

The Central Issue

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

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Worship Service on 2/1

Although there will be many of our congregation at Lake Junaluska, there still be a worship service hosted at

CUMC on 2/1! There will be no Sunday School or nursery provided that day. Join us for worship locally at 10AM- All are welcome!



Confirmands and Youth Serve at Open Table

On February 7, the confirmands and all youth will participate in serving at Open Table. Please contact Katie Bowers for more information.

“Everyone Must Eat”

Class will have its final session on February 11. There's still plenty of time to be a part of the conversation! Don't miss out on the chance to join us and discuss the topic of food insecurity in our county together.

Financial Giving Statements

The finance committee is encouraging individuals to come pick up their 2025 giving statements from the church office,

Monday-Friday 9AM-2PM. Any statements not picked up by February 19th will be mailed.



CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

Youth Sunday School
Youth Commons Room at 9am
With Katie Bowers
Sunday Evening
NO YOUTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **2/1-** NO YOUTH- Church Wide Retreat
- **2/7 (Saturday)-** Confirmands and Youth serve Open Table
- **2/8-** Confirmation 4-5; NO YOUTH- Super Bowl
- **2/15-** Confirmation 4-5; Youth 5-7
- **2/22-** Youth Valentine's Fundraiser



Interested in Feeding Our Youth in 2026?

Sign up to provide a meal Sunday evening at 5pm in the fellowship hall. Please reach out to Katie with questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A4AB23A1FFC70-61391068-meal#/>



Nursery is open to all **Babies-PreK** kids. Nursery is offered **Sundays, 9-11 AM** in Room **E105** (pre-school age) and Room **E104** (infants).

Elementary Sunday School

Sundays 9-9:45am

Infants- Nursery Room E104

Preschool age- Nursery Room E105

K-5th Grade- Godly Play Room E309



The Children's Ministry will be hosting a Parents' Night Out on Friday, February 13, 5:30-8:00pm in the Central UMC Fellowship Hall. For ages 3-11.

Chicken Nuggets, carrots, and cookies will be served followed by the movie "Moana." Bring a pillow and blanket for a fun movie night! Cost per child is \$10 online or in cash. Please register at <https://centralunitedmethodist-3.subspla.sh/mh446tq>

February 1 - February 7, 2025

Calendar of Events

Sunday 10:00am Worship Service

Monday
Church Office open 9-2

Tuesday
Church Office open 9-2

Wednesday
Church Office open 9-2
5:15pm Butterfly and Sonshine Choir
6:15pm Chancel Choir

Thursday
Church Office open 9-2

Friday
Church Office open 9-2

Saturday
10:30am Open Table Hot Lunch (PAC)

Serving Sunday, February 2, 2025

Nursery Volunteer:
No Nursery

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:
No Sunday School

Middle School Teachers:
No Sunday School

Greeters
Manning Burton and Meaghan

Coffee Time Helpers:
No Coffee Time

Coffee Maker:
No Coffee

Welcome Table:
Ginny and Alan Hughes

Children's Sermon:
No Children's Message

Offering Counters
Tom Rempson and Manning Burton

Trustees Lock Up:
Jim Wilson

2026 Stewardship

2026 Budget- In Process

Received as of 1/14/26.....\$59,981.35

*This includes prepaid pledges that have been received.

Discipleship Opportunities

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

The Book of Matthew

8 am, Saturday mornings before Open Table

CUMC, Room E210

meets the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month

Have you wondered about the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven?

Taught by Tim Sieges, retired Director of Wycliffe Counseling
Ministries

Disciple Class

Disciple is an in-depth four-year Bible Study that meets every Tuesday afternoon in the conference room from 3-5PM. We will be completing I and II Timothy, as well as Titus, after the Christmas holidays and will then be starting Disciple IV sometime in February. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Rob Laney (704-472-5042) if you are interested in joining!

“Everyone Must Eat”: A New Adult Study on Food, Faith, and Community Action

We invite you to a new four-week class called “**Everyone Must Eat**”, a spiritually grounded and justice-minded conversation about food insecurity in Cleveland County **beginning 1/14 in the conference room**. Every Saturday, our Open Table Ministry feeds over 200 people with a hot meal and groceries—offering connection, care, and dignity. And yet, 1 in 6 of our neighbors in Cleveland County still struggle to access enough food. What more can we do—not just to feed people, but to build a more just and sustainable food system for all?

This class, co-led by Pastor David and Laura Lombardi, invites us to reflect deeply and act boldly over four sessions.

This isn’t a top-down teaching series. It’s not a lecture, but a lab for listening, learning, and leading together. We’ll ask hard questions, share personal stories, and begin shaping practical responses to food insecurity right here in Shelby. If you’re looking to connect your faith with real-life community impact, this class is for you.



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January BIRTHDAYS

January 29	Lynn Carter
January 29	David Lee
January 29	Marguerite Bishop
January 31	Susan Tapp
January 31	Bruce Cox
January 31	Tammy Hollifield
February 1	Anne Wray
February 2	Beth Story
February 2	Michael Wood
February 2	Jessica Talbert
February 2	Robert Gallagher



Open Table

We are asking for donations of **Bottled Water (any size)**. We'll always take donations of grocery bags. We invite you every Saturday from 8 am to noon to help us provide a free hot meal to our community. Join our Open Table volunteer communication by using the QR code here.



We are a **Safe Sanctuary** and a **Tobacco-Free Campus**. Please be sure that your children are accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult caregiver. We appreciate your assistance as we strive to ensure the safety of all. *Church policy prohibits the use of tobacco products on our church grounds.*

Thank you for your cooperation!!!

Coffee and Donuts



Join us every Sunday OUTSIDE on Washington Street (or in the Fellowship Hall depending on weather) from 9:30-9:55am each Sunday. We hope you'll make plans to join us for food and fellowship.

Backpack Ministry

We need your help in filling our closet with food for the backpacks we deliver to North Shelby and Shelby Middle each week during the school year. For January we are requesting **Fruit Cups**. You may drop them off at the office Monday-Friday, 9AM-2 PM. For more info about how to serve, contact Ellen Benfield at benfield@med.unc.edu.



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Our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/

Our YouTube Channel:

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And our App: Central UMC-Shelby on all app stores

