





Happening **today, 9/7:**

8:45 AM	Sunday School – <i>All ages</i>
10:00 AM	Worship Service <i>Sanctuary</i>
Children & Youth Fall Kickoff!	
11:15 AM	Table 2 Table <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
11:15 AM	Youth Choir & Kids Club
11:45 AM	Children’s Choir
11:45 AM	Reconciling Ministries Group <i>Rm 219</i>
12:00 PM	Young Parent Gathering <i>Conference Room</i>
5:00 PM	Youth Group Cookout with Maggie <i>Haw Creek</i>

Happening this **week, 9/8–9/14:**

MON, 9/8	5:45 PM	Theology Pub <i>Village Pub</i>
TUE, 9/9	10:00 AM	Deborah Circle <i>Member’s home</i>
	1:00 PM	Wesley Singers Begins!
	2:00 PM	SPRC Meeting <i>Conference Room</i>
	5:30 PM	Missions Meeting <i>Highland Brewing</i>
	6:00 PM	Martha Circle <i>Library</i>
WED, 9/10	11:00 AM	Centering Prayer <i>Parlor</i>
	5:30 PM	Old Testament 101 Begins <i>Rms 219 & 220</i>
	5:30 PM	Handbell Choir Begins!
	6:00 PM	Unnamed Women’s Circle <i>Local restaurant</i>
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir
THU, 9/11	8:00 AM	Thursday Morning Prayer <i>Zoom</i>
	10:00 AM	Circle of Prayer <i>Zoom</i>
SAT 9/13	10:00 AM	PUSHOUT Documentary <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
SUN, 9/14	10A-2P	Hard 2 Recycle <i>North Buncombe High School</i>
	8:45 AM	Sunday School – <i>All ages</i>
	10:00 AM	Worship Service <i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:15 AM	New-ish to Central <i>Library</i>
	11:15 AM	Youth Choir & Kids Club
	11:45 AM	Children’s Choir
	11:45 AM	Young Parent Gathering <i>Conference</i>

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

 **Eco-Tip:** In just four years, Asheville’s food scraps drop-off program has diverted over **1 million pounds** of organic matter —and turned it into useful compost . Join the City of Asheville’s Food Waste Reduction program !

SAVE THE DATE! Here are some upcoming events to mark on your calendar!

- Native Plants: Beauty and Blessing | OCT 2025**
A project to remove invasive species and plant native flora on the south end of our campus by CUMC’s Creation Care.
- Three Church Concert & Service, Habitat Fundraiser | FRI, NOV 7**
A joint concert of First Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Central United Methodist Church fundraiser for Asheville Area Habitat.
- friendsGIVING | WED, NOV 12**
An evening at **Highland Brewing event center** to enjoy music, hearty appetizers, and inspiring stories from some of our mission partners.

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Financial Update through **7/31/25:**

- Year to Date Offering: \$802,284.46
- Total Annual Budget: \$1,500,000.00

Sermon Discussion Questions

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

- What is your position in your family of origin? Oldest child? Middle? Youngest? Only? What was it like growing up?
- Have you ever felt like the 7th of 7 brothers like David? Like the littlest, the forgotten?
- What keeps you from believing that God is calling *you*?

Daily Suggested Scripture Readings

Today we begin a series on the story of David, starting with his anointing by the prophet Samuel. Get a sense of the place of David’s call in the greater story by reading up to this moment in the book of 1 Samuel:

- Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-20
- Tuesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-20
- Wednesday: 1 Samuel 8:1-22
- Thursday: 1 Samuel 9:1-27
- Friday: 1 Samuel 13:1-15
- Saturday: 1 Samuel 15:1-35
- Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Next week in worship...

We continue our series on the story of David with a look at David’s relationship with the King before him, Saul, in 1 Kings 16:14-23. If you’ve ever struggled with your relationship with a predecessor, this story might speak to you! Come and invite a friend to join you.



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025
10:00 am

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

VOLUNTARY

“Aria”

Craig Phillips

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

Here we are, God.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening

Did you call us, God?

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening

Have you come for us, God?

Speak, Lord for your servants are listening

Here we are; we are listening.

Speak, Lord; speak to us today.

*HYMN 660

“God Is Here”

ABOTT’S LEIGH

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Reid Weathersbee

SERMON

“David and Samuel”

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown


OFFERTORY

“Come, O Spirit, Truth Divine”

Lloyd Larson

Chancel 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

SERVICE OF THE WORD AND TABLE

Rev. Lisa Rettew

Hymnal 12

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

COMMUNION MUSIC

632 “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

629 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

530 “Are Ye Able”

393 “Spirit of the Living God”

