



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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Gina will be out of the office for July 13-15. Volunteers will be covering the office while she is gone. Office hours will be:
July 13—9am to 4pm

July 14—1pm to 4pm
July 15—Closed

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 10th—Rev. David Christy, Catawba Valley District Superintendent
- July 17th—Savanna Craig
- July 24th—John Greene
- July 31st—Rev. Carrie Carpenter, associate at Aldersgate UMC
- Aug. 7th—Rev. John Boggs

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 10: First UMC Gastonia
- July 24: Central UMC Kings Mountain

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

July 10	Freda Hall
July 11	Jennifer Arey
July 11	Grady Morgan
July 12	Virginia Story
July 12	Paula Owens
July 12	Sadie Oliver
July 13	Robert Dority
July 13	Stephen Schmoutz
July 15	Julia Palmer

**July 10-16, 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)
1:00pm Church Office opens

Friday

Church Office Closed

Saturday

10:30am Open Table Hot Lunch (PAC)

**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
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 10, 2022

Nursery Volunteer:

Evelyn Ribadeneyra

Elementary Sunday School Teacher:

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Greeters:

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Coffee Time Helpers:

Jessica and Daniel Talbert

Coffee Maker:

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Children's Sermon:

Mitch Hensley

Offering Counters:

Daniel Talbert and Dan Boggs

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Frankie Patterson by Bob Yelton
In Memory of Ann McDaniel by Jim & Ann Morgan
In Memory of Jean Eaker by Jim & Ann Morgan
In Memory of Bill Jack by Jim & Ann Morgan
In Memory of Iris Francis by Jim & Ann Morgan

Piano:

In Memory of Frances C. Ivester by Jim & Ann Morgan
In Honor of Libby Alexander by Bill & Marilyn Henshaw
In Honor of Sara Ellen Hamrick by Bill & Marilyn Henshaw
In Memory of Frankie Patterson by June Miller
In Memory of Frankie Patterson by Mitchell & Glenda Self
In Honor of Gina Blanton by Marilyn Jack
In Honor of Central UMC Congregation by Marilyn Jack
In Memory of Bill Jack by Larry & Terry Brown

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

Hello Church:

I wanted to share some exciting news!

Last Fall I spoke with Danny Buckner about purchasing a new/gently used piano for our Sanctuary. This is something Danny has wanted for quite some time as our current sanctuary piano was purchased in 1924 and after 98 years of service, it's tired.

I decided to write a Legacy grant in April to request partial funding for a newer and larger piano for our Sanctuary. We received funds from Legacy in the amount of \$5,000 that went toward The Piano Fund at Central. A month or so ago, Danny & I found a gently used, single owner, Steinway Model B (almost a foot larger than our current piano) at The Steinway Gallery in Charlotte. Last week, Danny, Libby & I went to see the instrument and after playing just a few notes, they had broad smiles on their faces. All of us thought that this is the one for us.

We decided to present this possible purchase to Trustees, Finance, Worship and David Lee Sunday, June 26th after Church. Everyone was thrilled with the idea and is on board with total support. At present, we have just over \$10,000 left to raise to pay for this piano. I have included a statement of funds that was presented at the meeting.

I say all this to ask our members to consider a gift toward the Piano Fund. If you feel so moved, please mail a check to Central with Piano Fund in the memo line. What a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a loved one with the gift of music for decades to come. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Tina Rucker
704-472-1196

Purchase price of Steinway Model B -7 feet	\$69,157.50
-includes matching bench, initial tuning, 10 year full trade, Jansen piano truck/base & delivery	
Current Piano Fund balance as of 6/23/22	56,785.00
-includes recent \$5,000 Anonymous pledge	
Monies due back to CUMC (sales tax)	<u>3,657.50</u>
Remaining balance	7,372.00

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.

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**.





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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.