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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 Grants Awards 2022

The Legacy Committee met Wednesday, May 4, to talk about how to distribute the funds available from our investments at the United Methodist Foundation. We have a distribution this year of \$66,589.00 and a carryover of \$42,200.50 from last year totaling \$108,789.50. (That does not count monies invested in three funds as designated by the late Marian Rogers: \$5,679 to trustees, \$5,769 to operating and \$6,301 to the Tom and Marian Rogers Preaching and Teaching Fund). These funds come to us annually and allow our church to do important work that is not covered in our annual budget. What a gift this is! Our application process was followed enthusiastically and prayerfully considered.

For the funds over which we have discretion, the awards this year are:

- Trustees Protection of stain glass windows on the southwest corner of the sanctuary building
- Trustees Necessary up fitting of Palmer Building to return it to usage (currently no functioning bathroom)
- Outreach James Love School Summer Food Delivery
- Church Council Entryway improvements
- Outreach Open Table Supplies
- Children's Ministry Replace playground fence
- Staff Parish Fellowship Gatherings
- Staff Parish 9/11 First Responder Luncheon
- Staff Parish 178th birthday anniversary of Central
- Outreach Backpack ministry
- Outreach Pack-a-trunk
- Outreach Soup group

With other monies from our most recent bequest we will be able to pay for the new chiller for the Education Building, seal the brick on the bell tower and make a grant to the piano fund. We also found monies in the operating budget to cover some Ministry Gatherings as suggested by our Bishop Ken Carter (whom we hope to have with us for our 178th this fall!)

Those folks who have lovingly left us monies in their wills are empowering us to be strong and allowing us to concentrate on our operating budget. As David Snipes reminded us Sunday, the Lord loves a cheerful giver. We can do great things through Christ who strengthens us. Blessings indeed! And, we will receive more monies next year for items not covered in the budget. Start thinking!

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

- In Memory of Marilyn Smouter by Mike & Libby Alexander
- In Memory of Marilyn Smouter by Jim & Beverly Putnam
- In Memory of June Miller's Mother by Mike & Libby Alexander

Soup Group:

- In Honor of Gwen Harden by Dick & Barbara Schafer

Memorial Service for Tom Camp

May 13, 2022

10:45 am pre-service presentation

11 am Service

At the time of Tom's death on August 13, 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic required us to postpone his service. At long last, the family invites you to celebrate his life with them.

There will be a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



Vacation Bible School 2022

Sunday, June 19th - Thursday, June 23rd
Aldersgate United Methodist Church Shelby, N.C.

All Children 3 Years through 5th Grade are invited!

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Epworth Building

A snack supper will be provided each evening.

Co-Sponsored by Aldersgate UMC and Central UMC



VBS - Register Here!

Hold your camera over the QR Code to Register for VBS 2022!



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.

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.



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.

Jerusalem Marketplace! Vacation Bible School

Central United has teamed up with Aldersgate UMC this year for Vacation Bible School! You can either scan the QR code with your phone's camera or click on the registration link below to register your children. If you would like to Volunteer to help during the program, click on the Volunteer form below or contact Daniel Sprinkle or Jessica Talbert to sign up! See you in Jerusalem!

Registration Link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCGB_B2tdR5-MTzosTU4JaO63faimhV9tOuhEgOEgiyd44mA/viewform

Volunteer Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7qGAHpRQy8IE0fSCVp6V4zDoVnYA_CQddeSr7RVnOwD4f0g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

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 15-21, 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
 2:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive
 4:00pm Disciple 3 Bible Study
 6:30pm Central Ringers

Wednesday

9:00am Church Office opens
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:45pm 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)



BLOOD DRIVE on TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 from 2:00 until 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have not reserved your spot yet, do so online ASAP at redcross.org. You will receive a \$10 gift card when you give. Please consider giving of your time and blood for a very good cause. Call Joanie Mabry at 980-295-8576 if you have any questions.

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

2022 Stewardship

2022 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$60,231.00
Total Receipts in April.....	\$80,891.78
April Expenses.....	\$56,323.81
Over/—Under Budget for the month.....	\$24,567.97
Over/—Under Budget for the year.....	\$49,913.03

Serving Sunday, May 15, 2022

Nursery Volunteer:
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Elementary Sunday School Teacher:
 Daniel Sprinkle

9:05 Wake Up:
 Jessica Talbert

Greeters:
 Rhonda and Mike Keeley

Coffee Time Helpers:
 Gale and John Green

Coffee Maker:
 Gale Green

Children's Sermon:
 Julianne McDowell

Offering Counters:
 Chris Jones and Jim Wilson



May 15 Sherry Grenier
 May 16 Rhonda Keeley
 May 17 Ashley Beam
 May 21 Eula Crews
 May 21 Rod Mauney
 May 21 Cate Oliver



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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.

Upcoming Special Services

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.

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.

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.

Open Table

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.

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.