



**CENTRAL
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

200 East Marion Street, Shelby, NC 28150-4610

Phone: (704) 487-6336;

Kid's Place Preschool: (704) 487-6357

Counseling Services: (704) 810-4344

Email: central@cumcshelby.org

Website: www.cumcshelby.org

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.

November 26, 2025

Volume 34, No. 47

David Lee, Senior Pastor

Tammy Bass, Director of Discipleship

Danny Buckner, Director of Music Ministries

Caroline Scism, Director of Children's Ministries

Katie Bowers, Director of Youth Ministries

Libby Alexander, Organist

Hannah Walker, Administrative Communications

Doug Smith, Facilities Manager

Shelley Rempson, Kid's Place Preschool Director

Doug Lowery, Media Coordinator

Stacey Watkins Griffith, Pastoral Counselor



Office hours for 11/26-11/28

11/26- Open 9-12

11/27- Closed for Thanksgiving

11/28- Closed for Thanksgiving

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.



5th Sunday

5th Sunday Thanksgiving Sunday School Gathering

All adults are invited to the
Fellowship Hall Sunday Morning,
November 30, at 9am for a time of
Thanks-giving lead by Tammy Bass.
We will enjoy a cup of coffee and a
time of sharing.



A Note From Stewardship



Stewardship Update: 11/24/25

Thanks to everyone who has made your
pledge/estimate of giving for 2026. We have received 59
cards with a total of \$542,072 pledged.

Our goal continues to have 100 cards supporting a
budget of \$801,000 to support the Mission of our
church, "To make disciples of Christ, who WORSHIP God,
GROW in their faith, and SERVE in the church and
world". In unity we serve and give to fulfill our mission.

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



As we enter the Advent season,
we will be starting a new sermon
series. Keep your eyes open as
we announce the series details!



Hallway Reflections

“Thoughts from the Hallway Class



Dancing for Love

Our feet want to move to music. Even the most stationary of us feel the beat and sway our bodies. From the beginning we dance. We stand on the feet of a parent and move with them to music. We watch our children pirouette across the stage as snowflakes or sugar plum fairies. We remember tentative steps on the dance floor at our first real school dance. We dance to celebrate the union of two people, who holding each other, invite us to join them on the floor. We dance with the ones we love; we dance for the ones we love.

The Bible has numerous verses depicting dancing; dancing for joy and in celebration, dancing to praise God and dancing in gratitude for God’s love. Miriam leads the Israelite women in dance thankful for God’s deliverance, David dances before God in thanks, the psalmist implores us to praise God’s name in dance, in the book of Job little children are sent out to dance in love of God, and Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is a time to dance. Isn’t every day a time to dance?

Leonard Cohen’s song, *Dance Me to the End of Love*, celebrates the bonds of human love; that when we fall in love, we hope to dance together all our lives, dancing until the end of love. Our love for each other doesn’t cease when the loved one is gone; we love on. God’s love doesn’t cease. It will keep us dancing not just for the time on Earth, but will keep us in his love, dancing in love, until the end of time.

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
NO YOUTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday 11/30-** Sunday School at the coffee shop where Lily Bean used to be. Bring money for a drink.
- **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



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



Feeding Kids Cleveland County

Thanks to all who helped with the Feeding Kids Cleveland County Community Thanksgiving Meal! Central UMC helped with the Bobby Bell Pavilion site, but some of our members helped in other locations. What a great way to be the hands and feet of Christ and join with others to strengthen our community!

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 15, 2025

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



Bell Ringers needed for
Saturday, December 20th 10am-
5pm- location to be determined.
You'll only need to do 1 hour shifts.
If you'd like to sign up contact Chris
Mabry at
chrismabry23@gmail.com

Weekly Advent Prayer from Bishop Carter

O God, we imagine climbing to a high mountain peak where we might see the world you dreamed of when you first began to create. There we will sit and feast with you, and we will not be alone. Friends and strangers from every nation will accompany us. There you will instruct us, you will resolve our disputes, you will purge the violence that has grown with us.

We want to be on this mountain peak with you, and yet we are not quite prepared for the journey. We confess that by now we should have been more prepared, but we are not.

So lift up our hearts, O Lord, to see a better future. Strengthen our weakened muscles, Soften our hardened hearts. Walk with us and lighten our darkness. Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen.



Thank you to all who supported
our Bake Sale! It was a success!
A special thanks to our WinGS
ladies that helped bake, we
couldn't do it with you!

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Becky Smith

Sallie Craig

In Memory of Rev. Dr. Jung Kee Lee

Sallie Craig

In Memory of Shields Fletcher

Sara Branton

Krista Miller

Serving Sunday, November 30, 2025

Nursery Volunteer:

Dorothy Hernandez

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:

Rocky Lutz and Caroline Scism

Middle School Teachers:

Katie Bowers

Greeters

Mary Ann and Al Rogers

Coffee Time Helpers:

Jim and Page Morgan

Coffee Maker:

Mike Schenck

Welcome Table:

Ginny and Alan Hughes

Children's Sermon:

Tammy Hollified

Offering Counters

Pat Tiernan and Casey Young

Trustees Lock Up:

Janet Edwards

November 30 - December 6, 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 9-2

Thursday

Church Office open 9-2

Friday

Church Office open 9-2

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.....	\$20,729.00
Budget amount needed to date.....	\$723,988.00
Budget amount received to date (This number includes pre-paid pledges for 2025).....	\$728,872.00

Discipleship Opportunities

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study -

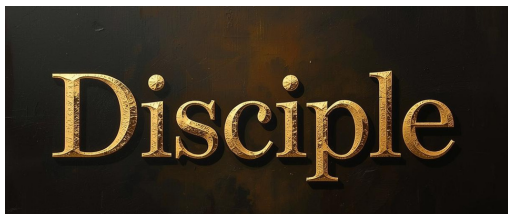
The Book of Matthew

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.

Scouting For Food

Nov 9, we went out to put Scouting For Food (SFF)
hangers on the mailboxes in the neighborhoods
around Moss Lake. On Nov 15, the Scouts & Youth
went back to these areas to search for blessing of
kindness with food donations left at their mailboxes.
The food donation will total over 2000 pounds that
will help the community Open Table program.

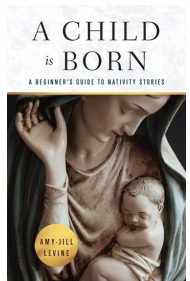
After the SFF drive, the Scouts went hiking to South
Mtn State Park for a fun backpacking / camping.

Troop 104 is always looking for new members! If you
of anyone you know has a child in their life 11 years
old or up that would be interested in participating,
please contact Randy Tuttle at rtuttle@bellsouth.net.

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



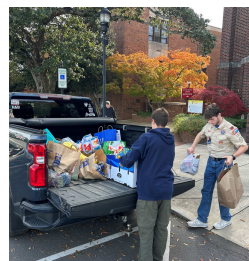
REMEMBERING THAT IT HAPPENED ONCE

A Community Christmas Concert



FEATURING CHOIRS FROM
ALDERSGATE 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





200 East Marion St.
Shelby, NC 28150

November & DECEMBER

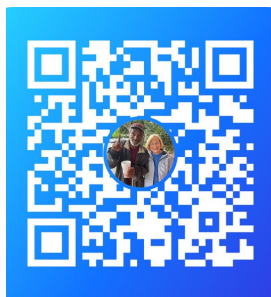
BIRTHDAYS

November 28	Greg Gallagher
November 28	Porter Yelton
November 30	Talmadge Strickland
December 1	Silas Goss
December 3	Elizabeth Lutz



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

