






Happening **today, 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>

Happening this **week, 7/28–8/3:**

MON, 7/28	11:00 AM	HS Girls Coffee & Devos <i>Starbucks 946 Patton</i>
	5:45 PM	Theology Pub <i>Village Pub</i>
WED, 7/30	11:00 AM	Centering Prayer <i>Parlor</i>
THU, 7/31	8:00 AM	Thursday Morning Prayer <i>Zoom</i>
	10:00 AM	Circle of Prayer <i>Zoom</i>
FRI, 8/1	8:30 AM	Habitat Work Day
SUN, 8/3	8:45 AM	Sunday School – <i>All ages</i>
	10:00 AM	Worship <i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:15 AM	Table 2 Table <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	11:45 AM	Reconciling Ministries <i>Room 219</i>

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

 **Eco-Tip:** Warren Wilson College has a commercial composting program that benefits all of us.  Food scraps are kept out of the landfill, converted back to nutrients, and returned to enrich soil . Food services like Equal Plates use this program to avoid waste and to help the environment  .



Recovering from a medical event? Maybe Recovery Care Resources can be of help!

Recovery Care Resources is a unique care ministry that Central provides for our church members and community! RCR is designed for those returning

home from a hospital or rehab stay or recovering from a medical event but do not have easy access to support from family, friend, or neighbors. RCR offers assistance in connecting with appropriate community resources. **Contact Pastor Lisa** for more details especially if this situation may apply to you. RCR wants your recovery to go smoothly and well!



Pastoral Care Ministry

Taking care of our church family is important to our pastoral staff. It is important to **let them know** if you are homebound, facing surgery, other medical procedures or treatment so that phone calls, visits, and Communion can be arranged.

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Financial Update through 6/30/25:

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

Ministry Staff

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown, Senior Pastor
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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 33
- Tuesday: Psalm 34
- Wednesday: Psalm 35
- Thursday: Psalm 36
- Friday: Psalm 37
- Saturday: Psalm 38

Next week in worship...

We welcome Rev. Brian Combs as our guest preacher! Brian is the founding pastor of the Haywood Street Congregation whose mission is to include the most excluded in downtown Asheville. The weekly Welcome Table meal and worship service are among the ways Haywood Street offers "relationship above all else" to those that might otherwise be estranged or overlooked. Central UMC is proud to have launched Haywood Street over 15 years ago and continues to be a partner in ministry. Learn more at www.haywoodstreet.org.

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*



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025
10:00 am

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

VOLUNTARY

"Improvisation on *All Is Well*"

Richard Elliott

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

Linda Haggard

Hymnal 658

This is the day **(this is the day)**
that the LORD has made! **(that the LORD has made!)**
Let us rejoice **(let us rejoice)**
And be glad in it! **(and be glad in it!)**
This is the day that the LORD has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
This is the day **(this is the day)**
that the LORD... has... made!

***HYMN 368**

"My Hope Is Built"

THE SOLID ROCK

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lisa Rettew

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

OFFERTORY

"The King of Love"
Summer Choir

arr. Charles Yannerella

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 118:1-2, 14-24

Rob Hooks

CHILDREN’S SERMON Regan Duke
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 “This is the Day” Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

PSALTER Psalm 118
Hymnal 839

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The World Methodist Social Affirmation
Hymnal 886

HYMN 57 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON
Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 7

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

***CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

***VOLUNTARY** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. David Lowe

**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 in loving memory of Walter Ervin Ingle, Jr. by Mary Margaret, Kim, Lily and Brad.

If you are interested in providing flowers for the Chancel, please contact Mary Margaret at marymargaretingle@gmail.com, especially for the weeks of November 9, November 16 and November 30.

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 Final Session | WED, JUL 30 | 11:00 AM
Find Your Center. Join Pastor Mary for the final session 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.

Summer Sunday Singing Is Here!
Ever wanted to sing in the choir—or just love to sing? Join Linda and Corey in the sanctuary at 9:15 AM on Sundays this summer for fun, no-pressure singing. No robes, no procession—just music, fellowship, and joy. All are welcome!

