



# 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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## Kids Place News

Now more than ever, we are in need of your support for our Fall 2020 fundraiser. Your participation is essential in helping us earn funds to support the many activities that our students enjoy! This year you can shop online!

Step 1: go to [www.reg.fundraisingshoppingcart.com](http://www.reg.fundraisingshoppingcart.com)

Step 2: Scroll down to "Sellers Register here!"

Step 3: Use school ID: S2908013 and click "GO"

Step 4: Fill out the form and click "NEXT"

You will receive a unique seller ID to share with friends and family! All orders will add to the prize and profit earned. The seller ID is also emailed to you after you submit. Online orders ship directly to whatever address is provided and profits go to the school at the end of the sale.

An order form is also available in the church office if you would prefer to order that way. Sale ends November 4th.

## Time for Nominations

The time has come for nominations of church leadership for 2021. If you would like to nominate someone for a leadership position, please email Mark at [mbarden@wnccumc.net](mailto:mbarden@wnccumc.net).

## Virtual Pumpkin Carving Contest

Since we can't be together for our usual Pumpkin Carving Contest, let's do it virtually! Win prizes like a VR headset, Lily Bean gift cards, candy, and lots of other cool stuff! You can send Savanna pics of your entries by text or email

([savannacraig91@gmail.com](mailto:savannacraig91@gmail.com)). Submit anytime between October 20th- 31st.



Central UMC extends its deepest sympathies to Talmadge Strickland and family on the death of his grandfather, Dean Garver, on October 15th. Also to Barbara McLarty on the death of her brother, Jim White, on October 12th.

## Relationships Are Important as God's Faithful Stewards

"Living Generously" was the theme of last year's stewardship campaign. Through the weekly videos, we were introduced to the family of Frank Donovan who learned to surrender not only their tithe but all they possessed, including their time and talents, as a gift to God. The Donovans are back this year highlighting the theme, "Loving Generously," showing how important relationships are in our stewardship efforts, not just the relationships we have with family and friends, but also the relationships we develop with the poor and oppressed.

Jesus taught us that serving "the least of these" is equivalent to serving him (Matthew 25:40). Many of the lessons in Loving Generously™ concern the ways in which we show generosity toward one another and especially toward those who are poor and needy.

A funny thing happens, however, when you learn to practice not only transactional generosity with the things you possess but also relational generosity toward the people God has placed in your life. You begin to see that you too, in your own way, are poor and needy. Serving the least of these is humbling. It shifts our perspectives on what is truly necessary and who is truly great in the kingdom of God. In serving the "poor," we become "poor in spirit" and marvel at God's grace and redemption.

Join us this Sunday on Facebook Live at 10 am to learn more about "Loving Generously."

LOVING  
GENEROUSLY



### birthdays

October 26	Chuck Hamilton
October 27	Rayney Maxwell
October 27	Annie Shirk
October 28	Martha Hamrick
October 29	Lindsay Green
October 29	Drew Johnson
October 29	Mary Whisnant
October 30	Stuart Story
October 30	Mark Barden
October 30	Alison Rupprecht
October 30	Grace Ribadeneyra
October 31	Jo Marsh
October 31	Ed Winder
October 31	Loretta Harris
October 31	Ray Maxwell

### Memorials and Honorariums

#### Operating:

In Memory of George Newman by Bob Yelton  
In Memory of Larry Barden by Bob Yelton  
In Memory of Barbar Putnam by Jim & Beverly

Putnam

In Memory of Margarett Cook by Jim & Beverly  
Putnam

In Memory of Tom Camp by Jerry & Lynn Eskridge  
In Memory of Tom Camp by Blair & Pat Crum  
In Memory of Tom Camp by Bob Yelton  
In Memory of Martha Laney by Bubba & Brownie

Plaster

In Memory of Martha Laney by Richard D. Carver  
In Memory of Martha Laney by Jim & Beverly

Putnam

In Memory of Martha Laney by Bob Yelton  
In Memory of Martha Laney by Sara Ellen Hamrick

#### **Columbarium/Prayer Garden:**

In Memory of Martha Laney by Jack & Kitty  
Williams

#### **Music Ministry:**

In Memory of Martha Laney by Mike & Evelyn  
Ribadeneyra

#### **Piano:**

In Memory of Martha Laney by Mike & Libby  
Alexander

**Chunk or Treat** AT TEKOA FOOTHILLS  
Family-friendly Halloween - October 31st

Pumpkin Chunkin' with the Foothills Trebuchet, Glow-in-the-Dark Zipline, Magnet Fishing, Pumpkin Decorating, Trunk or Treat, Tractor Rides and more.

