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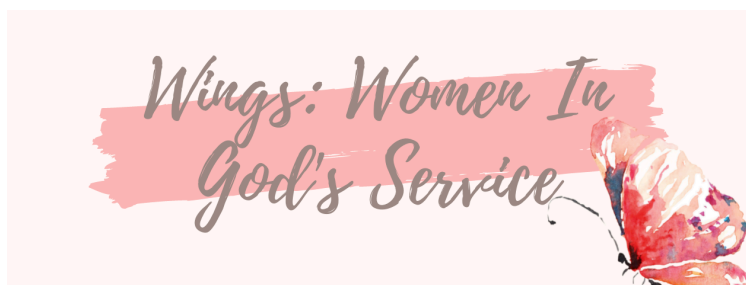
THE CENTRAL ISSUE

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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WELCOME BACK WinGs!

“Women in God’s service” will resume this year on Wednesday September 17th @ 10:00 am in the church Fellowship Hall. WE NEED YOU THERE! You will be blessed by the fellowship, energy, love, service, devotion to each other and the opportunities we encounter to be “the hands and feet” sharing God’s love.

If you have never been a member or it has been a while since you have attended, this is a great time to join us!

Jump in! Come back!

Coffee, snacks and connection to so many friends, activities and missions await you!



Children Serve at Open Table

As a Children's Ministry service initiative, children and parents are invited to help distribute food at Open Table on Saturday, September 13 and then have lunch together at Chick-fil-a at the mall. This is recommended for ages 3 and older. Please meet in the PAC at 10:00am on September 13.



Central Tailgate

Monday, September 22

12pm in the Fellowship Hall
Seasoned Adults and anyone free for lunch, Come enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs as we celebrate our favorite football teams! Please call the church office for reservations.



PEANUTS x  American Red Cross

Blood Drive

September 16th
2 -6:30pm
Fellowship hall



Donors are critically needed! Donors will receive an iconic Red Cross x PEANUTS t-shirt. There is always a shortage, so your blood is greatly needed.

Make your appointment at redcrossblood.org.



Hallway Reflections

“Thoughts from the Hallway Class



The Invitation

We get many invitations in our lives. We get invitations to parties, to weddings, to dinners, to concerts, and to Broadway shows.

As we read the New Testament, we see many times when Jesus extends an invitation. We see Jesus calling to the men he wanted to be his disciples. “Come “, he says, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” He entreats people to come to him. He asks all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens to come and he will give them rest.

He especially invites us to humble ourselves as we seek to share his love with others. In Luke 14:7-14, we read where He noticed how guests sometimes chose the places of honor at a dinner. He told a parable,

“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host and the host may come saying, ‘Give up your place,’ and then in disgrace, you would take the lowest place.

Instead when you are invited, go sit in the lowest place, so that when the host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move higher’, then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with the host. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Jesus extends a personal invitation to us. In Revelation 3:20 we read, “Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you and you with me.”



Do you hear the invitation to come closer, the invitation to serve others, the invitation to make fishers of men, the invitation to give of yourself? If you do then open the door and invite Jesus in.

John Greene

WELCOME

Sunday, September 14th Worship Service

Come help us welcome New Members:

Courtney Green

Bradley Ellis

Tammy Hollifield

Linda Endsley

Tim and Denise Sieges

Marguerite, West, Emmerson, and

Adelyn Bishop



Fall Studies

Are Starting Up!

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

8 am, Saturday mornings before Open Table

CUMC, Room E210

Start Sept. 20th and meets the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month!

The Book of Matthew

Have you wondered about the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven? Good thing to wonder! Matthew's gospel pulls back the curtain and says, "Thanks for asking, here it is."

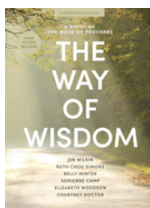
Taught by Tim Sieges, retired Director of Wycliffe Counseling Ministries

Evening Ladies Bible Study

Mondays at 6:30 pm, rotates locations.

Way of Wisdom

This is an 8 week study through Proverbs, written by 6 amazing authors. The study covers themes like our words, relationships, family, work and living with a wise heart. For more information and the meeting location, text Jillian at 870-688-9692.



Kid's Place Fundraiser

Church family- there is several ways you can help support Kids Place Preschool. First and foremost PRAYER!

Please keep our staff and children in your daily prayers. We are doing important work everyday with Gods children!

