

Happening **today, 7/13:**


8:45 AM	Sunday School – <i>All ages</i>
10:00 AM	Worship <i>Sanctuary</i>
11:15 AM	New-ish to Central Coffee Hour <i>Library</i>
11:15 AM	VBS Training & Final Setup <i>Parlor</i>





Happening this **week, 7/14–7/20:**


MON, 7/14	9AM-NOON	VBS!
	1:00 PM	Building Committee <i>Conference Room</i>
	5:45 PM	Theology Pub <i>Village Pub</i>
TUE, 7/15	9AM-NOON	VBS!
	2:00 PM	Dementia Partners AVL <i>Library</i>
WED, 7/16	9AM-NOON	VBS!
	11:00 AM	Centering Prayer <i>Parlor</i>
	6:00 PM	Dementia Partners AVL <i>Haw Creek</i>
THU, 7/17	8:00 AM	Thursday Morning Prayer <i>Zoom</i>
	9AM-NOON	VBS!
	10:00 AM	Circle of Prayer <i>Zoom</i>
FRI, 7/18	9AM-NOON	VBS!
SAT, 7/19	1:00 PM	Harold Joseph Boutin Reception
	3:00 PM	Harold Joseph Boutin Memorial Service
SUN, 7/20	8:45 AM	Sunday School – <i>All ages</i>
	9:30 AM	Blood Pressure Checks <i>Library</i>
	10:00 AM	Worship <i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 AM	Blood Pressure Checks <i>Library</i>
	11:15 AM	New-ish to Central Coffee Hour <i>Library</i>
	1:00 PM	Bill Kindley Memorial Service

For more information about these activities, go to CentralUMC.org/Events.

 **Eco-Tip: A No-Kill July!**   

Here’s a challenge: try not to kill *any* insects this July! Ants, bees, and other small creeping creatures are vital to our interconnected life on Earth.  Instead of harming them, find ways to live alongside them. Take it one step further and support insect life around you:

-  Build a bee “hotel”
-  Leave leaves and small branches on the ground
-  Attract birds (natural insect helpers!)
-  Try no-till gardening

Let’s care for the smallest among us—they make a big difference! 

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Financial Update through 6/30/25:

- Year to Date Offering: \$724,619.09
- Total Annual Budget: \$1,500,000.00

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Sermon Discussion Questions

Continue to reflect on today's message by journaling or discussing the following questions:

- When was the last time you were really, really thirsty? Outside working on the lawn; after a long walk or run; that day when you forgot your water bottle?
- Share about a time when you finally got something you really wanted... and it didn’t satisfy you like you thought it would.
- Has your soul ever felt “thirsty” for something spiritual? Try to put that feeling into words.
- What are some “deep” places where you experience God?
- Describe a time when your soul felt satisfied. What clues does it give you about how to keep searching for God?

Daily Suggested Scripture Readings

It’s a Summer of Psalms! As you read a Psalm each day, try reading them out loud. Listen for a line or phrase that feels especially meaningful. Consider re-reading that line out loud and then sitting in silence with it for 5 to 10 minutes.

- Monday: Psalm 21
- Tuesday: Psalm 22
- Wednesday: Psalm 23
- Thursday: Psalm 24
- Friday: Psalm 25
- Saturday: Psalm 26

Next week in worship...

Celebrate the end of VBS week with us! All the kids who participated are invited to come worship with us to share their theme song, “One True God” and hear a kid-friendly sermon from Pastor Mary on Psalm 100. Come and bring a friend!

Recommended Summer Reading:

- C.S. Lewis, *Reflections on the Psalms*
- N.T. Wright, *The Case for the Psalms*
- Timothy Keller, *The Songs of Jesus*
- Walter Brueggemann, *Praying the Psalms*
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Prayerbook of the Bible*



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

10:00 am

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

VOLUNTARY

“Meditation”

Georges Bizet

Bella Strupp, flute

Prayer cards and name tags are available in the attendance pad at the end of each pew. You can also find prayer cards in the pew rack in front of you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Rettew

We gather together with a common thirst –
Not for water, but for God.

**As the deer longs for flowing streams
So our souls long for you, O God.**

We are thirsty for joy;
Thirsty for peace;
Thirsty for love;
Thirsty for God.

Deep is calling out to deep.

God, our hope is in you;

God, our praise is for you.

***HYMN 150** “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” **HOLY MANNA**

MINISTRY MOMENT

Nathan Rawls

Annual Conference 2025

OFFERTORY

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Douglas Wagner

Summer Choir

While the choir makes their musical offering, the ushers will pass plates for those who wish to offer a financial gift or prayer request. You may also use this QR code to make a financial gift. As you pass the plate—whether or not you give—we invite you to pause and reflect on what you hope to offer God this week.



***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal 94

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 42

Jim Tebay

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Vicki Leeds

Following Children’s Time, children in kindergarten – 5th grade are invited to be part of Children’s Church in the Chapel. Children 5 years old and under may leave at this time to go to the nursery with our childcare staff.

Children Must have name tags on them.

The name tag table is located outside the Sanctuary by the Library.

SERMON "Deep Calls to Deep" Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
PSALTER 777 Psalm 42
Hymnal 777
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From Romans 8:35, 37-39
Hymnal 887
HYMN 156 "I Love to Tell the Story" HANKEY
***BENEDICTION** Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
***CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**
***VOLUNTARY** "Toccata in F Major" Dietrich Buxtehude

**Please stand, if you are able.*

A livestream of the worship service is available in the library for families. Nursery care is available in Room 104 for children ages 0–5.

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given by Ricky and Traci Silver in honor of the 70th Wedding Anniversary on July 16 of his parents, Jody and Charles Silver.

