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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.

Rev. David Lee, Pastor

Dr. Tammy Bass, Director of Discipleship

Caroline Scism, Director of Children Ministries

Danny Buckner, Director of Music Ministries

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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 31, 2025 10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude  *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* arr. Kim

Libby Alexander, organ

\*Congregational Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*

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 Caroline Laney

Offertory *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* arr. Page

Libby Alexander, organ

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 Song *Trust in God*

Scripture Acts 15: 1-21

Sermon **The Council at Jerusalem**  Rev. David Lee

\*Congregational Hymn *The Solid Rock*

\*Benediction

\*Chiming the Trinity

\*Postlude *The Church’s One Foundation* arr. Jordan

Libby Alexander, organ

\*Please stand if able

**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 Ricky Shell

Mike Richardson Kimberlyn Floyd

Mark Elliott (Stroke) Sandra Raynor and Family

Ollie Anthony Donna Boggs (Shoulder replacement)

Keith C. (Friend of Ben & Emily Ousley) (lung cancer)

Victims of Long COVID

Other:

Miliary & First Responders Western NC

End of Violence & Violent Rhetoric Breast Cancer Research

Our Homeless Community

Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan

Victims of extreme weather and wildfires

Those Grieving:

The family of Barbara Ghigo (Anne Marie Ghigo mother)

The family of Terry Brown

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.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 September: **Cheese/Peanut Butter Crackers**

Open Table: **Bottled Water**

**Nursery Volunteers Needed**

We have an ongoing need of Nursery Volunteers each Sunday. Please visit our QR code to access the online signup form or sign up at the Welcome Table. If you have not served in the Nursery in a while, please consider volunteering twice a year.

We are still looking to hire a paid nursery workers! If you know anyone interested, please visit cumcshelby.org/job-openings for more information.

**Save the Date: Pumpkin Painting**

**A close up of a pumpkin

AI-generated content may be incorrect.**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 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).

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**No Youth- August 31**

\*As we begin our fall calendar, there are some changes to the Youth Group. Starting Sunday, September 7th, the youth will now meet from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday evenings and will incorporate Crossfire.

\*Additionally, we are bringing back mealtime, and I need volunteers to provide dinner for the youth. If you are interested, please call, text, or email Katie. There are approximately 10 youth and 4 youth leaders in the group. If you are providing a meal, feel free to stay and join us. It’s a great opportunity to fellowship and meet the amazing kids we have involved at church.

Contact information:

980-341-9615

[youth@cumcshelby.org](mailto:youth@cumcshelby.org)

\*Starting September 14, the high school youth will all go out for lunch after church the second Sunday of every month. Bring money for your food and come talk about the ups and downs of high school life.

**Fall Discipleship Opportunities**

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.Wednesday Night Bible Study**

Wednesdays from 5:15-6pm

**Enough** by Adam Hamilton

The Finance and Stewardship Committees wanted to offer everyone in the church the opportunity to go through the Enough Bible Study. It will be offered on Sunday mornings in the Hallway Class (E210) and Wednesday nights in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sun, Sept 7 and Wed, Sept 10 for 6 weeks. Please drop in either time for this study.



**Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study**

8am, Saturday Mornings before Open Table.

CUMC Room E210

Starting on Sept. 20th

**The Book of Matthew**

Have you wondered about the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven? Good thing to wonder! Matthew’s gospel pulls back the curtain and says, “Thanks for asking, here it is.”

Taught by Dr. Tim Sieges, retired Director of Wycliffe Counseling Ministries

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**Daytime Ladies’ Bible Study**

The first meeting will be Thursday, September 4th at 9:30 in the Conference Room to decide on the study.

Come with your ideas and input! This group will likely do a 6-8 week study and then an Advent study. Feel free to join for one or both.

A book cover with text

AI-generated content may be incorrect.**Evening Ladies’ Bible Study**

Mondays at 6:30pm, rotates locations

Starting September 8

**Way of Wisdom** is an 8 week study through Proverbs, written by 6 amazing authors. The study covers themes like our words, relationships, family, work and living with a wise heart. For more information text Jillian at 870-688-9692.

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**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.

SERMON NOTES

The Ushers are at each door and will happily assist you with any of these.

Sermon Notes

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