

# THE CENTRAL ISSUE

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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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## Upcoming Celebration

Sunday, July 11

Fellowship Hall

Welcome Reception for

Pastor David Lee

You are invited to join us in celebrating the arrival of Pastor David and his family immediately following worship.



## Bardens Express Great Appreciation

Barbara and I wish to thank everyone at Central UMC for farewell reception, cards, gifts, and especially, for those who gave of their time to help us prepare the parsonage for the Lees, packing and moving to Norwood. We have been blessed during our time in Shelby and will carry with us many happy memories. May God continue to bless the CUMC family as you continue to follow Christ under Pastor David's leadership. Blessings,  
Mark



David and Amy would like to thank everyone for their assistance during their move. They are extremely grateful for all the help and

are excited to be at Central UMC.



After 14 wonderful years with us at Central, Dianne Whisnant is retiring at the end of this month. If anyone has ever sat on any of our church committees you know how complicated church accounting books can be.

You also soon realize that when anyone has a question about church finances the common answer is "Just Ask Dianne". Dianne has been an asset and a friend to our church over the past decade and she will be missed. As a small token of our appreciation we would like to provide her with a "Love Offering" from those who are able to contribute. If you are able please send a check to the church office or place it in the offering box with "Dianne" written on the memo line. These will be collected from now until July 30th.

Thank you in advance.  
Staff Parrish Committee



## 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>.

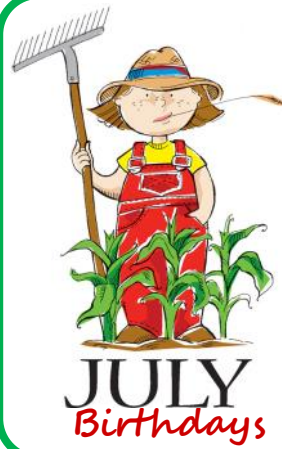
Just a reminder, our VBS dates are July 26th-29th, 9 AM-12 PM, and our kickoff event is on Sunday, July 25th from 2-4pm. Shelley and Savanna will provide all necessary curriculum, supplies, etc. Registration is <https://forms.gle/xBYLC6tQ6avHU99n6>

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS  
**Weekly Update**

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

\*Save The Date:  
**Rollerskating**  
**July 10th 5-9 PM**  
RSVP to Savanna

\*Check out our remaining summer schedule  
below!



July 11 Jennifer Arey  
July 11 Grady Morgan  
July 12 Iris Francis  
July 12 Fawn Mikel  
July 12 Virginia Story  
July 12 Paula Owens  
July 12 Sadie Oliver  
July 13 Robert Dority  
July 13 Stephen Schmutz  
July 15 Julia Palmer  
July 17 Susan Mabry  
July 17 Vinson Washburn

## JULY

**Saturday July 10th, 5-9 PM- Rollerskating at Kylie's Skating Rink-** Let Savanna know if you are coming!

**Sunday, July 11th- Welcome Reception for Pastor Lee,** Shelby Court Square

**Week of July 18th-24th- Youth Group Camp,** Tekoa Foothills- \*registration and information here!\*

<https://bit.ly/THYouthCampSignUp>

**Sunday, July 25th- VBS Kickoff,** Shelby Court Square (8th grade and up can volunteer!)

**Monday, July 26th-Thursday, July 29th, 9 AM-12 PM- VBS** (8th grade and up can volunteer!)

## AUGUST

**Sunday, August 1, 12 PM- Lake Day,** Jerry & Nancy Clark's House

**Friday, August 6th-Saturday, Aug 7th-** Lock-In & Mission Day!

**Sunday, August 29th- Churchwide Fall Celebration & Ministry Kickoff,** Ruby C. Hunt YMCA Pool

Contact Savanna at 828-734-9431 or  
savannamcraig91@gmail.com

## 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)



Be sure to check out our website: [www.cumcshelby.org](http://www.cumcshelby.org)

And our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/](https://www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/)

## Children's Ministry



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### Sunday School locations:

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

Be sure to check out our Summer Schedule below:

## JULY

SUNDAY, JULY 11TH—WELCOME RECEPTION FOR PASTOR LEE,  
CUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY, JULY 25TH—VBS KICKOFF PARTY, 2-4 PM  
SHELBY COURT SQUARE

MONDAY, JULY 26TH-THURSDAY JULY 29TH, 9 AM-12 PM  
"GET IN THE MIX" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
\*REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION HERE!\*

<https://forms.gle/xBYLC6tQ6avHU99n6>

## AUGUST

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 10 AM-12 PM  
GOD'S GOOD EARTH NATURE DAY  
COURT SQUARE (CUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL IF IT RAINS)  
TEXT SAVANNA TO LET HER KNOW IF YOUR KIDS ARE COMING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 10 AM-12 PM  
MISSIONS MORNING  
LET'S SERVE TOGETHER (MEET IN THE PAC)  
TEXT SAVANNA TO LET HER KNOW IF YOUR KIDS ARE COMING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH  
CHURCHWIDE CELEBRATION AND MINISTRY KICKOFF  
RUBY C. HUNT YMCA POOL

TEXT OR EMAIL SAVANNA WITH ANY QUESTIONS  
828-734-9431 OR SAVANNAMCRAIG91@GMAIL.COM



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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 June.....	\$52,087.79
June Expenses.....	\$60,730.77
Over/—Under Budget for the month.....	-\$8,642.98
Over/—Under Budget for the year.....	-\$19,571.85

**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.

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!!!

## 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

### Memorials and Honorariums

#### Operating:

In Memory of Margaret Bates by Sarah Beam

In Memory of Pat Beam by Sarah Beam

In Memory of Suzy Buckner by Sarah Beam

#### Music Ministry:

In Memory of Suzy Buckner by Dan & Donna Boggs

In Memory of Suzy Buckner by Bob & Diana Snyder

## 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** – Will be taking a summer hiatus for July and August. We will resume in September so see you then!