If you are interested in providing flowers for the Chancel, please contact Mary Margaret at marymargaretingle@gmail.com, especially for the weeks of July 20, September 28 and October 19.

Plainclothes law enforcement officers are present during our services so that all may feel welcome, secure, and free to worship, fellowship and experience God’s grace freely. Our staff members are in direct communication with the officers should you feel the need to ask for assistance or voice a concern.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Bible School | MON-FRI, JUL 14-18 | 9 AM to 12 NOON
Join us **this week** for another year of Bible adventures as we go back to ancient *Egypt*! For 3 years old up to 5th grade. Students 6th-12th grade are invited to volunteer! To volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Elenor Campbell at eivey@mindspring.com. No fee. Snacks provided.

Centering Prayer | WEDNESDAYS, thru-JUL 30 | 11:00 AM
Find Your Center. Join Pastor Mary for an hour of “Centering Prayer,” a quiet way of praying that is similar to meditation. New to this kind of prayer? We’ll provide guidance to help you, as well as a chance to reflect and ask questions afterward. Expect a Scripture reading, 15 minutes of silent Centering Prayer, and a time to discuss at the end.

Youth Choir & Friends Trip to Splash Country | MON, JUL 21
All youth choir members and friends, and all rising 6th graders interested in singing in the youth choir are invited for a day of fun in the sun. Monday, July 21 please meet in the back church parking lot at 7:45 AM. We will leave at 8:00 AM and return to the church by 8:00 PM. Reach out to **Linda Haggard** at lhaggard@centralumc.org for more info, or to register, by Friday, July 18. Corey and Linda look forward to this fun day in the sun with our wonderful youth choir youth and friends!

Habitat Build | FRI, JUL 25 | 8:30 AM
Join Pastor Mary and Robin Smith for another Friday morning Habitat build! We’ll meet at 8:30 AM and finish around noon. Stay for lunch if you can! No skill needed - just come ready to pitch in however you can. Register at CentralUMC.org/Events or scan the **QR code**.



Youth Ushers Needed This Summer!
We’re looking for middle and high school youth to serve as ushers during Sunday worship services this summer. This is a great opportunity to get involved, and serve the church. If your youth is interested or would like more information, please contact **Perry Fisher** at perry@fisherstark.com.

Braver Angels - "A Red & Blue Workshop" | SAT, AUG 16 | 9:00 AM
The purpose of this workshop is to learn about the experiences, feelings, and beliefs of people on both sides of the political divide. Participants will explore areas of commonality as well as difference. The goal is to gain insights that may help participants—and others—contribute to the depolarization of our communities and nation. This is not a time to challenge values or attempt to change someone’s opinion. Instead, listening and seeking understanding are key to the success of Braver Angels workshops. The workshop will be facilitated by two trained volunteers experienced in the *Braver Angels Way*. If you’re interested or have questions, please contact **Peter Barrett** at peterbarrett@comcast.net.

Welcome Back, Mountain City Montessori! 🏡
We’re excited to welcome Mountain City Montessori—the public PreK–8 school located in our education building—back for a new school year!
Key Dates:

- **Back to School Night:** Monday, August 18, 4:00–6:00 PM
- We'll have a table with refreshments and flyers about upcoming children and youth events. Want to help? Contact **Cameron Smith** at clg7498@gmail.com.
- **First Day of School:** Wednesday, August 20. Over 180 students will return to campus, bringing energy and life to our shared space!

Traffic Alert:
Please note that afternoon carline will resume on August 20, which may cause traffic delays on Church Street:

- **Monday–Thursday:** 2:50–3:10 PM
- **Friday:** 12:50–1:10 PM

To avoid congestion during these times, consider parking on **Buncombe Street** when visiting the church on weekday afternoons.
Thanks for helping us support our neighbors and share our space with grace!

Asheville Tourists Game | TUE, AUG 19 | 6:30 PM
Let’s go out to the ballgame! Join your Central UMC friends at the Tuesday 8/19 Asheville Tourists game. Our group tickets are \$13/person. Game starts at 6:30pm; gates open at 5:30pm. Register and pay online by Monday 8/11/25. Let’s see how many people we can get to fill the stands, wear our Central UMC t-shirts (if you have one), and root, root, root for the home team!!! Register at CentralUMC.org/Events or scan the **QR code**.



Summer Sunday Singing Has Begun! Anyone who has ever wanted to sing in the choir, has sung in the choir in the past, sings in the choir now, everyone and anyone is invited to sing as part of our Summer Sunday Singing! Linda and Corey are inviting you to meet them Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the sanctuary. They have music, bulletins, and hymnals. This is no pressure singing, just fun and fellowship. The Summer Sunday choir will not process and will not wear robes. Everyone is invited to sing. Come join the fun!

Central.Congregational Care.
Do you have these thoughts?

- I just don’t have the energy to reach out for help.
- I don’t know who I could ask for help.
- I’m not sure who I could trust with my private struggles.
- I know others have it worse than me.
- I don’t want to get my hopes up only to get hurt again.
- Who really cares about me and my “troubles”?

stephen MINISTRY. We understand. Let us be your safe place.
Contact Pastor Lisa for more information.

- You are needed!**
- Nursery Volunteers during Sunday School and Worship hours to care for our sweet little ones! For details, contact **Pastor Mary**, mbrown@centralumc.org.
 - Homebound Volunteers to visit our folks who can no longer get out and about! For details, contact **Kim Everette**, Kimeverette525@gmail.com.
 - Supplies for our Prayer Shawl Care Ministry. For details, contact **Pat Page**, page.patricia@gmail.com or **Paula Boyles**, boylesrp@gmail.com.

pray for our kids

Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sinks deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime.