

# 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.

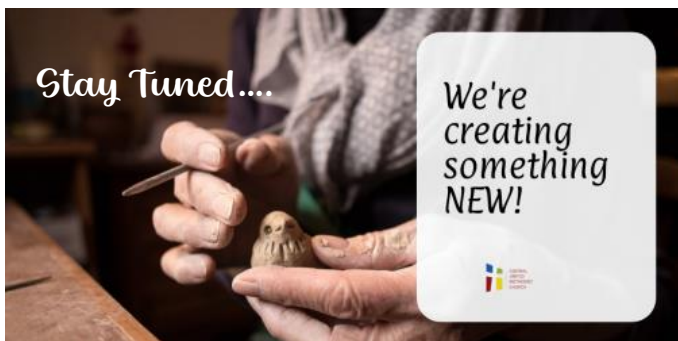
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## Visiting Pastors

While Pastor David is on paternity leave, we will have an excellent array of visiting pastors. Below you will find the schedule for the next 6 weeks. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Gina at 704-487-6336 and she will contact the pastor on call.

- July 17th—Savanna Craig
- July 24th—John Greene
- July 31st—Rev. Carrie Carpenter, associate at Aldersgate UMC
- Aug. 7th—Rev. John Boggs



## Mission Opportunity

WNCC Disaster Ministries needs your help rebuilding in Haywood County. Our calendar is wide open for the month of August and we need your help filling it with rebuilding teams. Please consider getting a group, team size 4 to 12, together to volunteer in Haywood County. Come for a day, a few days, or an entire week! WNCC provides housing for groups, the only expense is getting to Haywood County and the cost of providing your own meals (housing locations have full kitchens).

Please reach out to me directly if you have questions or would like to discuss getting a team to Haywood County in August. My Cell is 910.366.7692 Outside of August, there are several other available dates over the summer that we hope you will consider as a chance to work within our Conference. The general signup for teams can be found at [this link](#).

Thanks,  
Ben Rogers  
Mission Response Associate  
Western North Carolina Conference  
The United Methodist Church  
Office: 828-478-1019  
Disaster Hotline: 980-354-4157


## What About the Continuing United Methodist Church?

While no one knows exactly what the future holds, our District Superintendent (David Christy) and Conference Secretary (Kim Ingram) will be leading a discussion on the future of the United Methodist Church in Western NC. This will be a chance to hear from conference leaders what our shared future can look like and to ask questions you may have. Our focus will be on the United Methodist Church, and not on any groups or other denominations that wish to separate from the United Methodist Church. We will discuss what the future of United Methodism will look like in our Annual Conference.

See dates and locations below. All Sessions are on Sundays, from 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

July 24: Central UMC Kings Mountain

# July



## Birthdays

July 17	Susan Mabry
July 17	Vinson Washburn, Jr
July 18	Dan Boggs
July 18	Charles Moore
July 20	Hill Morgan
July 22	Sallie Craig
July 23	Matt Beam

**July 17-24, 2022  
Calendar of Events**

**Sunday**

9:00am Sunday School for all Ages  
9:30am Coffee and Donuts (outside on Washington Street)  
10:00am Worship Service

**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 NO Staff Meeting

**Wednesday**

Counseling Center open (by appointment)  
9:00am Church Office opens  
6:00pm NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:15pm NO Praise Ensemble Rehearsal

**Thursday**

Counseling Center open (by appointment)  
9:00am Church Office opens

**Friday**

9:00am Church Office opens

**Saturday**

10:30am Open Table Hot Lunch (PAC)



Central UMC extends our deepest sympathies to Donna Boggs on the passing of her mother, Phyllis Brackett and to Rhonda Keeley on the passing of her stepfather, Wayman Shepard, Jr.

**Floors closed for waxing**

On August 9th we will have the first and third floors of the Education Building deep-cleaned and waxed. Please note that these floors will be off limits until Sunday, August 13th.

**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**.

**Sunday School Teacher Needed**

The Hoey Bible Class is looking for a teacher to join their class the 2nd Sunday of each month starting in September. If you're available and interested please let Bobby McDaniel know.

