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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

Katie Bowers, Director of Youth 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**

July 27, 2025 10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude  *Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart* arr. Hamlin

Libby Alexander, Organ

\*Congregational Hymn *Spirit Song*

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 Keeley Benfield

Offertory *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (Hymn 465)* arr. Walters

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.**

\*Anthem *Show Us How to Love* Miller Chancel Choir

Hunter Plaster, solo

Scripture Acts 11

Sermon Rev. David Lee

\*Congregational Hymn *Bind Us Together*

\*Benediction

\*Chiming the Trinity

\*Postlude *Freedom* arr. Evans

Praise Ensemble Instrumentalists

\*Please stand if able

*The Altar flowers glorify God and are given in loving memory on the birthday of Mrs. Frances Louise Hoyle Ager by her son, Stephen Ager.*

*The red rose is placed in honor of Carolyn Eileen Gaskill, daughter of Anna Rucker and Morty Gaskill, granddaughter of Will and Tina Rucker, born July 21, 2025.*

**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

Rodney Grant (Brother-in-law of Sheila Gammons)

Sarah Ousley Overman (daughter or Ben and Emily Ousley) donating a kidney to cousin, Jaime Ousley.

Mike Richardson Mark Elliott (Stroke)

Terry Brown Ollie Anthony

Kimberlyn Floyd

Sandra Raynor and Family

Victims of Long COVID

Other:

Miliary & First Responders

End of Violence & Violent Rhetoric Our Homeless Community

Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan Western NC

Victims of extreme weather and wildfires Breast Cancer Research

Those Grieving:

The family of Frankie Hicks (sister-in-law of Lynn Carpenter)

The family of Joe Eller (brother of Janet Edwards)

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**A New QR Code in Town**

Please check out the new QR code we will be using in order to condense the amount of different codes there are. This is a one-stop shop for any thing you need at Central, including: the website, connect card, newsletter, online giving, and more! We are very excited to be able to bring you a convenient way to find the information you need and be involved here.

**Ministry Needs**

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

Backpack Ministry: For July: **Mac and Cheese**

Open Table: **Bottled Water**

**Interested in Working in Our Nursery?**

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

**Youth Christmas in July Caroling**

July 27- 5pm- 7pm. Dress Festive!

**Youth Retreat**

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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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