Table2Table Lunch | SUN, AUG 3 | 11:15 AM
Join us after worship for Table2Table! Enjoy a delicious meal provided by the Equal Plates Project as we gather around the table for food, fellowship, and learning. A **suggested donation of \$10 per person** helps support Equal Plates' important work—kids 4 and under eat free! *Menu will be: Vegetable & cheese frittata, turkey (or pork) breakfast sausage, fruit, biscuits, apple butter, jam, and butter.*
RSVP today at centralumc.org/EVENTS or scan the QR code.



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 at the **Buncombe Street Parking Garage** 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 TUE, AUG 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.



Old Testament 101 | WEDS, SEP 3-DEC 17 | 5:30 PM
Ever wished you knew the Bible better? This fall, Rev. Mary Brown and Rick Kuenning will co-lead a 12-week in-person group study titled Old Testament 101. Whether you're new to the Bible or simply looking to deepen your understanding, this accessible overview will help you become more confident in reading and interpreting the Old Testament. Each week, participants will explore key themes, historical context, and how these ancient scriptures continue to speak into our lives today. Participants should plan to spend approximately 30 minutes per day reading and preparing for discussion. Choir members are welcome to participate and may step out after the first hour if needed. *Space is limited to 35 participants. Cost: \$15 (scholarships available)*
To register, please contact **Jan Griffin** at JGriffin@CentralUMC.org.

Children & Youth Fall Kickoff | SUN, SEP 7
🍁 Celebrate the start of Fall Programming! We’re launching the new ministry year with a full day of connection, celebration, and community! Join us for Fall Kickoff Sunday and help us welcome a new season of children and youth discipleship at Central. After Worship, join us for our Table 2 Table all-church meal provided by Equal Plates Project. Suggested donation: \$10 per person. Kids 4 and under eat free. Max family cost: \$30. Everyone is welcome—whether you can cover the meal or not. Plus, **Kona Ice** will be on site for a sweet treat!

- 🔊 **Program Kickoff Times**
- **Youth Choir & Kids Club** – 11:15 AM
 - **Children’s Choir** – 11:45 AM

🍌 **Welcome Cookout for Maggie Christy at Haw Creek | SUN, SEP 7 | 5:00 PM**
Come to **Haw Creek** in the evening for a special **Welcome Cookout** for our new Director of Children & Youth Discipleship, **Maggie Christy**! It’s a great way to connect, meet other families, and wrap up a fantastic kickoff day.

Deborah Circle Gathering | TUE, SEPT 9 | 10:00 AM
Deborah Circle will meet at the home of a member on **Monday, September 9 at 10:00 AM**. We’ll enjoy fellowship after our summer break and plan our programs and service projects for the year, with a special focus on addressing food swamps and food deserts in our area—especially in the aftermath of the hurricane. **All are welcome!** For more information, contact **Susan Snell** at ssnell123@bellsouth.net.

A Service of Remembrance for Hurricane Helene | FRI, SEP 26 | 4:00 PM
Central UMC Sanctuary • 27 Church Street, Asheville
On September 27, 2024, our community experienced the devastating impact of Hurricane Helene. In the days that followed, we came together—neighbor to neighbor—to survive, recover, and begin to rebuild.

Now, one year later, we invite you to gather once again for *A Service of Remembrance*, a joint offering from First Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Central United Methodist Church. Through prayer, Scripture, and song, we will grieve what was lost, remember what we endured, and find hope in what still unites us.

friendsGIVING Save the Date! | WED, NOV 12
Save the date for a special evening of connection and generosity at Central’s *friendsGIVING* on Wednesday, November 12th. We'll gather at the **Highland Brewing event center** to enjoy music, hearty appetizers, and inspiring stories from some of the mission partners that we support - all in support of our ongoing outreach efforts. This will be a meaningful opportunity to **make new friends** and **give to causes that matter**. *More details and ticket information will be available after Labor Day.*

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- You are needed!**
- 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.

- Nursery Volunteers during Sunday School and Worship hours to care for our sweet little ones! For details, contact **Pastor Mary,** mbrown@centralumc.org.
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