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THE CENTRAL ISSUE

CENTRAL UMC SHELBY IS A SAFE SANCTUARIES 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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Sign Up Link Is Live!



The sign up link is LIVE! Feeding Kids Cleveland County is having their annual Thanksgiving meal at the Bobby Bell pavilion on **Saturday, November 22nd at 4:00 p.m.** CUMC is invited to participate by volunteering to help with the event (table decorations, serving food, or making a dessert) or by eating the meal with our neighbors. If you are interested please contact Denise Sieges at (704)609-6184 or denisesieges@gmail.com

<https://www.feedingkidscc.org/cttm>



Sanctuary Decorating

Monday, December 1 at 10am

Come and decorate the Sanctuary and tree with us for Christmas! Please let Tammy know if you can help.



Office hours for 11/26-11/28

11/26- Open 9-12

11/27- Closed for Thanksgiving

11/28- Closed for Thanksgiving



A Note From Stewardship



It is a great feeling to support the outreach, mission and ministry of Central United Methodist Church. We have much to appreciate and to be thankful for as we approach Thanksgiving.

For our church's 2026 Stewardship campaign, we have received 53 pledges(estimated of giving), totaling \$509,972. Our goal is 100 cards and an amount at least equal to our 2025 Operating Budget of \$801,000.

Thank you to all who have pledged so far and thanks to all who have been generous supporters of our mission in previous years. We have had 9 new pledges and encourage you to estimate your giving at a level you are comfortable with for 2026 if you have not pledged before.

If you have not turned in your 2026 pledge, please mail it to the church office, bring it to the office, or place it in the one of the boxes in the Sanctuary this Sunday. If you plan to give online or through a bank draft, please complete a card. The card helps the Finance Committee know how much we can count on for the coming year.

If you have questions regarding Stewardship, feel free to call or come to the church office. I can be reached at 704-472-4568 or email jblattimore@hotmail.com.

John Lattimore
Stewardship Chair



Hallway Reflections

"Thoughts from the Hallway Class"



Confusion

There are times when we feel distracted by what is going on around us. We feel confused by the volume and variety of information that bombards us. Do this, don't do that.

Which one is the best? Who do we believe. Whom can we have faith in ?

Throughout the Bible we read of people who asked the same questions, who wanted to believe, but didn't know who to trust? Noah needed faith to start a project that all of his neighbors ridiculed. David needed faith as he started down the hill to meet Goliath. Abraham needed faith as he walked up the mountain with his son Isaac; all the while looking desperately for a sacrifice. Daniel needed faith as he watched the lions walk out of the den to meet him.

They didn't have dozens of channels on the television to offer choices, dozens of voices clamoring for attention. They had faith in their God who would guide them in their decisions and their lives. Maybe in today's news world, we should take a step back, turn off the confusion, talk to God and have a little faith.

Micah 7:7 "But as for me, I will look to the Lord, I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me".

John Greene

**YOUTH
MISSION
TRIP**

If you haven't paid your deposit for the Youth Mission Trip to Kansas City, please do so this week or reach out to Katie.

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

Youth Sunday School
Youth Commons Room at 9am
With Katie Bowers

Sunday Evening
5-7: Youth in
Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday 11/23-** Youth 5-7
- **Sunday 11/30-** No youth - Thanksgiving
- **Sunday 12/7 -** Youth at Navion for Christmas Caroling @ 3PM.
- **Sunday 12/14-** Christmas Party TBA
- **Sunday 12/21-** Light Ball Dash at 5:30- Bring the family and join in on the fun!
- **Sunday 12/28-** NO YOUTH- Christmas/NYE

Youth Lock In & "Skip A Meal, Donate A Meal"

The youth spent the night at the church Friday. During their lock in, they learned more about the unhoused from Todd Bolin and how food insecurity impacts our community. The youth shared a poverty meal and watched The Pursuit of Happyness. Saturday morning, everyone got up early to help Boy Scout Troop 104 collect donations for "Scouting for Food". We collected 1,914 lbs of food donations that were then weighed, sorted, and put on the shelves in the PAC.

