessed Assurance* arr. Varner
Libby Alexander

Opening Song *Blessed Be Your Name*

Children's Time—Daniel Sprinkle

Morning Prayer

Song of Preparation *Build My Life*

Sermon "Do No Harm"
Galatians 5:13-15

Offertory *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* arr. Cherwien
Libby Alexander

Doxology #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

Closing Song *Give Us Clean Hands*

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude *Voluntary in F* Blake
Libby Alexander

Backpack Food Drive

Beginning in September we will be collecting **Granola Bars and Individual Packages of Trail Mix**. Thank you for all of your support throughout the summer months!! We are also delivering groceries every Saturday and need drivers. Please contact Fawn if you can help.

Backpack Ministry

Our schools are back in the swing of things as is our Backpack Ministry! As the schools recognize children who are food insecure, CUMC provides meals for them to take home for the days they are not in school. This year we are wanting to connect to our students a little deeper by having prayer partners for each child. That means we need YOU! If you are interested in praying for a child during the school year, please contact Pastor Fawn and you will be given a name. What a great opportunity to connect and support a child in our community!

COVID-19 Updates

As per NC Mandate and for the health and safety of our staff and community, we ask that everyone wear a mask while inside the church building. We are also asking everyone that enters our facility to sign in outside the office with their contact information in order to aid with contact tracing if necessary. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers and we hope you stay healthy and well. Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Fall Bible Studies

More information is available on our website at

<http://cumcshelby.org/grow/adults/>

WORD AND WINE – Mondays, beginning September 14th, 6:30 pm

Monday's topic: Food Supply: Hunger and Waste

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83391585122>

REVELATION – Tuesdays, beginning September 15th, 7 pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86843458934>

WHITE FRAGILITY – 2 studies are offered:

Women's study--Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 16th, 7 pm

Zoom Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E45A5AF2CA2FE3-white>

Men's study—Thursdays, beginning Sept. 17th, 7 pm

Zoom Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E45A5AF2CA2FE3-mens>

SAVING JESUS – Date and time to be determined

Prayer Concerns for the Week

- All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional, including Bill Jack; Anita Ledford; John Reid; Bill Harris; Peggy Almond; Ben and Emily Ousley; Betty Harris; Tony Hamrick; Bill Story; Keith Ross; Naushaba Samuels; Jeff Bruhnke; Abbie Ribadeneyra; and Suzy Buckner;
- We pray for those who experience injustice. Give us hearts of compassion to stand united with all people, treating each other as brothers and sisters, seeing the image of God in all.
- We pray for our world as we battle the Coronavirus. Be with those affected and their communities. Protect our medical personnel and researchers, giving wisdom and strength. Pray for our school children and families, teachers, school staff, and administrators as they began a new school year so different than years past. May our college students stay safe and smart. Shield our elderly and those with health issues making them more susceptible. Be with those who are caring for us – 1st responders: paramedics, firefighters, police, EMTs; grocery store employees; delivery drivers; and so many more
- For caregivers carrying more burdens than we may understand
- Those who grieve. We pray for the families of Lynda Bradley and Rev. Larry Barden, father of Pastor Mark as well as Margaret Chambless as she continues to grieve her husband, Bill. May God grant peace.
- Our shut-ins and others feeling isolated. May we be arms reaching out, enfolding them into the body of Christ.
- The church universal and the United Methodist Church. May God's Spirit lead and direct, reminding us that the church is not a walled community but a living body of believers. And

Central UMC, staff and leaders as they continue to lead our church.

- Our government and world leaders in making decisions regarding the safety of all people. Give them insight and discernment in this time of health and economic crisis
- We pray for peace in our world, nation and communities
- The ministries of Central United Methodist Church. We pray for Kids Place Preschool as a new year has begun. Be with our staff, students and families as the children grow in wisdom and strength. May we provide Christian education and unconditional love to our preschoolers.
- And all of the prayer concerns each person holds in their hearts