

# 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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## From the Pastor's Desk

At Saturday's session of the Western NC Annual Conference, Bishop Paul Leeland officially appointed the Rev. David Lee as pastor of Central UMC effective July 1. Having met with Pastor David, I quickly realized how fortunate you are to have him as your pastor. He has a true heart for Christ and openness to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

I write my last newsletter message with a deep sense of sadness that our time together as pastor and congregation is ending, but also with excitement for both our futures. I have truly enjoyed and been blessed by our congregation and the Shelby community for the past four years. I am already praying every day for your new pastor, his success and for you during this transition. I also covet your prayers for my family and the people of First UMC in Norwood where I am appointed to serve.

Thank you for your gracious farewell last Sunday. Barbara and I will be taking some vacation time and finishing packing/cleaning before the last week of June, which is moving week for pastors in our conference. Pastor Fawn Mikel will be conducting worship on June 20 and June 27, which is her last Sunday before retirement. Sunday, July 4 is Transition Sunday when all moving pastors are not to attend church in either the old or new appointments. Savanna Craig will be preaching on that day. The first day in the office for new pastors will be Tuesday, July 6 followed by his first Sunday in worship on July 11.

As of June 30, our relationship as pastor and congregation will change dramatically. While I will always be your friend, I will no longer be your pastor. To fully support the new pastor, clergy enter a covenant which states the outgoing pastor will "sever pastoral relationships with the congregation, recognizing future weddings, baptisms, counseling sessions, visitations and funerals should be fulfilled by the current pastor (Rev. Lee). Pastors may maintain contact with former congregants at a distance through such means as social media but must be clear that these relationships are not of a pastoral nature and that discussions about the church or its current pastor are not permissible." Though this may seem harsh, it is the way of the United Methodist itineracy.

As a "preacher's kid," I grew up with these guidelines and know that God is faithful providing new and fruitful relationships for both parsonage families and congregations. After all, it is not about the pastor; it is not about the congregation; it is about serving God faithfully as disciples of Jesus Christ. Times like this remind us that change is difficult, but it is also a constant part of life. The good news is that change also brings with it an opportunity for growth and new possibilities. I fully believe that God is at work in the midst of the changes here and that the church's best days are still ahead. By managing this transition well, with God's help, everyone involved will be further strengthened for the common work in which we engage for the glory of God.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve with you in ministry as your pastor. May God shower you with the richest of blessings as you begin a new chapter in the life of Central UMC with the leadership of Rev. Lee.



The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 5th, in celebration of July 4th. On Tuesday, July 6th, the office will close at 3 pm.

**Upper Rooms** for July/August are now available outside of the office. Feel free to stop by Mon-Thur 9-4 or Fri 9-1. On Sundays they will be at the sanctuary entrances.



## Father's Day Rib Extravaganza

Open Table is serving BBQ ribs cooked by Doug Fortenberry on Saturday June 19. We will have leftovers which will be available for a donation. Come get a rack (or 2) for your Dad!

BBQ Ribs cooked by Doug Fortenberry  
Full Racks available at 11:30 in the PAC  
Donations cheerfully accepted  
Text 704-473-9444 or come by on Saturday

First Come, First Served!  
Don't miss out!!!!

## CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

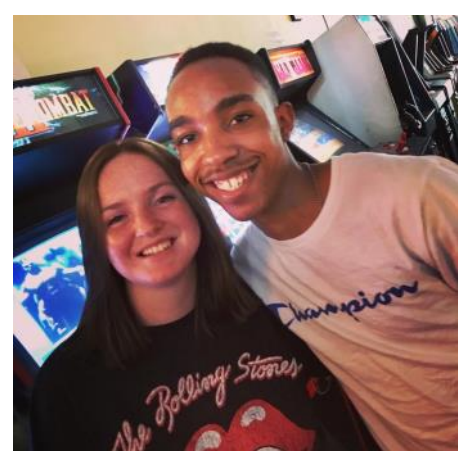
\*Sunday School at 9 am in the Youth  
Common Room (S3 Floor)

\*Day at the Broad River  
June 27th, at noon

At Chris and Sharon Jones' House

\*Check out <http://cumshelby.org/grow/youth/>  
for our summer schedule!

Carolina Arcade Museum  
Trip- The youth group had  
an incredible time last  
week at the Carolina  
Arcade Museum in Forest  
City! If you weren't able to  
join us, that's okay! Tag  
along on Sunday, June 26  
for an afternoon at Broad  
River. Contact Savanna for  
more info.







## VBS Volunteer Sign Up

Shelley and Savanna are working on getting a COVID-safe VBS together for the preschool and elementary kids of our church and community. Several of our church kids, including some familiar names from Kid's Place, have already registered!

This year, our children need to be reminded that they are known, they belong, they are forgiven, they can change, and they can make a difference. That's what this Vacation Bible School is all about! We need help in teaching them those lessons though. Would you all be willing to serve in some way? There are lots of ways to help! Just sign up here: <http://bit.ly/CUMCVBSVolunteer>.

