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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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BLOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEK AUGUST 23rd, 2:00 to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Blood donations are down this summer due to vacations and more people traveling. Please take about an hour to give a unit of blood...and save 3 lives. Visit recrossblood.org to make an appointment. Call Joanie Mabry at 980-295-8576 if you need help scheduling an appointment or if you have any questions. P.S. If you donate in August, you get a \$10 gift card of your choice of merchants. PLUS, you will be entered for a chance to win gas for a year, a \$6,000 value.

Fall Methodism Classes

The Catawba Valley District is offering classes on Methodism for clergy and laity who serve in leadership positions in your church. **These classes meet the requirements for Advanced Lay Servant courses in the Catawba Valley District. Register at: [Methodism Classes -- Fall 2022 \(brtapp.com\)](http://brtapp.com)**

All classes are taught Dr. Jonathan LeMaster-Smith.

There are three 2-day classes offered this spring: UM History, UM Doctrine, and UM Polity. Each class consists of 2 days of instruction, held on a Friday - Saturday.

The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016 is required, which you will need to purchase before class and bring with you. It is available at www.cokesbury.com. Other books are optional and are listed on the registration page.

Classes will be held at Rehobeth United Methodist Church (2036 Rehobeth Church Rd, Shelby, NC).

*** Certificates will be issued, which can then be used for CEU credit or for Catawba Valley District Advanced Lay Servant course credit.*

United Methodist History

September 16 & 17, 2022, 10am-4pm both days Deadline to register: September 8, 4 p.m.

United Methodist Doctrine

October 14 & 15, 2022, 10am-4pm both days Deadline to register: October 6, 4 p.m.

United Methodist Polity

November 18 & 19, 2022, 10am-4pm both days Deadline to register: November 10, 4 p.m.

Payment Information

Registration fee includes refreshments, snack breakfast and lunch. The cost for each 2-day class will be \$50, which covers the cost of refreshments and lunches. **(NOTE: The Catawba Valley District will provide a \$25 scholarship for all registrants who are members of the CV District. Your total cost will be \$25 per class.)**

**Aug. 21-27, 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
5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday

Counseling Center open (by appointment)
9:00am Church Office opens
10:00am Staff Meeting
2:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday

Counseling Center open (by appointment)
9:00am Church Office opens
5:30pm Legacy Committee Meeting
6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm Praise Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday

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

Friday

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Saturday

10:30am Open Table Hot Lunch (PAC)

Memorials and Honorariums

Open Table:

In Honor of Ann Anthony by Rocky & Elizabeth Lutz
In Honor of Susan Tapp by Rocky & Elizabeth Lutz
In Honor of Evelyn Ribadeneyra by Rocky & Elizabeth Luz

Office Equipment Available

The office is cleaning out some of our old equipment and will have it available in the Fellowship Hall August 28th for anyone that is interested. File cabinets, typewriter, and desktop printer are just some of the options.

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**.

Central Kids

Resumes Sept. 14 at 5:00pm in Room E206.

Serving Sunday, August 21, 2022

Nursery Volunteer:

Ellen Benfield

Elementary Sunday School Teacher:

TBA

Greeters:

Carol and Ray Maxwell, Rayney Maxwell

Coffee Time Helpers:

Caroline Laney and Debbie Powell

Coffee Maker:

Mike Schenck

Children's Sermon:

Hattie Hensley

Offering Counters:

Chris Jones and Jim Wilson



birthdays

- August 21 Ollie Anthony
- August 21 Matthew Grenier
- August 23 Jim Pressley
- August 23 Laura Mitchell
- August 24 Justin Gregory
- August 24 Benjamin Hamilton
- August 25 Reagan Nestlerode
- August 25 Elizabeth Bridges
- August 26 Jim Wilson



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.

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 **Rolls of Paper Towels and 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.



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“DID YOU KNOW?”

**Central UMC
1844-2022**

A former pastor was quoted in a previous newsletter publication, THE CENTRAL ISSUE, stating that “there is no fellowship on earth outside the Christian church, where a newcomer can so quickly become FAMILY. Our oneness in Christ is a precious gift and transcends the passing of generations to become "the Communion of Saints.” We may not think of ourselves as Saints, and indeed there is a SS class named the Saints and Sinners; who readily admits to our human sinfulness, but also strives to attempt the opposite. Other names of our SS classes have been Wesley, Horace Grigg, Lost and Found, Golden Links, and the Growing Christians.



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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.



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.

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

Christ's Love,
Shelley Rempson

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.

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.

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.