

Happening today, 11/2:

8:45 AM	Sunday School – All ages
10:00 AM	Worship Service Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Table 2 Table Fellowship Hall
11:15 AM	Youth Choir & Kids Club
11:45 AM	Children’s Choir
11:45 AM	Reconciling Ministries Group Rm 219
12:00 PM	Young Parent Gathering Conference Room
4:00 PM	Choir to Givens Highland Farms
5:00 PM	Youth Group Haw Creek

Happening this week, 11/3-11/9:

MON, 11/3	5:45 PM	Theology Pub Village Pub
	6:30 PM	Brass Rehearsal
TUE, 11/4	10:00 AM	Eve Circle Parlor
	10:00 AM	Ruth Circle Library
	1:00 PM	Wesley Singers
	2:00 PM	Dementia Partners AVL Library
	4:00 PM	Allies for Equity Zoom
WED, 11/5	10:00 AM	Anna Circle Parlor
	11:00 AM	Centering Prayer Chapel
	5:30 PM	Old Testament 101 Rms 219 & 220
	5:30 PM	Handbell Choir
	6:00 PM	Dementia Partners AVL Haw Creek
THU, 11/6	8:00 AM	Thursday Morning Prayer Zoom
	10:00 AM	Circle of Prayer Zoom
FRI, 11/7	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Meeting Member’s home
	5:00 PM	1 st Friday Family Fellowship Whistle Hop Brewery
	7:00 PM	Three Church Concert Sanctuary
SUN, 11/9	8:45 AM	Sunday School – All ages
	10:00 AM	Worship Service Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Charge Conference & Ad Board Fellowship Hall
	11:15 AM	Youth Choir & Kids Club
	11:45 AM	Children’s Choir
	12:00 PM	Young Parent Gathering Conference Room
	5:00 PM	Youth Group Haw Creek

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

🍂 **Eco-Tip:** Reuse your Halloween pumpkin! Bake the seeds for a crunchy snack, or cook the pulp to make delicious cookies or muffins. 🍪🌿 Compost anything you can’t eat or use. And as always, be grateful for God’s creation and the wonderful foods we are given to enjoy.

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The Gift of Christmas Sermon Series | SUNDAYS, NOV 30-DEC 28 | 10 AM
Longest Night Service | THU, DEC 18 | 6:00 PM
Christmas Eve Services | WED, DEC 24

- 3:00 PM** - Family Friendly Candlelight Worship
- 5:30 PM** - Lessons & Carols: Central Brass prelude at 5:00PM, featuring Chancel Choir at 5:30 PM (*nursery provided*)
- 11:00 PM** - Candlelight Communion Worship Service

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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

For the next five weeks we’ll be looking at what makes us a “community for Christ.” Our membership vows put our participation in this community into five categories: prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Today we talked about how we participate in a community for Christ by our prayers.

- When are you present in this community, Central UMC? What is your normal rhythm for showing up?
- Does your frequency/regularity of presence allow you to find community here? Are you showing up enough that those who are seeking community have a chance to connect with you?
- Who is someone who needs your presence right now? Make a plan to show up for them in some way. Don’t plan to say the right things; plan to be present.

Daily Suggested Scripture Readings

Continue to reflect on presence as an aspect of Christian community by reading about the early church in the book of Acts. How does their example inform the way you show up in our community for Christ?

- Monday: Acts 2:37-47
- Tuesday: Acts 4:23-37
- Wednesday: Acts 6:1-7
- Thursday: Acts 11:19-30
- Friday: Acts 13:21-28
- Saturday: Acts 28:17-31

Next week in worship...

We continue to reflect on what makes us a “community for Christ” with the next of the five categories for participation: gifts. Have you ever thought about your financial gifts to the church as a way you participate in this community? Join us as we reflect on the unexpected social benefits of giving!



All Saints Day
November 2, 2025
10:00 am

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

VOLUNTARY “Meditation on Hymn of Promise” arr. Brenda Portman

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

Based on the United Methodist membership vows:

Leader: We gather together because we are a community.

People: We are “a community for Christ in the center of the city.”

Leader: How do we become a part of this community?

People: By joining in with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

Leader: Who is welcome in our community for Christ?

People: Everyone – without exception!

All: If you are looking for community, there’s a place for you here.

*HYMN 711 “For All the Saints” SINE NOMINE
Stanzas 1,2,4,6

MINISTRY MOMENT: Stewardship Stories Meredith Lund

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING Cindy Lund

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lisa Rettew
Ending with the Lord’s Prayer: Hymnal 895

OFFERTORY “Psalm 16” Craig Courtney
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

SCRIPTURE READING Job 2:11-13; 4:1-8 Kent Carraway

CHILDREN’S SERMON Maggie Christy
Following Children’s Time, children in K – 5th grade are invited to be part of Children’s Church in the Chapel. Children ages 5 and under may leave at this time to go to the nursery (3rd floor across from church offices) with our childcare staff. Children Must have name tags on them.

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

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
Rev. Lisa Rettew

We remember those who have died and become saints by the grace of Jesus Christ. You are invited to stand when the name of your loved one is called.