Just a reminder, our VBS dates are July 26th-29th, 9 AM-12 PM, and our kickoff event is on Sunday, July 25th. Shelley and Savanna will provide all necessary curriculum, supplies, etc. Registration is <https://forms.gle/xBYLC6tQ6avHU99n6>

## Children's Ministry



### God Made Us All Good

**Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM-12 PM**  
**CUMC Fellowship Hall**

This is a morning of activities experiencing different cultures to learn about how God made us all different on purpose and how we are meant to love and encourage those differences in the people around us. We will do crafts, games, music, and Bible study! Contact Savanna if your kids would like to come! It will be perfect for 3 yr olds-5th graders. Be sure to check out our Summer Schedule at <http://cumcshelby.org/grow/children/childrens-ministry/>!

#### Sunday School locations:

- 4 & Under- Room E107
- K-2nd Grade- Room E309 (Godly Play)
- 3rd-5th Grade- Room E301

## OPEN TABLE

Come join the fun this week by **HELPING** to pickup and unload food donations on Wednesdays and Fridays. **THIS IS A CRITICAL NEED!!!** For more information or to volunteer contact Bob Snyder at 606-923-4239 or [bearlythere@icloud.com](mailto:bearlythere@icloud.com)

## Upcoming Celebrations

As we move closer to summer, Central UMC is entering an exciting period of change. With that, we have much to celebrate! You are invited to join us in celebrating the ministries of Pastor Fawn and Pastor David at the following events:



**Sunday, June 20, Shelby City Pavilion—**

**Retirement Luncheon for Pastor Fawn**

**Sunday, July 11, Shelby Court Square—**

**Welcome Reception for Pastor David Lee**

Save these dates now and look for more details to come! If you are interested in helping with these events, contact SPRC Chair, Rocky Lutz at [rockyandliz@aol.com](mailto:rockyandliz@aol.com).

We encourage the church to bring "Thank You" cards to the receptions and for those who are willing and able we will be collecting a "Love Offering" for Pastor Fawn. These can be placed in the collection boxes at worship or brought to the church office through Thursday June 25th. Please mark "Love Offering" on the memo line or on the outside of the envelope.

Thank you to everyone for your help and have a great week.

## Transition Salutations

For the next few weeks we will be collecting your cards and letters of Good Bye for Pastor Fawn and Words of Welcome for Rev. David Lee. There will be baskets outside the sanctuary near the Choir Room and in the office (or you may mail them to the office. Please include Attn: Pastor Fawn, or Attn: Rev. David Lee on the outside of your envelope).

Pastor Fawn's will be given to her on June 20th.

Rev. David Lee's will be presented to him on July 11th.



## Birthdays

- June 21 Tyler Triplett
- June 23 Mitchell Maxwell
- June 23 Bill Marsh
- June 23 Ellen Benfield
- June 23 Laura Miller
- June 23 James Mabry
- June 24 Becky Smith
- June 24 Jack Williams
- June 24 Brian Benfield
- June 25 Linda Bridges
- June 25 Laura Smith
- June 25 Erica Dority
- June 26 Manning Burton



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## Update On Mask Requirements At CUMC

Thankfully, progress continues in fighting COVID-19. Still, we wish to be careful and maintain a safe environment for everyone. Our task force is asking everyone to continue to wear masks by all worshippers even those fully vaccinated for at least another month. Those gathered in small groups (i.e. Sunday School Classes) may remove masks **IF EVERYONE IN THE GROUP IS FULLY VACCINATED.**

Fully vaccinated persons are those who have had at least two weeks since their final shot.

We encourage everyone to become vaccinated so that we can move closer to returning to normal gathering. Thank you for your patience. We greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation in making CUMC a safe place for worship!

### 2021 Stewardship

2021 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$59,490.59
Total Receipts in May.....	\$47,226.31
May Expenses.....	\$57,146.12
Over/—Under Budget for the month.....	-\$9,919.81
Over/—Under Budget for the year.....	-\$10,928.87

## Sunday School Every Sunday at 9 am

We are excited to regroup-with social distancing and masks of course!

### Adult classes:

Growing Christians – 1E, Porter Activity Center (PAC)

Hoey Bible Class – 2S, Parlor

Saints and Sinners – 1S, Fellowship Hall

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!!!

## Memorials and Honorariums

### Operating:

In Memory of Suzy Buckner by Bubba & Brownie Plaster

In Memory of Suzy Buckner by Mike & Libby Alexander

### Piano:

In Memory of Celeste Roberts by Mike & Libby Alexander

### Open Table:

In Memory of Paul Ellison by Joanne Schenck

## 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](mailto:fawn@cumcshelby.org).

## 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.)

## Bible Studies

**JUDGES** Thursdays, 7 pm, The Israelites have safely arrived into the Promised Land, yet they need help in understanding how to live as God's people. God provides Judges – remarkable men and women providing leadership, wisdom and discernment. Join Daniel Sprinkle for this exciting Bible Study via Zoom. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77730182181?pwd=cXRkbFJNekExSUUp2RW4xVU43RFpOUT09>

**WORD AND WINE** – Mondays at 6:30 pm. Join us as we travel with Ray Vander Laan through the Holy Land as we discover the Early Church. What can the beginning followers of Christianity teach us today. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84723456483>