

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.

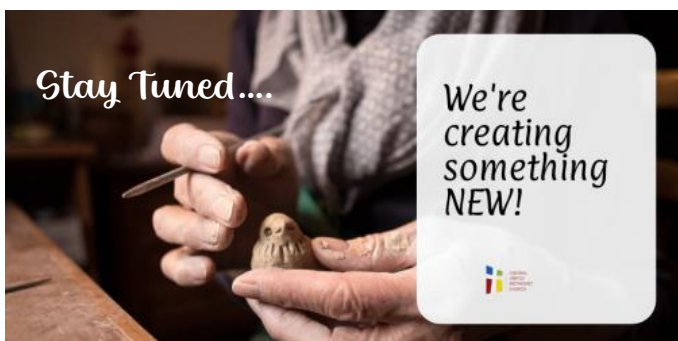
July 24th—John Greene
July 31st—Rev. Carrie Carpenter, associate at Aldersgate UMC
Aug. 7th—Rev. John Boggs

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. Last session will be **July 24th from 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Central UMC in Kings Mountain.**

July 24	Bill Owens
July 24	Rocky Lutz
July 25	Carter Reeves
July 27	Larry Brown
July 27	Wayne Gregory
July 28	Ann Anthony
July 29	Sidney Smith
July 30	Wil Hunter
July 30	Carter Plaster

**July 24-30, 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 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm 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 the family of Lillian Rogers who passed away July 12th.

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**.

Deadline for the Golf Outing is August 1st!



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
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

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 24, 2022

Nursery Volunteer:
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Elementary Sunday School Teacher:
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Greeters:
Mary Ann and Al Rogers

Coffee Time Helpers:
Beverly and Jim Putnam

Coffee Maker:
Leigh Mabry

Children's Sermon:
Lily Chadwick

Offering Counters:
Stan Anthony and Holly Mabry



Women's Wellness Retreat

September 17, 2022
9am - noon



Women's Wellness Retreat September 17th 9am to noon

Women of all ages are invited to Aldersgate United Methodist Church for a day retreat as we focus on our spiritual, mental, and physical wellness.

Our sessions will be led by:

Rev. Carrie Carpenter, Spiritual Wellness;

Sadie Simpson, Physical Wellness;

Rev. Dr. Stacey Watkins-Griffith, Mental Wellness.

This event is free of charge.

RSVP by September 8th to 704.487.8491, <https://tinyurl.com/aldersgatewomen2022> , or office@aldersgateshelby.com

*Child care is available upon request prior to September 8.

Best of Cleveland County is coming around again. Check out Kids Place Preschool. Vote for your favorites now through July 28th.

If you vote in 25 categories, you will be entered for the chance to WIN a \$250 Gift Card! <https://consumers.secondstreetapp.com/og/029379c4-5807-4e6f-adc1-6f4e8eb0d84a/gallery/342765669>

Kids Place is preparing for our new school year! We have been good stewards of our toys and supplies but over the years things do wear away.

The teachers and I have made a list on Amazon with class-room wishes. If you would like to donate something to our classrooms, please click the link below for more information.

Thank you church family for being supportive of our wonderful preschool ministry!



https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1U77G65K1TAVA?ref=wl_share

Christ's Love,
Shelley Rempson

Memorials and Honorariums

Piano:

In Memory of Bill Jack by Debbie Powell

In Memory of Margaret D. Hicks by Marilyn Jack

Operating:

In Memory of Lillian Rogers by Julian & Anne Wray

In Memory of Lillian Rogers by June Miller

In Memory of Lillian Rogers by Bobby McDaniel



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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.



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 **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.