Sunday morning, youth collected donations for "Skip a meal, Donate a meal" and were able to raise \$1,067 to help out right here in our community with food insecurity. If you would still like to donate, you may do so using this link: <https://secure.givelively.org/teams/healthcare-foundation-of-cleveland-county/emergency-food-fund-everyone-eats/central-umc-skip-a-meal-donate-a-meal> Thank you for your donations and support. It is really going to help our community this holiday season.



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



Church-Wide Retreat Information



Church-Wide Retreat Registration

Please list names and T-shirt size of those attending. For children and youth, please include their ages as of January 30, 2026.

Adult Name(s) _____ T-shirt size(s) _____
 Adult Name(s) _____ T-shirt size(s) _____

Children/Youth:

Name _____ Age _____ T-shirt size _____
 Name _____ Age _____ T-shirt size _____
 Name _____ Age _____ T-shirt size _____

Please list any food allergies or special needs: _____

ROOM NEEDS

Room needed: _____ x2 nights = \$ _____
 (Single/double, triple, or quad)

MEAL PACKAGES

Friday dinner thru Sunday breakfast.
 Meals are part of the required package

Number of meal packages needed:

Adults _____ Youth _____ Children _____

*Children and Youth meals are covered by special funds and a private donation to help families be able to attend.

Total for meals = \$ _____

Total owed: \$ _____

Contact Information

Phone _____
 E-mail _____

This is the room rate per night.

Rooms	Room Pricing Per Night
Single/Double	\$135
Triple	\$155
Quad	\$175

Meals	Pricing
Adult	\$120

For Office Use

Date paid: _____

How to Register:

1. Fill out the registration card according to your family's needs.
 - We have cards in the sanctuary, as well as in the office, and are happy to help make sure all the information is on there or if you have questions on any part of the card.
 - You are able to register ONLINE at cumcshelby.org/church-wide-retreat
2. Pay for your trip.
 - We accept cash or check in the office or you can use the QR code here to pay online.
 - Please note the deadlines for the payments below.



Invest In Your Church Family!

73 people have signed up to attend the CUMC Lake Junaluska retreat from ages 9 months to 80+. This will be a time of building strong bonds in our church family. Please consider registering if you have not already!

We are stronger together!!

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Lake Junaluska Conference Center

DATES

January 30 - February 1, 2026

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

December 1, 2025

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Becky Smith

June Miller

Janie Ledbetter

J Vance Suttle

Sara Branton

David and Rebecca Schweppe

In Memory of Rev. Dr. Jung Kee Lee

Mike and Evelyn Ribadeneyra

Serving Sunday, November 23, 2025

Nursery Volunteer:

Dorothy Hernandez

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:

Ginny Hughes

Middle School Teachers:

Katie Bowers

Greeters

Mike and Evelyn Ribadeneyra

Coffee Time Helpers:

Debbie Powell and Caroline Laney

Coffee Maker:

Mike Schenck

Welcome Table:

Ginny and Alan Hughes

Children's Sermon:

Caroline Laney

Offering Counters

Jessica Talbert and Pat Tiernan

Trustees Lock Up:

Janet Edwards

November 23 - November 29, 2025

Calendar of Events

Sunday

9:00am

Sunday School

10:00am

Worship Service

Monday

Church Office open 9-2

Tuesday

Church Office open 9-2

Wednesday

Church Office open 9-12

Thursday

Church Office CLOSED

Friday

Church Office CLOSED

Saturday

10:30am Open Table Hot Lunch (PAC)

2025 Stewardship

2025 Operating Budget Amount.....	\$801,004.00
2025 Weekly Budget Needs.....	\$15,404.00
Total Receipts in October.....	\$38,759.78
October Expenses.....	\$66,546.56
Over/-- Under for the month.....	-\$27,814.78
Weekly Collection.....	\$10,225.00
Budget amount needed to date.....	\$708,585.00
Budget amount received to date (This number includes pre-paid pledges for 2025).....	\$708,143.00

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



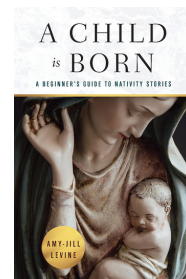
Disciple Class

The Disciple class will be starting back with
the study of Colossians on Tuesdays from 3-
5:30pm in the conference room. If you are
interested, contact Rob Laney.