**Serving Sunday, July 17, 2022**

**Nursery Volunteer:**

Julianne and LeeAnne McDowell

**Elementary Sunday School Teacher:**

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**Greeters:**

Diana Snyder and Ann Anthony

**Coffee Time Helpers:**

Rhonda and Mike Keeley

**Coffee Maker:**

Leigh Mabry

**Children's Sermon:**

Julianne McDowell

**Offering Counters:**

Stan Anthony and Dan Boggs



**Central UMC & Aldersgate  
UMC  
Captain's Choice Golf  
Outing  
September 19  
10 am Shotgun Start**

Where: Cleveland Country Club  
40 players minimum/80 players maximum  
Golf: \$100/person-includes buffet  
Non-golfer Buffet: \$25.00

Drinks and snacks provided during play  
Cash bar for mixed drinks during buffet

Volunteers needed

Contact for information:

[coachedwinder15@gmail.com](mailto:coachedwinder15@gmail.com)

Or text/call-704-300-0299

Make checks out to "Central UMC"

Memo line: "Open Table Golf"

Sign-up ends August 1, 2022

Sign-up sheets in the office

Proceeds benefit Open Table

**PIANO UPDATE—We are almost there! Thank you to everyone who has added to our total over this past week!**

Purchase price of Steinway Model B -7 feet	<b>\$69,988.75</b>
-includes matching bench, initial tuning, 10 year full trade, Jansen piano truck/base & delivery	
Current Piano Fund balance as of 7/11/22	64,800.00
-includes recent \$5,000 Anonymous pledge	
Monies due back to CUMC (sales tax)	<u>3,657.50</u>
Remaining balance	<b>1,531.25</b>

The above purchase price is for a used, single owner, 1991 Steinway Model B instrument. Our current piano in our Sanctuary dates back to around 1924. This new to us piano will be in our Sanctuary for many decades.

A brand new Steinway Model B costs approximately \$126,500 and is subject to 4-6 month back order from time of order

We hope our members will step forward to consider a donation of any size to help us reach this goal as soon as possible. We thank our members who have been donating over the years toward the Piano Fund. We hope other members will join us to make this dream a reality.

*We will stress that this donation is not to take the place of their annual gift/tithe/pledge to Central.*

**Memorials and Honorariums**

**Piano:**

- In Memory of Julian and Sally Hamrick by Sara Ellen Hamrick
- In Memory of Vince Carpenter by Lynn Carpenter
- In Memory of Sofia Peacock by Mike & Carol Schenck
- In Memory of Marilyn Smouter by Mike & Carol Schenck
- In Memory of Lloyd and Lorraine Clark by Mike & Carol Schenck
- In Memory of Phyllis Brackett by Mike & Carol Schenck
- In Memory of Barbara Wood by Mike & Carol Schenck
- In Memory of James Barnett by Mike & Carol Schenck
- In Memory of Wayne Black by Mike & Carol Schenck
- In Memory of Wayman “Shep” Shepard, Jr. by Mike & Carol Schenck
- In Memory of Ann McDaniel by Mike & Carol Schenck
- In Memory of Bill Jack by Mike & Carol Schenck
- In Memory of Iris Francis by Mike & Carol Schenck
- In Memory of Frankie Patterson by Mike & Carol Schenck
- In Honor of Francis Lee by Mike & Carol Schenck
- In Memory of Bill Jack by Dan Keggan
- In Honor of the Buckner Family by Linda McGrath
- In Memory of Iris Francis by Bill & Jo Marsh
- In Memory of Frankie Patterson by Bill & Jo Marsh
- In Memory of Frankie Patterson by Gene & Becky Cook

**Operating:**

- In Memory of Frankie Patterson by Sandy Allen

**Boy Scouts Spaghetti Lunch**

Great job Randy and scouts, the meal was delicious! Fresh cucumbers from Beth and deserts were awesome! Thank you everyone!





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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.

### 2022 Stewardship

2022 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$60,231.00
Total Receipts in June.....	\$45,163.00
June Expenses.....	\$46,030.06
Over/—Under Budget for the month.....	-\$867.06
Over/—Under Budget for the year.....	\$59,795.18



### 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.

### 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 **June**, we are requesting **Instant Grits and Oatmeal packets.** 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

In order to better meet the needs of our community Open Table is asking for different donations each month. For **June** we are asking for donations of **Small Bottled Waters** (8-10 oz. bottles). 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](mailto:rjkeeley@bellsouth.net).