



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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Youth August Activities

Saturday, August 2- 11:30am-12:30pm -

OPTIONAL Shopping for Kindness Bags (Legacy Grant). Bring money for lunch afterwards. Message Katie Bowers or LeeAnne McDowell if interested.

Sunday, August 3 - 5:30-6:30pm - Packing

Kindness Bags (Legacy Grant) and LeeAnne explaining her project.

Sunday, August 10 - 4:30-7pm - Pool party and Potluck at Shannon King's.

*Hotdogs provides. Bring a dish to share and your swimsuit.

Saturday, August 16 - Youth Trip to

Junaluska for WNC Garden Project. Leaving the church at 8am and return around 4:30pm.

*Bring a water bottle and packed lunch.

Sunday, August 17 - NO YOUTH



Our Nursery is Hiring!

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



Save The Date: Pumpkin Painting

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!



Christmas Caroling in July



The best way to spread Christian Cheer is singing loud for all to hear!





Hallway Reflections

“Thoughts from the Hallway Class



God's Time

We are obsessed with time. Rationally we know that time is not elastic even when it seems to pass too slowly or too quickly. A month when we are six is the same thirty days as the month when we are seventy, but the month passes much slower for the six year old. It is our perception that affects our sense of time. We label time as though it has a personality. We have a bad time, a good time, we are on time, this is our time, we run out of time, it's time to leave, take your time, it's time out, and that is good timing.

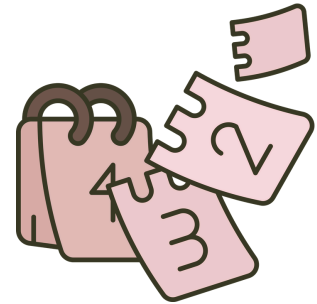
Throughout the Bible the Israelites found themselves asking God to hurry up. When will it be our time?

When will we get out of the desert? When will we have a king?

When will we return to our homeland after being held in Babylon?

When will the long promised Messiah finally come? How long, Oh Lord?

When we too feel like the people of the Bible, when we are impatient, when we ask over and over when will it be the right time, we need to remember that our perception of time is so human.



God asks us to hold on, to be patient. He has a plan but it may not be the plan we desire. Hold on and wait. We may not understand God's plan even as we ask for guidance. Hold on and wait. God's time may be different than our time. Our impatience skews our perception of time. So when things happen in your life, when you feel that you are running out of time, when you think your prayers have not been heard; remember that God listens and will answer in His time.

Psalms 36:45-46 *“My times are in your hand, deliver me... save me in your steadfast love”*

Psalms 55:22 *“Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you.”*

John Greene



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.



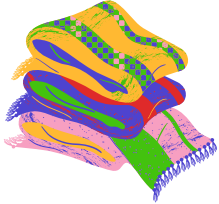
Daily Devotions and 2025 Sermon Series

You will find “A Yearlong Journey through Luke and Acts Devotions” on our website, <https://cumcshelby.org/devotions> as well as on the “Devotions” section on our app. Pastor David will be preaching from this devotion for the 2025 church year.

June 1st Pastor David will begin the book of Acts.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 2 James Pressley
August 2 Carson Bakker
August 2 Nancy Bridges
August 3 Carol Wood
August 5 Perry Anthony
August 6 Jordan Hamrick
August 6 Jack Parker



*Prayer Shawl
Ministry*

If you have interest in donating a Prayer Shawl or being a part of a Prayer Shawl Group, please let Tammy Bass or Holly Mabry know.

2025 Stewardship

2025 Monthly Budget Needs.....\$66,750.33
Total Receipts in May.....\$71,861.63
May Expenses.....\$75,200.84
Over/-- Under for the month.....-\$3,339.21

Operating: Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Jim Lutz by Bobby McDaniel

Prayer Garden:

In Memory of Jim Lutz by Saints and Sinners Sunday School Class

Operating:

In Memory of Frankie Hicks by Saints and Sinners Sunday School Class

Operating:

In Memory of Edward Lassiter by Bobby McDaniel

Serving Sunday, August 3, 2025

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:
Caroline Scism and Ginny Hughes

Middle School Teachers:
Monica Noble and Carrie Richardson

Greeters
Julianne and Dave McDowell

Coffee Time Helpers:
Ray and Carol Maxwell

Coffee Maker:
Mike Schenck

Welcome Table:
Ginny and Alan Hughes

Children's Sermon:
Lynn Carter

Offering Counters
Carol Schenck and Jessica Talbert

Trustees Lock Up:
Leila Lattimore



Central UMC extends our deepest sympathies

to Rhonda Keeley on the passing of her father, Ron Clendening. (8/27/37 to 7/29/25)
There will be no service, at Ron's request.

August 3 - August 9, 2025

Calendar of Events

Sunday

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service
5:30pm Youth in Fellowship Hall

Monday

Church Office open 9-2

Tuesday

Church Office open 9-2
5:30pm Church Council

Wednesday

Church Office open 9-2
6:00pm Chancel Choir
7:15pm Praise Ensemble

Thursday

Church Office open 9-2

Friday

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Saturday

10:30am Open Table Hot Lunch (PAC)

Have an announcement or something to share?

Send in any news, articles or pictures to be shared in the newsletter to central@cumcselby.org



Prayer List: We have updated the prayer list as of July 1.
If you would like to have your prayer request added, please contact the church office, or email at central@cumcselby.org.

Central Kids



Nursery is open to all Babies-PreK kids. Nursery is offered Sundays, 9-11 AM in

Room E105.

Elementary Sunday School

Sundays 9-9:45am

4 & Under- Nursery Room E105

K-5th Grade- Godly Play Room E309

Wednesday

9am-12pm- VBS in Fellowship Hall

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

Youth Sunday School

Youth Commons Room at 9am
With Katie Bowers

Sunday Evenings

5:30pm Youth in Fellowship Hall



200 East Marion St.
Shelby , NC 28150

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.



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 Remind text group to get updates and information. This is not a group text and you do not have to download the app. Text the message **@otcumc** to the number 81010.

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!!!

PRESCHOOL registration



Kids Place 2025 Registration

Kids Place Preschool Early Registration for the 2025-26 School year is officially open!

You can register online at

www.cumcshelby.org/kids-place-preschool.

Please feel free to contact Director, Shelley Rempson for any questions! 704-487-6357 or email kidsplace@cumcshelby.org

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 July, we are requesting Granola Bars. 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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www.cumcshelby.org

Our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/

Our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@centralunitedmethodistchurch6507>

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

