



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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Legacy Sunday, May 1, 2022

Celebrate those generous church members who came before us with a special worship service led by Rev. David Snipes, President of the Western North Carolina United Methodist Foundation. We will be adding a name to our donor recognition plaque representing those who have lovingly given to our church through their estates. See you Sunday.



Upcoming Special Services

Please mark your calendar with the following dates.

- *May 1st Communion and Legacy Sunday
- May 8th Mother's Day
- May 22nd Graduate Sunday (Honoring High School And College Graduates)
- *June 5th Pentecost and Communion

*Communion supplies are available in the office for those who will not be able to join us in person for worship on Communion Sundays. Please join us online Sundays on our FB page or Mondays on our website.

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.



Church Directories Are Still Available

The 2022 directory is available in both printed and digital versions. Printed copies are available outside of the sanctuary and in the office. Please only take one per family. If you need more, let Gina know and she will make arrangements for you to have more. If you would prefer a digital copy, contact Gina and she'll email it to you.

Open Table Needs Your Help

In order to better meet the needs of our community Open Table is asking for different donations each month. For April we are asking for donations of **Travel-sized Toiletries and Feminine Hygiene Products** (monetary donations will also be accepted so we can purchase these products in bulk). We invite you every Saturday from 8 am to noon to help us provide a free hot meal to our community. 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.

Upper Room Daily Devotions

The May/June issues are now available outside of the office and sanctuary. A limited number of Large Print editions are also available.

2022 Stewardship	
2022 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$60,231.00
Total Receipts in March.....	\$63,316.60
March Expenses.....	\$48,650.31
Over/—Under Budget for the month.....	\$14,666.29
Over/—Under Budget for the year.....	\$20,535.52

PRESENTED BY THE GASTONIA PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

NAVIGATING THE PATH TO EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

RESILIENCE IN A POST-COVID WORLD

May 18, 2022, 8:45 AM- 3:00 PM EST • FUMC Theater, 162 East Main Ave., Gastonia • Streaming Live

Join in-person or online for the latest edition of our webinar series on emotional wellness, this time focusing on resiliency. Participants are encouraged to attend any number of the sessions listed below, with a General Certificate of Continuing Education available for each session. A free lunch will also be provided for those attending in person who register by May 11. Register at www.fpcgastonia.org/emotionalwellness

8:45-9:00 am	Sign in and Welcome
9:00-9:45 am	Russ Keeney "Individual and Community Resilience"
10:00-10:45 am	Rev. Eddie Ingram "Psycho-Spiritual Aspects of Resilience"
11:00-11:45 am	Valerie Moore "The Neurochemistry of Resilience"
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:00-1:45 pm	Dr. Trish Murray "Resilience at Home"
2:00-2:45 pm	Kim Leppert and Stefanie Jester "Brain/Body Connections and Resilience"
2:45-3:00 pm	Closing Remarks

The office has a Xerox Typewriter available for anyone who might be interested—it does work. Best offer gets it! Money to go to Open Table.



Children's Ministry

Nursery 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

Wednesdays at 5pm. All kids from 4 years to 5th grade are invited to join us.

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update



9:05 Wake Up

All middle and high school youth are invited to join the 9:05 Wake Up- casual fellowship and conversation about how we are experiencing God in our lives and the world. We will meet Sundays at the front main entrance and walk over to LillyBean at 9:05. Please bring your Public Place Manners and money for a drink. If price is an issue, no problem, just let us know. Call or text Jessica Talbert with questions, 704-692-3441. Hope to see you there!

Crossfire

All **6th-12th graders** who love to sing. Sundays at 4:30 pm

**May 1-7, 2022
Calendar of Events**

Sunday

9:00am Sunday School for all Ages
 9:05am Wake Up (middle & high schoolers)
 9:30am Coffee and Donuts (outside on Washington Street)
 10:00am Worship Service
 4:30pm Crossfire

Monday

9:00am Church Office opens
 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
 10:00am Staff Meeting
 4:00pm Disciple 3 Bible Study
 6:30pm Central Ringers

Wednesday

9:00am Church Office opens
 5:00pm Central Kids
 5:30pm Legacy Committee Meeting
 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)



Central UMC extends our deepest sympathies to Debbie Powell on the death of her mother, Marilyn Smouter, who passed away Sunday.

Weekly Bible Studies

1st & 2nd Samuel Bible Study
 Thursdays at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Disciple 3 Bible Study
 This bible study is meeting Tuesdays from 4-6 pm in the Conference Room. This session takes a look at the Prophets and Letters of Paul all with the focus of identity and remembering who we are.

Sunday School Every Sunday at 9am

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 – 208E
 Hoey Bible Class—Hoey Bible Classroom
 Saints and Sinners – 203E



**MAY
BIRTHDAYS**

May 1	Hayes Mabry
May 1	Brad Richardson
May 3	Rieta Maxwell
May 3	Alan Hughes
May 3	Emily Epley
May 3	Ty Oliver
May 3	Andrew Epley
May 5	Maylan Maxwell
May 5	Gwen Harden
May 5	Beth Porter
May 7	Blair Crum
May 7	Torie Shirk
May 7	Windham Teddy

Serving Sunday, May 1, 2022

Nursery Volunteer:
 Ellen Benfield

Elementary Sunday School Teacher:
 Donna Boggs

9:05 Wake Up:
 Jessica Talbert

Greeters:
 Emily and David Parker

Coffee Time Helpers:
 Leigh Mabry

Coffee Maker:
 Chris Mabry

Children's Sermon:
 Mitch Hensley

Offering Counters:
 Tom Rempson and Rocky Lutz



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

Our YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCBFdYbZ9RItXLTNUs_ohVOW



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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, the use of masks inside the church building is optional.

The following applies to all persons vaccinated and unvaccinated:

If you have tested positive for COVID-19: You may return to church 10 days after onset of symptoms.

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.

Prescription/Over-The-Counter Bottles

We will **NO** longer be collecting medicine bottles as the program we've been sending them to is not accepting any more bottles. Thank you so much for all of your donations over the past few years!

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 North Shelby and Shelby Middle each week. You may drop them off at the office **Mon.-Thur. 9AM-4 PM and Fri. 9 AM-1 PM**. For **May**, we are requesting **Canned Pasta—ravioli, beefaroni, etc (any brand with a pop top)**. 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.

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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.