

Happening today, 10/19:

8A-2P	Blood Drive & Heath Fair Fellowship Hall
8:45 AM	Sunday School – All ages
9:00 AM	College Mailing Group Conference Room
10:00 AM	Worship Service- Children’s Sunday Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Expedition: Connect - Youth Outing
11:45 AM	Young Parent Gathering Conference Room

Happening this week, 10/20-10/26:

MON, 10/20	5:45 PM	Theology Pub Village Pub
	6:30 PM	Brass Rehearsal
TUE, 10/21	1:00 PM	Wesley Singers
	2:00 PM	Dementia Partners AVL Library
	4:00 PM	Stewardship Meeting Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Missions Meeting Conference Room
WED, 10/22	11:00 AM	Centering Prayer Chapel
	12:00 PM	Trustees Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Old Testament 101 Rms 219 & 220
	5:30 PM	Handbell Choir
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir
	7:00 PM	Congregational Care Council Zoom
THU, 10/23	8:00 AM	Thursday Morning Prayer Zoom
	10:00 AM	Circle of Prayer Zoom
SUN, 10/26	8:45 AM	Sunday School – All ages
	10:00 AM	Worship Service Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Youth Choir & Kids Club
	11:45 AM	Children’s Choir
	11:45 AM	Young Parent Gathering Conference Room
	3:00 PM	Fall Festival Haw Creek

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

🌻 **Eco-Tip:** Two of the church’s flower beds received new **native plants** this past week! 🌸 Check out the **pollinator garden** and the **south end of the church property** to see **70 new plants** —provided through a generous **grant from Blessed Tomorrow**. Students from **Mountain City Public Montessori** (right here in our church educational wing!) joined the **Creation Care Committee** in planting these pollinator-friendly beauties 🐝🌻. Together, we’re helping our campus bloom for God’s creation! 🌍

Three Church Concert, Habitat Fundraiser

FRI, NOV 7 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Join us for a special evening of music, worship, and community partnership as First Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Central United Methodist Church come together for a joint concert and worship service benefiting **Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity**.

friendsGIVING | WED, NOV 12 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Join us for special evening of connection and generosity at Central UMC’s **friendsGIVING** on **Wednesday, November 12 at 6:00 PM**. 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. Come ready to bid on some exciting silent auction items! This will be a meaningful opportunity to make new friends and give to causes that matter.  **Cost is \$25.** Register at centralumc.org/EVENTS or scan the QR Code.

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Financial Update through 9/30/2025:

- Year to Date Offering: \$1,101,129.51
- Total Annual Budget: \$1,550,000.00

Sermon Discussion Questions

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

- What’s something so good that it makes you want do dance?
- What is something good that God has done for you?
- How can you let your feelings of gratitude for God go? How can you “dance” for God this week?

Daily Suggested Scripture Readings

As we finish our series on David, take some time to read some of the Psalms attributed to him. How do these strike differently now that you know a little more about David’s life?

- Monday: Psalm 56 (see 1 Sameul 21)
- Tuesday: Psalm 57 (see 1 Samuel 22 and 24)
- Wednesday: Psalm 59 (see 1 Samuel 19)
- Thursday: Psalm 60 (see 2 Samuel 8)
- Friday: Psalm 63 (see 2 Samuel 15-17)
- Saturday: Psalm 142 (see 1 Samuel 22 and 24)

Next week in worship... Join us as we begin a new series looking at exactly what makes us a “community for Christ.”

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 Jeff and Kim Lehnen in honor of their children and grandchildren.

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.



Children’s Sunday

October 19, 2025

10:00 am

THE BLESSINGS OF OUR CHURCH

A MOMENT TO CALM: CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

FIRST MUSIC “Sing and Celebrate!” Joseph M. Martin
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.

CHILDREN’S CALL TO WORSHIP

We praise the Lord with all our hearts.
Let’s worship! Everyone come on!
God never stays in one place. He always travels around.
Come on! Let’s go with Him!
God never sleeps. He’s always finding people who need Him.
Come on! Let’s help Him!
God is here. So we have joy!
Come on! We must dance! We must praise Him!

***OPENING SONG** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” SPANISH HYMN

PRAYER

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

MINISTRY MOMENT: Stewardship Stories Lauralee Bailey

OFFERING “Alleluia” Michael John Trotta
Chancel Choir with Ina Messer and Jordan Speece, Descant

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.



***BLESSING SONG** “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”
Hymnal 94

BIBLE READING 2 Samuel 6:14-16, 20-22

MUSIC “Clap Your Hands and Sing!” Mary Lynn Lightfoot
Youth Choir

KID SERMON “David Dances” Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

WIGGLE BREAK

WE BELIEVE: The Apostles’ Creed *Hymnal 881*

*SONG "All Things Bright and Beautiful" ROYAL OAK
Hymnal 147

*THE GOODBYE BLESSING Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

END MUSIC "Trumpet Tune" Richard Fey

*Please stand, in body or spirit.

SPACE FOR COLORING, DRAWING, WRITING:



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Black Cultural Heritage Trail honors and preserves the rich heritage of Asheville’s Black community. bcht.exploreasheville.com Sites and stories range from well-known landmarks visible in the community today to the unsung heroes and underrecognized achievements and contributions by the Black community in the past. The Black Cultural Heritage Trail survived Helene, and Allies for Equity would love for you to join us in the experience! There are 3 sections of trail opportunities. All sections are ¼ mile long and take approximately 10 minutes to walk. We have found that the Downtown Trail does require uphill travel upon return. The total time commitment for each trail group gathering should be around an hour and a half. To sign up go to CentralUMC.org/Events.

