



# 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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## Community Thanksgiving Worship Service The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer Tuesday, November 23 at 7 p.m.

This year's Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be at **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer** on Tuesday, November 23 at 7 pm. Congregation leaders from the community will lead the service and the Rev. Randy Blanton of Aldersgate UMC will preach. The worship service will be streamed online also. More information regarding online viewing will be forthcoming.

If possible, please bring an offering of canned goods for the Shepherd's Table feeding ministry at the Episcopal church. Winter coats are also being collected for West Shelby, and women's clothing is being collected for Cleveland County Rescue Mission. A financial offering will also be received for the Cleveland County Rescue Mission, Trailhead Resources, the Abuse Prevention Council and Common Ground Cafe.



### Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Please note that the office will close Wednesday, November 24th at 1 pm for the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend.

Normal hours will resume Monday, November 29th.



### Stewardship Moment

*<sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

Please take some time this week to pray, talk to your spouse, talk with your family before making your final commitment. Pray about this very important decision, "God, what do you want me to do in this area of my faith? Times are tough right now, but I want to be faithful to your leading." This is about honoring God, blessing others, and asking for God's blessings in our lives when we give of our first fruits back to God.

It is not too late to turn in your 2022 Estimate of Giving Card. In addition to the Honor your gifts give to God and the blessings your gifts are to others, your giving cards are also extremely helpful in the making of the 2022 budget. Your giving and support of your staff and church is deeply appreciated.

## Charge Conference

This year's Charge Conference will be this Sunday, November 14th, in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. It will be brief and all Central UMC members are invited to stay.



Central UMC extends our deepest sympathies to the family of Jean Eaker who passed away November 6th. And also to Ellen Benfield whose mother, Jane Corriher, passed away.

## Moment of Gratitude



With Thanksgiving Day coming up quickly, we have a lot to be thankful for, even in the face of the difficulties of the past two years. Check out this article for a reminder of some of the places for gratitude in your life that you may have forgotten, and have a conversation with your family today! <https://theparentcue.org/50-things-to-be-grateful-for-right-now/>



## Children's Ministry

### Nursery

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

### Elementary Sunday School

**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.-5thgrade**. We will 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**.

## Bible Study

JOIN US AS WE JOURNEY INTO  
**1ST & 2ND SAMUEL**

Come take a deeper look into the stories of Samuel, David, and Saul

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Thursdays, 6-7 PM  
 Beginning November 4th  
 CUMC Fellowship Hall

Thursdays from 6-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a Bible study centered around 1st & 2nd Samuel. This study will be focused on seeing these possibly familiar stories in Scripture with a new, deeper lens. Daniel Sprinkle will lead! Please contact Savanna or Daniel for more information.

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS  
**Weekly Update**

**Youth Sunday School**  
**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**  
**Sundays 5:30-7 PM.** This group is open to all **6th-12th grade students..**

**Midweek Check-In**  
 All 6th-12th graders meet at **LilyBean Coffee each Wednesday, 4-4:45 PM.**

**Crossfire**  
 All **6th-12th graders** who love to sing. Crossfire meets each **Sunday, 4:30-5:30.**

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 birthdays

November 14	Kay Dority
November 14	Reid Bridges
November 14	Sam Morgan
November 14	Lillian Lutz
November 15	Riley Nestlerode
November 16	Julianne McDowell
November 17	Bill Jack
November 18	Will Rucker
November 19	Janet Edwards
November 19	Jenny Goss
November 20	Sara Ellen Hamrick
November 20	Jim Toole

## 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.)

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!!!



Don't forget.....blood drive on Tuesday, November 16th ...2 to 6:30 pm. If you give blood, you will get a \$10 Amazon gift card. You may have to make an appointment to get it, so schedule your appointment at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) to give.

### Sunday School Every Sunday at 9 am

We are excited to regroup-with masks of course!

