



# THE CENTRAL ISSUE

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CENTRAL UMC SHELBY IS A SAFE SANCTUARIES CHURCH

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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## Finding Happy Soles

What a great idea! Support one of our youth, Turner Cook, in the work he is doing to provide for our community! There will be a collection basket in the vestibule, outside of the choir room through Sunday, October 31.



**Help Our Homeless this Winter**  
Seeking Gently-Used Shoes for Men & Women  
Collecting 09/01 through 10/31

Contact Emma Lineberger or Turner Cook  
@ [findinghappysouls@gmail.com](mailto:findinghappysouls@gmail.com) to arrange pick-up.

### 2021 Stewardship

2021 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$59,490.59
Total Receipts in July.....	\$34,583.39
July Expenses.....	\$55,646.48
Over/—Under Budget for the month.....	-\$21,063.09
Over/—Under Budget for the year.....	-\$40,634.94

## Backpack Ministry Donations



Thank you so much for your continued support of our Backpack Ministry through your prayers and donations. This year we are supporting North Shelby and Shelby Middle School. We would like to request that you add a backpack item to your shopping list each month. For October, we are requesting **individual macaroni and cheese cups** - any brand is fine.  
Thank you!

## 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)

## Kid's Place Fundraiser

Fall fundraising time is here! We appreciate everyone doing what they can to help us reach our goals! Funds stay right here and help to support the many activities that our students enjoy!



Shop online! Online orders ship directly to the address provided, and profits go to the school at the end of the sale.

3 easy steps to shop online:

Go to [www.reg.fundraisingshoppingcart.com](http://www.reg.fundraisingshoppingcart.com)

Enter this **Seller Online ID**: 00573316

Go shopping!

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS  
**Weekly Update**

### Youth Sunday School

**Co-lab-orate Youth Sunday School Class-** The Colaborate Curriculum is unique in that it invites students to think theologically and ask deep questions of the Bible. Each week will focus on a different book of the Bible. This class is open to all middle and high school students. It will meet in the **Youth Common Area, each Sunday, 9-10 AM.**

### Sunday Night Hangs

This group is open to all **6th-12th grade students.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and Youth Common Area, each Sunday **5:30-7 PM.**

### Midweek Check-In

This group is open to all **6th-12th grade students.** We will meet at **LilyBean Coffee each Wednesday, 4-4:45 PM.**

### Crossfire

This group is open to all **6th-12th graders** who love to sing. Crossfire meets each **Sunday, 4:30-5:30.**

### Children's Ministry



We are **BACK!** Check out our fall schedule and mark your calendars!

### Nursery

This group is open to all **Babies-PreK kids.** Nursery is offered each **Sunday, 9-11 AM in Room E106.**

### Elementary Sunday School

This year, we will have two Sunday School classes available for our **K-5th grade students.**

**3rd-4th Grade Bible Discovery Class-** This class allows time and space for our 3rd-4th graders to begin to dive into scripture in a new way. This class is offered **Sunday, Sept. 12-Oct. 31, 9-10 AM in Room E312.**

**Holy Moly! Mixed-Age Class-** Come learn all the amazingly cool stories that the Bible is full of! This class is open to all elementary-aged students. It will meet **each Sunday, 9-10 AM.**

### Central Kids

This group is open to all children ages **4 yrs.-5th grade,** as well as, middle or high school youth and adults who love to interact with children. We will experience acceptance, love, and community as we engage with each other through visual and tactile art, music, movement, Bible study, and play. Central Kids meets in the Fellowship Hall, each **Wed. 5-5:45 PM.**



October 3	Cecil Burton
October 3	Allison Mauney
October 3	Becky Hughes
October 4	Peyton Simpson
October 4	Ann Morgan
October 7	Steve Gammons
October 7	Don Telle
October 7	Michael Johnson

### 2021-2022 Youth Snacks Sign-Up:

Help keep our youth snack stash filled up this year. We are aiming to keep it healthy(ish), but some treats mixed in are okay too! If possible, try to provide individually packaged items. Some ideas are popcorn, trail-mix, granola/protein bars, pretzels, applesauce, apples, oranges/Cuties, string cheese/cheese sticks, Sunbutter/peanut butter packs, rice cakes, yogurt, carrot sticks/celery sticks, jerky sticks, homemade goodies, chips, cookies, candy, seasonal things- Halloween, Christmas, etc. Please sign up for a month at this link. <https://mealtrain.com/5rnn6w>



Central UMC extends our deepest sympathies to Debbie Powell whose husband, Andy, passed away today. And also to Jennifer Harrill whose father, Bob Hammerstein, passed away in Tennessee.

## Outreach Opportunities

Looking for an opportunity to serve our community? We have some things you can do!

### Backpack Ministry

We need your help in filling our closet with food for the backpacks we deliver to James Love and Shelby Middle each week. Each month we will request a specific item that will be included in the backpacks. You may drop them off at the office **Mon.-Th. 9AM-4 PM and Fri. 9 AM-1 PM**. These will be added to weekly bags of food sent home from school with food insecure students for weekend meals. Check the newsletter each month for the next needed item. If you would like more info about how to serve, contact Ellen Benfield at [benfield@med.unc.edu](mailto:benfield@med.unc.edu).

