


Happening **today, 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>
2:00 PM	Bill Kindley Memorial Service <i>Sanctuary</i>
3:00 PM	Bill Kindley Reception <i>Fellowship Hall</i>

Happening this **week, 7/21–7/27:**

MON, 7/21	7:45 AM	Youth Choir & Friends to Splash Country!
	5:45 PM	Theology Pub <i>Village Pub</i>
TUE, 7/22	5:00 PM	Church & Society <i>Zoom</i>
WED, 7/23	11:00 AM	Centering Prayer <i>Parlor</i>
	7:00 PM	Congregational Care Council <i>Zoom</i>
THU, 7/24	8:00 AM	Thursday Morning Prayer <i>Zoom</i>
	10:00 AM	Circle of Prayer <i>Zoom</i>
FRI, 7/25	8:30 AM	Habitat Work Day
SUN, 7/27	8:45 AM	Sunday School – <i>All ages</i>
	10:00 AM	Worship <i>Sanctuary</i>
	4:30 PM	Inquirer’s Class Chat ‘n Chew <i>Fellowship Hall</i>

For more information about these activities, go to [CentralUMC.org/Events](#).

 **Eco-Tip:** Bamboo is a fast-growing, renewable, and sustainable source of useful things:

-  cutting boards,
 -  utensils
 -  compostable bowls
 -  construction
 -  furniture
 -  textiles
 -  paper
 - and even  food for humans and animals — to name a few!
-  Use bamboo products instead of products that harm creation.  

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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 have you made a “joyful noise” over something? (A concert, sporting event, wedding, graduation, roller coaster...?)
- What has God done for you? What reason do you have to make a joyful noise for God?
- Try writing your own Psalm based on Psalm 100. What big, superlative, over-the-top words could you use to describe God’s goodness?

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 27
- Tuesday: Psalm 28
- Wednesday: Psalm 29
- Thursday: Psalm 30
- Friday: Psalm 31
- Saturday: Psalm 32

Next week in worship...

We finish our “Summer in the Psalms” with a fitting grand finale: Psalm 118. Join us as we reflect on “the day the Lord has made.”

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*



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

10:00 am

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

VOLUNTARY

“One True God” Jay Stoker
“Hope in the Lord” (Psalm 33) Jay Stoker
“We Are God’s People” (Psalm 100) Sam Mizell
VBS Children’s Choir

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

God is good,
All the time!
All the time,
God is good!

***HYMN 139** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN
Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5

MINISTRY MOMENT

Laura Baley

Vacation Bible School

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lisa Rettew

Ending with the Lord’s Prayer: *Hymnal 895*

OFFERTORY

“Sing for Joy” arr. Purcell/Hopson
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 100 Randy Booker

CHILDREN’S SERMON Andrew Mochrie
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 “God is Good (All the Time!)” Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

PSALTER Psalm 100
Hymnal 821

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles Creed
Hymnal 881

HYMN 121 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” WELLESLEY

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

***CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

***VOLUNTARY** “Pasticcio” Jean Langlais

**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 white rose on the altar today is placed in loving memory of Bill Kindley, husband to Sue and father of Rev. Lisa Rettew, who died July 8, 2025.

If you are interested in providing flowers for the Chancel, please contact Mary Margaret at marymargaretingle@gmail.com, especially for the weeks of 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

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, Corey and Linda look forward to this fun day in the sun with our wonderful youth choir youth and friends!

Kids Ministry Meet-Up | TUE, JUL 22 | 3:30 PM
📍 Bent Creek Community Park
Join our children, parents, and caregivers for an afternoon of play, connection, and fellowship at the park! This is a relaxed, informal gathering—bring your kids, invite a friend, and enjoy time together in community. For more info contact Regan. All kids (and their families) are welcome!

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.



Family Life at Shakespeare in the Park | SAT, JUL 26
📍 Hazel Robinson Amphitheater
🎭 A Midsummer Night’s Dream by the Montford Park Players
🕒 Show begins at 7:30 PM | Gates open at 6:15 PM
🎟 Free admission | First-come, first-served seating
Join us for a fun and family-friendly evening under the stars as the Montford Park Players present A Midsummer Night’s Dream. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair—or rent a chair on site if you prefer. This is a perfect outing for youth, families, and friends of all ages! For more info contact Regan.

Braver Angels - "A Red & Blue Workshop" | SAT, AUG 16 | 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
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. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP. Space will be limited.

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!

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.



Central.Congregational Care.

- 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.

- 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.](#)