**\$20/Family**

Choose from Two Admission Times:  
• Afternoon Admission: 12-4pm  
• Evening Admission: 5-7pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [TEKOAFOOTHILLS.ORG](http://TEKOAFOOTHILLS.ORG)  
259 HULL ROAD, CASAR, NC 28020

The graphic features several Halloween-themed balloons with "BOO!" written on them, along with a bat and a skull.

Halloween Event at Tekoa Foothills – they have worked in collaboration with the Cleveland County Health Department to structure an outdoor Trunk-or-Treat for the rural churches and children in upper Cleveland County (and beyond).

Proceeds will go to the Loy White Scholarship Fund & the Mental Health Association of Cleveland County.

#### **ADMISSION INCLUDES:**

Pumpkin Chunkin' with the Pumpkin Trebuchet

Glow-in-the-Dark Zipline

Magnet Fishing

Trunk or Treat

Tractor Rides

Free Admission to Registered Volunteers supplying spooky trunks and treats. More information available at:

[tekoafoothills.org/halloween](http://tekoafoothills.org/halloween)

## Upper Room Devotions

The November/December edition of the Upper Rooms are available outside of the office. You may pick one up Mon-Thurs 9-4 or Fri 9-1. Contact Gina if you need to make different arrangements.

## 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!

## Backpack Food Drive

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. For the month of October we're asking for **individual fruit cups** (apple sauce, mixed fruit, mandarin oranges, etc) You may drop them off at the office M-Th 9-4 and Fri 9-1. These will be added to weekly bags of food sent home from school with food insecure students for weekend meals.



## COVID-19 Updates

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



## OPEN TABLE NEWS!

Yes, the church is alive and well. We are blessed with wonderful donations of fresh produce and food every Wednesday and

Friday afternoon from the Episcopal church, as well as Friday mornings from Wal-Mart and Food Lion. **BUT we really need help** picking up and unloading all those goodies. Friday afternoons are usually the largest donations, so please consider helping from 4:30-5:30 pm... students can receive volunteer hours as well as the knowledge of making a significant difference in our community. ALSO -- Extra muscles, hands and hearts are always needed on Saturdays.

## Taking Care Of Each Other

Jesus used food and sharing meals to build community. We continue delivering meals every Saturday to our community and church family, friends and neighbors. If you would like a meal, know someone who would like a meal or would be interested in delivering meals between 11am and 12 noon, please contact Pastor Fawn via email [fawn@cumcshelby.org](mailto:fawn@cumcshelby.org) or cell phone 954-547-2593.



## Just Because We Love You

We are still in need of 5-10 adults to contact 10 families every 2 weeks just to check in, see if they have any needs, and let them know they are important to this church "just because we love you." Team members will make phone calls, text, email, even write notes and send cards to parishioners. If you feel God calling you to be a part of the team, please contact Pastor Fawn at [fawn@cumcshelby.org](mailto:fawn@cumcshelby.org) Or you may call her at 954-547-2593 or 828-675-3094.

## Prescription/Over-The-Counter Bottles

YES, we are still collecting empty prescription, vitamin, over-the-counter medicine bottles for use in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. You may bring them to the church office. (Please remove any labels with your name.)

### 2020 Stewardship

2020 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$63,576.49
Total Receipts in September.....	\$49,818.50
September Expenses.....	\$51,195.77
Over/—Under Budget for the month.....	-\$1,377.27
Over/—Under Budget for the year.....	-\$41,270.13



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### Adult Sunday School Classes are Meeting! Sundays at 9 am

Our adult Sunday School classes are now able to meet inside the church in 3 different locations WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING AND REQUIRED MASKS. Please call Gina at the office to receive information and reserve space! The Saints and Sinners Class is meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Growing Christians class is meeting in the PAC. Feel free to come and join them!

### Bible Studies

Fall has arrived and we are excited to jump into opportunities to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ through new Bible studies! We hope you will join us:

**WORD AND WINE** – Mondays, 6:30 pm We are still “together” and growing as disciples as we meet via ZOOM to study the Scriptures! Do you ever wonder how on earth you can be a REAL disciple of Jesus? During October, we will discuss each week an attribute of Christ and how difficult it may be for us to emulate it in our own lives. Grab your Bible and a glass as we learn, sharing our thoughts and insights.

Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> -- Loving

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

**REVELATION** – Tuesdays, 7 pm This is an incredible, in-depth study of one of the most intriguing books of Scriptures. This week we will be reading Chapter 4 & 5. Join leader, Savanna Craig, at Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86843458934>

Some habits might be hard to get out of when we get back to normal.....



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.