### Goodnight Ministry

CUMC helps to fill one of the most basic needs for families in Cleveland County- a safe, clean place to sleep. We can always use help putting bed kits together... All are welcome! You can also serve by keeping these children and families in your prayers. If you would like to help, contact Suzanne Hensley at [hensuzie@yahoo.com](mailto:hensuzie@yahoo.com).

### Open Table

Open Table is a shared community meal that continues to provide for the community of Shelby every Saturday. We also share produce and meals in a “drive-thru” fashion outside. Extra muscles, hands and hearts are needed. All children (with their parents), youth, and adults are welcome. Please arrive to help by **9:30 AM on Saturdays**. You can volunteer to help by texting [@otcumc](https://www.instagram.com/otcumc) to then number 81010. If you have trouble with 81010, they try texting [@otcumc](https://www.instagram.com/otcumc) to (850) 659-7231. Or, just show up!

### Soup Group

Soup Group started as a way to expand our ministry to members of Central UMC who are shut-in, experiencing sickness, or dealing with other stressful situations. Soup Group meets in the church kitchen to cook soup and fellowship with each other. Soups are bagged, labeled and frozen for future use. Throughout the month members of Soup Group deliver soup and visit with those in need. Contact Rhonda Keeley to get involved at [rjkeeley@bellsouth.net](mailto:rjkeeley@bellsouth.net).

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## LIVESTRONG at the YMCA

LIVESTRONG at the YMCA is a free program designed for cancer survivors 18 years and older who have become de-conditioned or chronically fatigued from their treatment or disease. The goals of the program include:

- Rebuilding muscular strength and endurance
- Increasing flexibility and improving functional ability
- Reducing severity of therapy side effects
- Preventing unwanted weight changes
- Improving self esteem and energy levels

Participants receive a FREE 12 week Family Membership Plus and may use YMCA facilities at any time. Participants may bring a support person who can participate in a workout of their own.

Age: 18 and older

Cost: Thanks to the generosity of their donors, this program is free to participants

Requirements: Participants must receive medical clearance and are evaluated on an individual basis. Patients currently undergoing treatment may participate, but only if they receive proper medical clearance.

Time: 1:00-2:00 pm Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Location: Dover Foundation YMCA, 411 Cherryville Hwy, Shelby, NC

Parking: Easy access parking front and side of buildings and designated handicapped parking is available

For more information or to register contact:

Margaret Litton

LIVESTRONG Instructor

980-254-3600

[MLitton@CleveCoYMCA.org](mailto:MLitton@CleveCoYMCA.org)



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### ***Are you interested in beginning or expanding a Creation Care Ministry at your church?***

If so, then get ready for the Green Church Initiative that is coming in October! It provides a variety of practical, intentional creation care related actions from which participating churches may choose to implement within the areas of Worship, Discipleship, Stewardship, Evangelism, and Mission. ***Lay persons who are interested in learning more about how to start a Creation Care Ministry at their church, as well as those who want to receive more details about the Green Church Initiative, may register to attend one of the virtual training sessions offered by the Conference Creation Care Ministry Team on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, and Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-8:30pm.***

To register, email [CreationCareWNCC@gmail.com](mailto:CreationCareWNCC@gmail.com) and provide the name and address of your church, as well as which session you prefer to attend. Spread the word! Bring your fellow creation caring friends! And let's all participate in the renewal of God's creation!

### **Membership Audit**

We have no contact information for the following members. If you are able to provide any information, please contact Gina Blanton before October 31st.

Jonathan Black  
Jason Dority  
David Frailey  
Heather Frailey  
John Wade Hendricks, III  
John Noblitt  
Bill Smith  
Amanda Wray



Be sure to check out our  
website: [www.cumcshelby.org](http://www.cumcshelby.org)  
And our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/](http://www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/)

### **Memorials and Honorariums**

#### **Operating:**

In Memory of Ethel Willis by Philip and Suzanne Turner

In Memory of Charles Fowler by Barbara McLarty

In Memory of Loyd Smith by Barbara McLarty

#### **Kid's Place Preschool:**

In Memory of Ethel M. Willis by Anne Wray

In Memory of Margaret Dedmon by Anne Wray

In Memory of Nancy Hewitt Stallings by Anne Wray

In Memory of Charles Rhoden by Anne Wray

### **Mask Requirement At CUMC**

Because of the increased COVID-19 infections in our area, our task force and church council have decided that **MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED, EVEN FOR THOSE THAT ARE VACCINATED, FOR ALL INSIDE CHURCH ACTIVITIES.** With the surge in the Delta Variant, we want to be protective of our children and all of those who are unable to be vaccinated. We do encourage everyone to become vaccinated so that we can move closer to normal. Thank you for your patience. We greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation in making CUMC a safe place for worship!

### **Sunday School Every Sunday at 9 am**

We are excited to regroup-with masks of course!

#### **Adult classes:**

Growing Christians – Court Square, 9-9:45 (PAC in the event of rain)

Hoey Bible Class – 2S, Parlor

Saints and Sinners – 203E, Saints & Sinners Classroom

### **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.)