



# 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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## Updated COVID Policy

Based on the recommendation of Dr. Mike and the Bishop's office, and recognizing the increase Coronavirus in our community, **the use of masks inside the church building is once again highly recommended.** Masks will be provided at all entrances of the building.

**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.



## August 14th Back-to-School Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us Sunday, August 14th, for our Back-to-School service and if you have a student make sure they bring their backpacks so we can bless them during the service.



## Join us for Coffee (or Lemonade) 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.



We're  
cooking up  
something  
BIG!



Coming this  
September!

**Aug. 7-13, 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

**Tuesday**

Counseling Center open (by appointment)  
9:00am Church Office opens  
10:00am Staff Meeting  
5:30pm Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

**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)

**Memorials and Honorariums**

**Operating:**

In Memory of Bill Jack by Gus and Elaine Gregory  
In Memory of Cecil Jenkins by Gus & Elaine Gregory  
In Memory of Lillian Rogers by Gus & Elaine Gregory  
In Memory of Frankie Patterson by Gus & Elaine Gregory  
In Memory of Ann McDaniel by Gus & Elaine Gregory  
In Honor of Marilyn Jack by Gus & Elaine Gregory  
In Honor of Bobby McDaniel by Gus & Elaine Gregory

**2022 Stewardship**

2022 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$60,231.00
Total Receipts in July.....	\$50,362.66
July Expenses.....	\$49,230.78
Over/—Under Budget for the month.....	-\$1131.88
Over/—Under Budget for the year.....	\$60,950.87

**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, August 14, 2022**

**Nursery Volunteer:**

Leigh Mabry

**Elementary Sunday School Teacher:**

TBA

**Greeters:**

Marywinn Amaya and Leigh Mabry

**Coffee Time Helpers:**

Holli and Matt Clark

**Coffee Maker:**

Mike Schenck

**Children’s Sermon:**

Mitch Hensley

**Offering Counters:**

Chris Jones and Rocky Lutz

**August Birthdays**

August 14	Sarah Beam
August 14	Patsy Rose
August 14	Bob Yelton
August 15	Tim Rucker
August 15	Amy Lee
August 15	Noah Whicker
August 16	Mary Beattie
August 18	Sergio Noble
August 19	Gus Gregory
August 19	Che Tiernan
August 19	Eleanor Morgan



# 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/aldersgategowomen2022>, or [office@aldersgateshelby.com](mailto:office@aldersgateshelby.com)

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

### 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 of UMC

Office: 828-478-1019 Disaster Hotline: 980-354-4157

### “DID YOU KNOW?”

Central UMC  
1844-2022

Our first brick church structure was located on the opposite corner downtown from our present location where Gragg & Gragg Accounting is presently located. A former member, Ann Corn, remembers being in a children's Sunday School classroom looking out the window across the street at workmen constructing our present Sanctuary building which was dedicated in 1923. If you look above the small front entrance door on Washington street, you will see the date and the designation as the Methodist Episcopal Church South which was formed in 1844 following the American General Conference formation.





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Be sure to check out our website:  
[www.cumcshelby.org](http://www.cumcshelby.org)  
Our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/](http://www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/)  
Our YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCBFdYbZ9RitXLTNUs\\_ohVOW](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBFdYbZ9RitXLTNUs_ohVOW)

### 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.

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 classroom 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/1U77G65KITAVA?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1U77G65KITAVA?ref=wl_share)

Christ's Love,  
Shelley Rempson

### 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. 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).