#### Adult classes:

Growing Christians – Fellowship Hall, 9-9:45

Hoey Bible Class – 2S, Hoey Class

Saints and Sinners – 203E, Saints & Sinners Classroom

### Sunday Morning Door Openings

For now, the Board of Trustees have decided that only the following doors will be unlocked on Sunday Mornings:

Handicap/Elevator Door (#2)

Washington Street Door (#9)

Both doors will be unlocked at 8:45 am. Please adjust your arrival time accordingly.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

### Newsletter Update

In an effort to be reliable and consistent with our newsletter publication, the newsletter **deadline of Wednesday at 10 am** will be a definitive deadline so that the newsletter can be delivered by email promptly at 3 pm every Wednesday and hard copies can be delivered to the post office by 4 pm every Wednesday. Any articles received after the 10 am deadline will be included in the next week's edition. Hard copies of the newsletter are now available outside of the choir room and at the Washington Street entrance.

### Upper Room Daily Devotions

The November/December issues are now available outside of the office and sanctuary.

#### 2021 Stewardship

2021 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$59,490.59
Total Receipts in October.....	\$61,488.25
October Expenses.....	\$57,885.26
Over/—Under Budget for the month.....	\$3,602.99
Over/—Under Budget for the year.....	-\$37,630.40

## 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.-Thur. 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. For November, we are requesting **individual ravioli/spaghetti—any brand is fine**. 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 to then umber 81010. If you have trouble with 81010, they try texting @otcumc to (850) 659-7231. Or, just show up! We also need help 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)

### 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 [rjkeelely@bellsouth.net](mailto:rjkeelely@bellsouth.net).





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## **Return Policy for COVID diagnosis/exposure**

Under the advisement of United Methodist Church guidelines, local health care leaders, and the CUMC COVID-19 Task Force, we are implementing the following plan for re-entry back into church life after having COVID-19 or being exposed to COVID-19 within a family household.

**If you have tested positive for COVID-19:** Before participating in any activities at Central UMC, you must quarantine for 10 days beginning the first day you had symptoms and/or a positive COVID test.

**If you have been exposed to COVID-19 within your family household or high risk exposure outside of household:** You must quarantine until the last person in your household that tested positive for COVID has completed their 10 day quarantine (beginning the first day they had symptoms and/or a positive COVID test). Following that 10 day quarantine period, wait an additional 5 days or test negative for COVID-19.

\*This standard will be the same for both vaccinated and non-vaccinated church members and will apply to all church activities- worship attendance, music rehearsals, Sunday School, Open Table, Kids Place, Children's Ministry gatherings, Youth Ministry gatherings, etc.)\*

## **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!

## **Memorials and Honorariums**

### **Operating:**

In Memory of Bill Story by Sara Branton  
In Memory of Bill Story by Jim Wilson  
In Memory of Bill Story by Sarah Morre  
In Memory of Bill Story by Barbara McLarty  
In Memory of Bill Story by Bobby & Ann McDaniel  
In Memory of Bill Story by Dexter & Magdalene Wilson  
In Memory of Bill Story by June Miller  
In Memory of Bill Story by Jeri Horn  
In Memory of Bill Story by Brownie & Bubba Plaster  
In Memory of Bill Story by Jim & Page Morgan  
In Memory of Bill Story by Frank & Flossie Bonner  
In Memory of Bill Story by Jim & Barbara Pressley  
In Memory of Jackie Guy by Joe & Jodi Morgan  
In Memory of Jackie Guy by June Miller  
In Memory of Jackie Guy by Samuel & Margaret Currin  
In Memory of Andy Powell by Will & Tina Rucker  
In Memory of Paul Ellison by Will & Tina Rucker  
In Memory of Betty Harris by Will & Tina Rucker  
In Memory of Nancy Morgan by Will & Tina Rucker  
In Memory of Jean Eaker by Anne & Julian Wray

### **Music Ministry:**

In Memory of Andy Powell by Sallie Craig

### **Open Table:**

In Memory of Andy Powell by Dale & Martha Winn

### **Piano:**

In Honor of Jo Marsh by Bobby & Ann McDaniel



Did you know we have a **YouTube Channel?** Every Monday you will find the previous Sunday's Worship Service posted there. We hope to add a variety of videos in the coming months so be sure to subscribe! [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBFdYbZ9RItXLTNUs\\_ohVOW](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBFdYbZ9RItXLTNUs_ohVOW)