For the members of our Central UMC congregation:

Guy Roberts, Jr.	J.C. McGee
Barbara Pate	Nancy Taylor
Bunny Daniels	Bill Kindley
Jeff Loy	Mary Beth Tanner

Leader: In life, in death, in life after death,

People: God is with us

For all our loved ones who have died

You are invited to stand to remember your loved one

Leader: In life, in death, in life after death,

People: God is with us

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
“Finding Community with our Prayers”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

*HYMN 708

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

VOLUNTARY

“Lobe den Herren”

J.G. Walther

**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 in loving memory of Robert N. Stancil and given by his wife, Nancy, and Phil and Pat Smith.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Tad Boland, father of Beth Lewis, who died October 17, 2025.

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

Table 2 Table Lunch | TODAY | 11:15 AM | Fellowship Hall

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: Taco bar.

Reconciling Ministry Group | TODAY | 11:45 AM | Room 219: Join us to reflect on our 2025 actions and discuss next steps. Gathering on the first Sunday of each month, this group affirms LGBTQIA+ people, their families, and allies as we continue growing in love, inclusion, and faith together. All are welcome to join the conversation!

Angel Tree Gift Collection | November Collection:

C4C needs your help spreading Christmas joy again this year as we provide Christmas gifts for local children in need and living in foster care for the 8th year in a row! We are partnering with Black Mountain Children's Home to sponsor gifts for 29 foster children. We will also be providing gifts for 15 children from Central’s own Mountain City Public Montessori School for the first time. This is the most children we have ever been able to sponsor at once, and we need your help to make it happen! Sign up in person on Sundays in November outside the sanctuary or online. To learn more about the children, get all the details and sign up, please visit: bit.ly/C4CAngelTree2025 or scan the QR Code.

Gifts need to be delivered by Sunday, November 30. Contact Jill Dudley at c4c@centralumc.org with any questions.



Kairos Donations | November Collection:

Central’s Kairos Ministry is partnering with BCC Prison Ministry to share Christmas joy with inmates and staff at Craggy Correctional Center. You can help by donating boxed cookies, candy, nuts, gum, or 16-ounce bottled drinks—all store-bought and unopened. (Please, no homemade goods, fruit, cosmetics, or money.) A donation box is in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Stewart Humphrey at jshumphrey1@hotmail.com.

Lighting the Way Forward — Volunteers Needed!

Starting around Nov 3, daytime volunteers (4-hour shifts) are needed to help remove old fluorescent bulbs, clean fixtures/lens covers, and move furniture so electricians can install 12-watt LED bulbs. This project will run for several months. Switching from 38-watt fluorescents to LEDs will save an estimated 82%—up to \$40,000/year—and keep the project within our \$10,000 budget. Interested? Contact Tom Gibbs at tgibbs47@gmail.com or Jeff Seymore at jeffseymore140@gmail.com.

Eve Circle | Tue, Nov 4 | 10:00 AM

Eve Circle will meet in the parlor at Central. The program will be an update report by Gaston Warner, CEO of Zoe. His presentation will begin at 10:45 following the business meeting. Contact Sharon at skleduc@prodigy.net if you are interested or have questions. All are welcome!

Ruth Circle | TUE, NOV 4 | 10:00 AM

Please join UWF’s Ruth Circle friends in the CUMC library! Our guest speaker will be Maggie Christy, Director of Children and Youth Discipleship. In November we will collect bottles of gravy and KRAFT Mac and Cheese for the ABCCM Thanksgiving Food Boxes. Other food items are also welcomed. We believe love in action can change the world! For more information about Ruth Circle or our meetings, please contact Kim Everette at kimeverette525@gmail.com.

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.

Deborah Circle | TUE, NOV 11 | 10:00 AM

Deborah Circle meets on the second Tuesday of each month in a member’s home. All are welcome! This month we’ll honor veterans in our families and celebrate the freedoms they’ve helped secure. We also give thanks for our participation in the World Thank Offering and Moheto Chicken Project. Join us again on Dec. 9 for Christmas fellowship and on Dec. 17 for the annual United Women in Faith Christmas Brunch.

Martha Circle | TUE, NOV 11 | 6:30 PM | Library

Martha Circle meets on the second Tuesday of each month in Central's Library or at a member's home. We'll welcome Maggie Christy, Central's Director of Children and Youth ministries as our guest. We'll also discuss upcoming plans for our December Appetizer and Dessert Fiesta, January's New Year Soup Supper, service projects for ABCCM and the C4C Angel Tree, and much more. We welcome old friends and new members anytime. Please reach out to Kathy Leftwich at kathleencleftwich@gmail.com with any questions! See you soon!



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 Co. 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. Suggested donation is \$25. Register at centralumc.org/EVENTS or scan the QR Code.

First Fridays Family Fellowship | FRI, NOV 7 | 5:00 PM: Join us for First Fridays Family Fellowship, a monthly gathering for families to relax, connect, and enjoy time together. This month we’ll meet at Whistle Hop Brewery in Fairview at 5:00 PM. It’s a family-friendly spot that features a great play area for kids. Come for fun, food, and fellowship!

Unnamed Women’s Circle Dinner | TUE, NOV 19 | 6:00 PM

The Unnamed Women’s Circle will gather for dinner and conversation on Tuesday, November 19. All are welcome to join this time of fellowship and connection. The group plans to meet at a local Asheville restaurant (details to be shared soon). Come enjoy good company, laughter, and meaningful conversation with women of Central! If you are interested, please contact Sarah Caraway at sarahstrickland92@gmail.com.