



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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9/11 - 20th Year Remembrance Weekend Central UMC, Shelby, NC

This is the 20th year remembrance of 9/11. We want to say a Big Thank You to our first responders (Fire, Police, Sheriff, EMS) for their service. On Sept. 11, 2021, Saturday, Central UMC will provide a FREE BBQ meal for pick up in honor of all first responders in the area.

Location: Central UMC, corner of Marion St and Washington St, Shelby, NC 28150

Date: Saturday, September 11

Times: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Phone number: (704) 477-4800

**For large orders, please call ahead.*

We still need lots of help to make this happen. If you can help in any of these ways, please contact Elizabeth Lutz at 704-477-4800.

- pick up BBQ and sides on Friday afternoon and bring to CUMC
- help warm up and organize food on Saturday morning
- package food for those picking up food on Saturday
- deliver food to specific Cleveland County first responder departments on Saturday
- make a homemade dessert and bring to the church on Saturday morning

On Sept. 12, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 AM, there will be a special 9/11 Remembrance Service: Beauty from Ashes.

Staff Retreat

Pastor David, Savanna, and Danny will be out of the office September 23-25th for a worship retreat. If you need them during that time, they will get back to you by Monday, September 27th.

Ministry Informational Meeting

Children, Youth, and Adult Discipleship Service Meeting, Sunday, September 12th, 3:30-4:30 PM in the CUMC Fellowship Hall- Everyone interested in the discipleship/education ministries of CUMC are invited to attend this meeting. It will cover opportunities to serve in Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Adult Education. This will be an informative time for Savanna and Pastor David to share and for YOU to learn how you can help make this area successful going forward.

Backpack Ministry Donations



Thank you so much for your continued support of our Backpack Ministry through your prayers and donations. As a new school year begins, we would like to request that you add a backpack item to your shopping list each month. For September, we are requesting **individual fruit cups** - any brand is fine but the ones packed in fruit juice are preferred. Thank you!



Change in Office Hours

Gina will also be having her reconstruction surgery on September 8th and will be out of work for 2 weeks. Volunteers will be manning the office from September 8th-21st, 9am-1pm. The office will be closed on both Fridays, September 10th and 17th. There will not be a newsletter for September 15th.

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Weekly Update Weekly Update

*Although Sunday School is up and running now the rest of our UMYF schedule kicks off September 12th! Check it out below and mark your calendars!

Youth Sunday School

This year, we will have one Sunday School classes available for our **6th-12th grade students**. This opportunity is open to all students in this age range and any adults who love to teach or interact with this age group too. **Co-lab-orate Youth Sunday School Class**- The Collaborate 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**, as well as, adults who love to interact with teenagers with the intention of building meaningful relationships. We will experience acceptance, love, and community as we engage with each other through dinner and fellowship, worship, games, Bible study, and service. The Sunday night schedule will rotate week-to-week between Bible study, fun nights, and service projects. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and Youth Common Area, each Sunday **5:30-7 PM, Sept. 12-May 22.**

Midweek Check-In

This group is open to all **6th-12th grade students**, as well as, any adults who love to interact with teenagers with the intention of building meaningful relationships. The intention of this gathering is to simply be together. You can bring homework or just come to chat and catch up! We will meet at **LilyBean Coffee each Wednesday, 4-4:45 PM.**

Special Events

Throughout the year, there will be many chances for **6th-12th graders** (and their families) to engage with their faith in new and different ways. This includes, but is not limited to, Confirmation, Worship Workshops, sharing in Sunday morning worship, mission projects, fun trips, and more.

Crossfire

This group is open to all **6th-12th graders** who love to sing. Any adults who love to sing and interact with teenagers are also welcome. We will experience acceptance, love, and community through our fall mini-retreat, weekly rehearsals, singing in our community, and leading worship periodically on Sunday mornings. Crossfire meets each **Sunday, 4:30-5:30, Sept. 19-May1.** We will begin with our mini-retreat to

September 13 Emily Carpenter
 September 14 Emily Tapp
 September 16 Greer Dalton
 September 16 Daniel Talbert
 September 17 Dave McDowell
 September 17 Jake Gallagher
 September 17 Zee Rempson
 September 18 Hannah Telle
 September 19 Becky Cook
 September 19 James Bridges
 September 19 Jane Szymborski
 September 19 Jason Newman
 September 20 Rachel Fowler



September Birthdays

September 22 Naushaba Samuel
 September 22 Ellen Warlick
 September 22 Tommy Rempson
 September 22 Jackson Reid
 September 23 Victoria Hunter
 September 24 Sarah Nestlerode
 September 24 Marilyn Jack
 September 24 Joe Whisnant
 September 25 Elaine Gregory
 September 25 Carol Rose
 September 25 Leigh Mabry
 September 25 Allie Hill
 September 25 Ginny Hughes

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

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.

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.

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.



Children's Ministry

Sunday School is happening now but we've got new things starting in a couple of weeks! Check them out below and mark your calendars—Central Kids starts September 15th!

Nursery

This group is open to all **Babies-PreK kids**. Any adults or youth who love to interact with this age group are also welcome. Our littlest will experience acceptance, love, fun, and learning through engaging with the Hands-On Bible Curriculum crafted specifically for this age group. Following Jesus' teaching methods, children will learn through play with every day objects. 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**. These opportunities are open to all kids in those age ranges and any adults or youth who love to teach or interact with this age group too.

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, Sept. 15-May 4**.

Special Events

Throughout the year, there will be many chances for **4 yrs.-5th grade kids** (and their families) to engage with their faith in new and different ways. This includes, but is not limited to, Vacation Bible School, Worship Workshops, sharing in Sunday morning worship, service projects, fun trips, and more.



200 East Marion St
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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

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

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
- Patricia “Trish” Morris
- John Noblitt
- ~~Caleb Peterson~~
- ~~Cody Peterson~~
- ~~Justin Peterson~~
- ~~Kirk Peterson~~
- ~~Rachel Peterson~~
- ~~Alex Skidmore~~
- ~~Grayson Skidmore~~
- ~~Teresa Skidmore~~
- Bill Smith
- Amanda Wray



Be sure to check out our website: www.cumcshelby.org
And our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/

Upper Room Daily Devotions

The September/October issues are now available outside of the office and sanctuary.

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Ethel M. Willis by Katherine and James Ramsey

In Memory of Ethel Willis by Brownie & Bubba Plaster

In Memory of Charles Rhoden by Brownie & Bubba Plaster

In Thanks to all church members who took time and effort to help Ethel Willis by Jill Taylor and Virginia Strickhouser

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!

Prescription/Over-The-Counter Bottles

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