Daytime Ladies' Bible Study

Thursdays at 9:30
Conference room

This is a 4 week advent study
titled "A child is born" and
written Amy-Jill Levine. If
interested, contact Jessica Talbert



REMEMBERING THAT IT HAPPENED ONCE

A Community Christmas Concert



FEATURING CHOIRS FROM
ALDRSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH,
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, AND
SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 | 3PM
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
200 EAST MARION ST., SHELBY, NC 28150



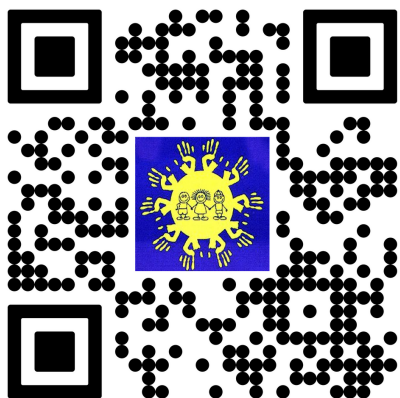
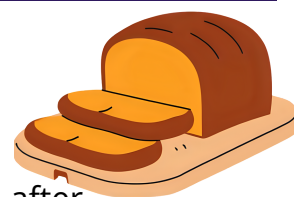
Kids Place Bake Sale Fundraiser

Sunday, November 23 before and after
church in the Hooey Bible Class

Pre-orders for pecan pies and large loaf
pumpkin bread are due by November
20th. Scan the QR code or click the link
below to pre-order!

<https://forms.gle/hps6shE3M2f3d2TF8>

Other yummy desserts will be available to
purchase on November 23rd as well. Thanks
to our wonderful WinGs group!



Bakesale Order Form



Redeemer Artist Fair

Saturday, Nov. 22 | 9am - 3pm

**Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
502 W. Sumter St., Shelby, NC 28150**

Join us for Redeemer's first annual Artist Fair! Local artists and crafters will sell their creations in our Administrative Parish Hall. This is a great opportunity for early Christmas Shopping!



Vendors Include: Terry Melton (formerly Buffalo Creek Gallery), Susan Jones Pottery, Anita Ware, REACH co-op, Helen Whitby and Camilla Sisk, Pam Dennis, Martha and Jean Crain Moore, Beverly C. Putnam, Patricia K. Edwards and Connie Rupprecht, Deborah M. Rogers (Corduroy Fish), Cathy Cowan (Fairies, Scaries, Gnomes, and Un-Gnomes)



For More Information :
704-487-5404
www.redeemershelby.com



Proceeds from this sale are designated to support Redeemer's Shepherd's Table Ministry and Music Fund

You're Invited

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Join us for festive decorations and holiday desserts

Sunday, November 30th

3-5PM

Le Chateau Du Coeur

**527 Whitaker Rd.
Shelby, NC, 28152**



We are thrilled to announce the birth of two precious babies, bringing joy and love to their families. This occasion is a blessing, enriching hearts and homes with cherished memories. Let's honor this milestone and the bright futures ahead. Congratulations to the families on this extraordinary journey!

Marigold Ryan Young

Welcomed on 11/15,
weighing 6.9 lbs and
measuring 21 inches.

Parents: Casey and
Rebekah Young.

Miles Robert Putnam

Welcomed on 11/11,
weighing 7.9 lbs and
measuring 19.5 inches.

Parents: Carson and Laney
Putnam; grandparents:
Michael and Carol Schenck.



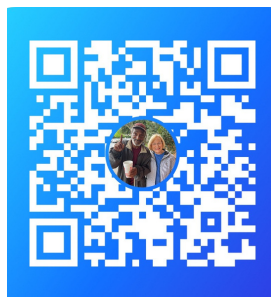
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November BIRTHDAYS

November 19	Janet Edwards
November 19	Jenny Goss
November 21	Kitty Williams
November 21	Jim Morgan
November 22	Betsy Gallagher
November 23	Marilyn Henshaw
November 24	Laura Rose

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 November we are requesting **Individual packets of Grits/Oatmeal**. 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.



Be sure to check out our website: www.cumcshelby.org
Our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/
Our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@centralunitedmethodistchur6507>
And our App: Central UMC-Shelby on all app stores

