



## Central United Methodist Church

Our Mission:

To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God,  
GROW in their faith and SERVE in the church and world.

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Please scan the QR code to the left and fill out the connect card  
to let us know you are worshipping with us and how we can  
connect you to our ministries.

# The Worship of God

August 10, 2025

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

WNC Presentation

John Boggs

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

*The Light of the World Is Jesus*

Libby Alexander, piano

arr. Hayes

\*Congregational Hymn

*Here I Am to Worship*

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

Children's Message

Emily Ousley

Offertory

*O Zion, Haste*

Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Smith

Doxology #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Congregational Hymn

*We Are Called*

Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

**What Does It Mean To "Believe"?**

Rocky Lutz

\*Congregational Hymn

*O Zion, Haste*

\*Benediction

\*Chiming the Trinity

\*Postlude

*An Early American March*

Libby Alexander, organ

Hewitt/arr. Spong

\*Please stand if able

*The Chancel Flowers glorify God and are in loving memory of Tom Camp from his family.*

## **Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!**

Visitors are invited to visit the Welcome Table for a free gift and additional information about Central United Methodist Church. We are glad you are here!

## **Prayer Concerns**

For this week please pray for the following:

\*All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional.

Lane Downs.

Mike Richardson

Terry Brown

Kimberlyn Floyd

Sandra Raynor and Family

Victims of Long COVID

Other:

Military & First Responders

End of Violence & Violent Rhetoric

Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan

Victims of extreme weather and wildfires

Those Grieving:

The family of Ron Clendening (Father of Rhonda Keeley)

The family of Claudia Lutz

Mark Elliott (Stroke)

Ollie Anthony

Donna Boggs (Shoulder Replacement)

Our Homeless Community

Western NC

Breast Cancer Research



## **Connect with us!**

Use this QR Code for a direct link to all things CUMC. Get easy access to online giving options, connect cards letting us know you were in worship (in person or online), updated bulletins, newsletters and more!

## **Ministry Needs**

Below is a list of volunteer and donation needs for some of our ministries:

Backpack Ministry: For August: **Granola Bars**

Open Table: **Bottled Water**

## **Blessing of the Backpacks**

On Sunday August 17, students of all ages, bring your backpacks; teachers, bring your planners; Church, bring your prayerful support to the beginning of this new school year. Join us for a special Blessing of the Backpacks during our church service as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

## **Interested in Working in Our Nursery?**

We are beginning the hiring process for nursery workers! If interested, please visit [cumcshelby.org/job-openings](http://cumcshelby.org/job-openings) for more information.

### **Youth Pool Party and Potluck**

August 10 from 4:30pm-7pm.

### **Youth WNC Garden Project**

**August 16**-Youth Trip to Junaluska for WNC Garden Project. Leaving the church at 8am and return around 4:30pm. Please let Katie know if you plan on attending.

\*Bring a water bottle, change of clothes and packed lunch.

### **Save the Date: Pumpkin Painting**

It's that time of year again. Are you thinking of cooler fall days and pumpkins, like me? Please join me in providing another successful pumpkin painting event at the Livermush Festival on **October 18, 2025**.

We sign up for 2 hour shifts for that day and help kids have a blast decorating mini pumpkins. We need about 25 volunteers from 6:30 am until 5:30 pm. Please call or text Leigh Mabry at (704) 472-1110 if you can help out. Cool breezes and pumpkin painting will be here soon!

### **Central Adult Supper Clubs are Back! Open to Everyone!**

Would you enjoy getting to know other folks here at Central outside of church? Having a meal together brings a level of fellowship, connection, and encouragement that benefits us all! Sign up by **August 31** to be put into a group of 8 adults, singles and couples, that will meet 4 times between September and January.

When it is your turn to host or coordinate the supper club you can do it in many ways: have people in your home, choose a restaurant and everyone go "Dutch treat", order pizza and meet in the church fellowship hall, have everyone bring a sandwich or picnic to a park, go to lunch after church, or even meet for breakfast on a Saturday morning. There are so many ways to build connections and make memories together!

Fill out the Supper Club form on our Linktree or visit [cumcshelby.org/supper-club](http://cumcshelby.org/supper-club) by August 31 to sign up. Any questions, call the church office at 704-487-6336 or email Tammy at [tammy@cumcshelby.org](mailto:tammy@cumcshelby.org).

JOIN US FOR  
CENTRAL UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH'S

# ... Back ... To School ... Bash ...

08 | 27 | 2025

5:15pm-6:30pm

Located in the Uptown Court Square

Hotdogs | Obstacle Course Inflatable | Icy Pops

Free and Fun For All Ages!



## Central UMC Ministry Opportunity

This QR code will take you to a comprehensive list of opportunities to be involved and serve at Central. Check out the list! You will be proud of all that Central does to make a difference in people's lives! Find a place to serve! As you find your place to serve, help new people find the information and a place to plug in!  
Together we shine the bright light of Christ!

Central UMC is a *Safe Sanctuaries* church. Please be sure that your Children are always accompanied by a parent or responsible adult caregiver including if and when they need to use the restroom during service. We appreciate your assistance as we strive to ensure the safety of all.

**Restrooms** are located outside the right-hand side of the sanctuary, as you look at the chancel area.

**Childcare** is available for infants and preschool aged children. Our nursery staff awaits you in room E105.

**Hearing devices** are available for those who need them.

**Large print Bibles & Hymnals** are available for those who need them. The Ushers are at each door and will happily assist you with any of these.

## SERMON NOTES

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