



# 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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## 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 Doors (#8 and #10)

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

We apologize for any inconvenience.



## Join us for Coffee and Donuts

Join us Sundays from 9:30-10 am outside of the Sanctuary on the Washington Street side of the Sanctuary building. We hope you'll make plans to join us for food and fellowship.

## Exterior Doors

With the change in temperatures some of our exterior doors may not shut completely if left to shut on their own. When leaving the facility, please check that the door has closed all the way behind you and is locked. If you have issues with a door or find one to be open, please contact the office with the door number and the day and time of your discovery. Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a secure building.

## New Church Directory

We hope to put out a new/updated church directory in January. (no pictures will be involved) If you have changed mailing addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses, please contact Gina at [central@cumcshelby.org](mailto:central@cumcshelby.org) or 704-487-6336 so we can update our records before printing and distributing the new directory.

## Facility Repair/Service Requests

There is now a black box outside of the office for any Facility Repair/Service Requests. If you know of anything that needs to be addressed by our Facility Manager, Ed Winder, please fill out a Request form and place it in the box and he will handle it on the next business day.

## Outreach Opportunities



**Open Table**—Join our Open Table Remind text group to get updates and information. This is not a group text and you do not have to download the app. Text the message @otcumc to the

number 81010.

**Backpack Ministry**—For December, we are requesting **individual packages of oatmeal or grits—any brand is fine.**

## Office Closed

The office will also be closed Monday, January 3rd for the New Year's Holiday.



## Upper Room Daily Devotions

The January/February issues are now available outside of the office and sanctuary.

**January**  
BIRTHDAYS

January 2	Bubba Plaster
January 2	Chris Grenier
January 2	Bryan LeGrand
January 2	Jon Goforth
January 4	Margaret Ellis
January 4	Evelyn Ribadeneyra
January 5	Tom Wood
January 6	Laura Gray Lefcoski
January 7	Lorene Rogers
January 7	Celia Hensley



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### COVID Policy

Based on the recommendation by the CDC, Governor Cooper, and the Bishop's office, and recognizing the ongoing Coronavirus in our community, we are requiring the use of masks inside the church building.

**The following applies to all persons vaccinated and unvaccinated:**

**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.

#### Memorials and Honorariums

**Operating:**

In Memory of Jane Corriher by Mike & Evelyn Ribadeneyra

In Memory of Gordon McLarty by Barbara McLarty

In Memory of Doris Kunkle by the WINGS Circle

In Memory of Andy Powell by the WINGS Circle

**Piano:**

In Honor of Bill & Jo Marsh by Bobby & Ann McDaniel

#### **1st & 2nd Samuel Bible Study**

Resumes Thursdays at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

#### **Disciple 3 Bible Study**

Rob Laney is looking to start this bible study on January 25th from 4-6 pm. This session takes a look at the Prophets and Letters of Paul all with the focus of identity and remembering who we are. It will be an incredibly meaningful, deep study that you will get a lot out of. If you are interested you may contact Rob or the office. Cost of the books is \$25.58. Additional days/times may be added if needed.

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

We are excited to regroup-with masks of course!

Nursery—E106

Elementary School age—Holy Moly! Class

Youth—Co-Lab-orate in Youth Commons Area

**Adult classes:**

Growing Christians – Fellowship Hall, 9-9:45

Hoey Bible Class – 2S, Hoey Class

Saints and Sinners – 203E, Saints & Sinners

Classroom

#### **January 2-8, 2021 Calendar of Events**

**Sunday**

9:00am Sunday School for all Ages  
9:30am Coffee and Donuts (outside on Washington Street)  
10:00am Worship Service  
4:30pm NO Crossfire  
5:30pm NO Sunday Night Hangs

**Monday**

9:00am Church Office Closed  
10:00am NO Staff Meeting  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (in the PAC)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (in the PAC)

**Tuesday**

Counseling Center open (by appointment)  
9:00am Church Office opens  
6:30pm Central Ringers

**Wednesday**

9:00am Church Office opens  
6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:15pm Praise Ensemble Rehearsal

**Thursday**

9:00am Church Office opens  
6:00pm 1 & 2 Samuel Bible Study

**Friday**

9:00am Church Office opens

**Saturday**

10:30am Open Table Hot Lunch (PAC)