- **The Southside Trail:** facilitator Sara Sterling, **Saturday, October 25, 10 AM**, meet at Vortex Donuts, 32 Banks Ave.

Blood Drive & Health Fair | TODAY | 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Join us *today* for the **Blood Drive** and a **Health Fair** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

New! Increased Donor Rewards:

- **O Negative Donors:** Receive **\$100**
- **All Other Blood Types:** Receive **\$50**

Your blood donation helps save lives across our community—and today, it helps you too! To register, visit thebloodconnection.org and use **Sponsor Code 13769**.

Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Meanwhile, stop by the **Health Fair in the Fellowship Hall** for:

- **Blood pressure checks** by WCU nursing students and our RN volunteers
- **Primary healthcare resources and information**

Come share life, hope, and health with our neighbors!



Fall Festival 2025! | SUN, OCT 26 | 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Haw Creek

Autumn is in the air, and that means it’s time for our Annual Fall Festival! Once again, we’re gathering at Haw Creek Commons for an afternoon filled with seasonal fun for all ages. Families, friends, and neighbors are invited to join us for games, activities, chili & hot dogs, and plenty of laughter. Costumes are welcome—so feel free to bring your best fall or Halloween spirit to the celebration! This event is completely free and open to everyone in the community. **Please park at Haw Creek Elementary School.*

friendsGIVING Silent Auction & Sponsorships: This year’s **friendsGIVING** celebration on Wed., Nov. 12 promises to be an evening full of energy and community spirit. Alongside live music and a thoughtful panel of speakers—made possible through our missions budget—we’re excited to add a new feature: a **silent auction** (with the possibility of a live auction, too!).

We’re inviting donations of items or baskets valued at **\$100 or more**. Gift certificates, sports tickets, themed baskets, or even time at a vacation home are all wonderful ways to contribute. These items not only make for exciting bidding but also help ensure the event’s success. Donations should be received by **October 31**. If you’d like to participate, please reach out to **Jonathan Meadows** at jonathanmeadows@gmail.com or **Vicki Leeds** at vsueleeds@gmail.com.

In addition to auction items, we’re also seeking **event sponsors**. If you’re a business owner or part of a group, consider becoming a **Silver Level sponsor**

(\$250) or a Gold Level sponsor (\$500). Sponsorship is a meaningful way to invest in this gathering and in the mission it supports.

Together, your gifts and generosity will make **friendsGIVING** a night to remember—a time of fellowship, generosity, and gratitude.

Filling Emma Elementary’s Clothes Closet: Congregations 4 Children (C4C) invites your help in stocking Emma Elementary’s Clothes Closet with essential items for students in need. While our annual drive usually collects coats, Emma Elementary is fully supplied this year. *So instead of coats*, we’re focusing on stocking their Clothes Closet with other essentials that students need most.

What’s needed:

- **NEW Shoes:** Sizes 5/6, 7/8, 12, 13, and 1 & 2.
- **NEW Pants:** Sweatpants or stretchy pants (no jeans). Sizes 5/6, 7/8, 10/12, 14/16.
- **NEW Shirts:** Boys’ and girls’ sizes Small, Medium, and Large.
- **NEW Lunch Boxes:** Zippered all the way around, any color.

When to donate: Donations are welcome now through **October 31, 2025**.

Where to donate: Collection bins for the Emma Clothes Closet are located in the Fellowship Hall.

Journey to Joy: Blessed Not Stressed | NOV 14–16, 2025

Lambuth Inn at Lake Junaluska

Are you longing for a weekend to relax, recharge, and find renewal? Join us at Lake Junaluska for *Journey to Joy: Blessed Not Stressed*, a time set apart for worship, laughter, learning, and deep spiritual connection.

This retreat, led by Leigh W. Young, will offer space to rest, grow, and rediscover the joy that God promises us. Together, we’ll share in community, encourage one another, and leave refreshed for the journey ahead. For more information, visit LakeJunaluska.com/joy. Come ready to be blessed—not stressed. See you at the Lake!



Lighting the Way Forward — Volunteers Needed!

Our Building Committee is beginning a much-needed **lighting refresh project** this fall, and we’d love your help to make it happen! Starting around **November 3**, volunteers will work in 4-hour daytime shifts alongside two electricians to **remove old fluorescent bulbs, clean fixtures and lens covers, and move furniture** to give access to lighting fixtures. The electricians will handle the rewiring and installation of new, energy-efficient bulbs. The work will continue for several months. *(The Sanctuary will be a separate project.)*

This project is an important step toward better energy stewardship. By replacing our old **38-watt fluorescent bulbs with 12-watt LED lighting**, we’ll achieve an estimated **82% savings in lighting costs**—potentially up to **\$40,000 a year** for full- time use of the building.

We’ve budgeted **\$10,000** for this project, but with volunteer help, we can complete the work within that budget and maximize our savings for years to come.

If you’re available during the day and would like to lend a hand, please contact **Tom Gibbs** at tgibbs47@gmail.com or **Jeff Seymore** at jeffseymore140@gmail.com.

Together, we can brighten our church—both literally and financially!