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CENTRAL UMC SHELBY IS A SAFE SANCTUARIES

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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Full Schedule Announced for the Winter Leadership Training Webinar Series!

Like most events during the pandemic, our District Winter Leadership Training Events will look a little different for 2021. Rather than hosting in-person events in each district, we will offer a series of Conference-wide training webinars during the week of January 10-14 to resource and equip all areas of your Church leadership.

Jason Moore of Midnight Oil Productions will lead the keynote webinar to launch the series on "Telling the Old Story in a New Time." Other topics will include: Financial Faithfulness in Uncertain Times, The Ministry of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Evangelism During A Pandemic, Leadership During a Pandemic for Church Councils, Racial Equity and Justice, Courageous Conversations, and much more.

Click the above link (in the headline) for more information and to register.



OPEN TABLE

As the pandemic worsens we are seeing many more in need in our community. We are currently serving over **170 people** per week a hot home cooked meal as well as

fresh produce and food. This is only possible through donations of food and time – Boy Scouts, Food Bank, and YOU! If you are wondering how you could help consider:

*Donate – non-perishable foods, gift cards, even monetary donations specifically for Open Table enable the ministry to purchase in bulk. *At this time we are filled to the gills with beans – all kinds of beans! Please no more beans!!!* **BUT WE DESPERATELY NEED SMALL BOTTLES OF WATER AND PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS and SANDWICH SIZED ZIPLOCK BAGS!**

***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. The kitchen is busy with last minute prep, orders are taken, guests are greeted outside, plates are made. Please arrive to help by 10 am with your MASK (because we follow the guidelines!).

For more information or to volunteer contact Evelyn Ribadeneyra at 704-473-9444 or evelyn@carolina.rr.com or Ann Anthony at mrslibrary@gmail.com 704-477-2492



January 4	Margaret Ellis
January 4	Evelyn Ribadeneyra
January 5	Tom Wood
January 6	Laura Gray Lefcoski
January 7	Lorene Rogers
January 7	Celia Hensley
January 9	SaraMac Wood



CUMC expresses our deepest sympathy to the family of Betty Harris who passed away on December 31st. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

2020 Stewardship

2020 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$63,576.49
Total Receipts in December.....	\$78,082.02
December Expenses.....	\$63,011.00
Over/—Under Budget for the month.....	\$15,071.02
Over/—Under Budget for the year.....	-\$36,691.95



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Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Jimmy Wilson by Julian & Anne Wray

In Memory of Lelia Hamilton by Julian & Anne

Wray

Music Ministry:

In Memory of Nancy Morgan by Sandy Allen

Columbarium/Prayer Garden:

In Honor of Rob Laney by Barbara McLarty

In Memory of William P. Mabry by Jim & Carol

Rose

In Memory of Martha Laney by Barbara McLarty

In Memory of George Newman by Barbara McLarty

In Memory of David Rupprecht by Barbara McLarty

In Memory of Jim White, Jr. by Barbara McLarty

In Memory of Gordon McLarty by Barbara McLarty

Piano:

In Memory of Martha Laney by Sandy Allen

Upper Room Devotions

The January/February edition of the Upper Rooms will be available outside of the office starting Monday, December 21st.. You may pick one up Mon-Thurs 9-4 or Fri 9-1 but please keep in mind our Holiday hours found on page 1 of the newsletter. Contact Gina if you need to make different arrangements.

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 January we're asking for **individual packets of oatmeal or grits**. 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.

Just Because We Love You

Each person of the Central UMC family is desperately missed! In an effort to stay connected, great effort is being made to contact our families by leaders and staff. BUT if you should need ANYTHING, please do not hesitate to call Pastor Mark or Pastor Fawn. We cannot guarantee solutions but we would love to walk with you!

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 at 954-547-2593 or fawn@cumcshelby.org.



Bible Studies

WORD AND WINE – Mondays, 6:30 pm. Grab your Bible and a glass as we learn, sharing our thoughts and insights on The Epiphany as found in Matthew 2:1-18. 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. Join leader, Savanna Craig, at Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86843458934>