Prayers and words of encouragement help tremendously. We are having a fall fundraiser to help purchase books and toys for our classrooms. Take a look at the link below or stop by the Church for a catalog of Holiday Wishes. We are selling, wrapping paper, sweets, cookie dough and kitchen items. Kids Place receives up to fifty percent of sales profit!

Thank you for your help !

<https://fundraisingshoppingcart.com/store/brochures.php?SID=00952350>

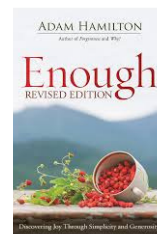
Wednesday Night Bible Study

5:15-6pm

2nd floor Education Building

Enough by Adam Hamilton

The Finance and Stewardship Committees wanted to offer everyone in the church the opportunity to go through the Enough Bible Study. It will be offered on Sunday mornings in the Hallway Class (E210) and Wednesday nights in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sun, Sept 7 and Wed, Sept 10 for 6 weeks. Please drop in either time for this study. Teachers for 9/14 and 9/17 will be Daniel and Jessica Talbert.



Daytime Ladies' Bible Study

Thursdays starting Sept. 18th at 9:30

Conference room

Thrive by Jen Cowart is a 6 week study of the Book of James, a letter written about enduring hardships, lifting up six characteristics of mature Christians. From endurance and humility to controlling our words, Jen helps participants find the divine and the practical in living faithfully.



CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

Youth Sunday School

Youth Commons Room at 9am

With Katie Bowers

Sunday Evenings

5:00pm in Fellowship

Hall



- REMINDER FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:
Please bring some cash to church this Sunday, September 14. After the service, we will meet at the welcome table and then go out for lunch.
- Next Friday, September 19, we will embark on our youth retreat in Asheboro. More information to follow!



Volunteer

SIGN-UP

If you would like to help feed our youth, please use the link below to sign up for a meal. We would love to have you stay to eat with us and get to know the youth better.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A4AB23A1FFC70-58244224-2025>



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



Our Nursery is Hiring!

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

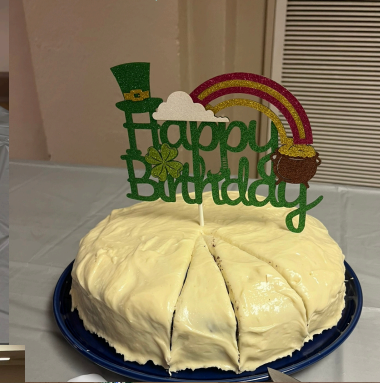
Nursery Volunteers Needed

We have an ongoing need of Nursery Volunteers each Sunday. Please visit our QR code to access the online signup form or sign up at the Welcome Table. If you have not served in the Nursery in a while, please consider volunteering twice a year.

We are still looking to hire a paid nursery workers! If you know anyone interested, please visit cumcshelby.org/job-openings for more information.



CUMC BIRTHDAY *Bash*



What a wonderful celebration of all our birthdays with a light supper and all the dessert you could eat! Thanks to our cake Bosses: Devereaux Hunter, Ann Anthony, Beverly Putnam, Anne Wray, Nancy Clark, Evelyn Ribadeneyra, Debbie Powell, Rhonda Keeley, Diana Snyder, Jessica Talbert, and Gale Greene!!



Serving Sunday, September 14, 2025

Nursery Volunteer:
Dorothy Hernandez

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:
Rocky Lutz

Middle School Teachers:
Katie Bowers and Rita Sprinkle

Greeters
Jim and Page Morgan

Coffee Time Helpers:
Ann and Stan Anthony

Coffee Maker:
Leigh Mabry

Welcome Table:
Ginny and Alan Hughes

Children's Sermon:
Julianne McDowell

Offering Counters
John Lattimore and Rocky Lutz

Trustees Lock Up:
Casey Young

September 14 - September 20, 2025

Calendar of Events

Sunday

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service
5:00pm Youth Group

Monday

Church Office open 9-2

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Church Office open 9-2
5:15pm Butterfly and Sonshine Choirs
6:15pm Chancel Choir
7:30pm Praise Ensemble

Thursday

Church Office open 9-2

Friday

Church Office open 9-2

Saturday

10:30am Open Table Hot Lunch (PAC)

Operating: Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Claudia Lutz by
Mike and Evelyn Ribadeneyra
Sara Branton
In Memory of Jim and Claudia
Doris Wolf
In Memory of Terry Brown
Sara Branton
Carol Lattimore
Walter and Doris Bumb
Ralph and Myra Dixon
John and Lelia Lattimore
Anne Wray
Mike and Evelyn Ribadeneyra

In Memory of Ron Clendening
Anne Wray
Mike and Evelyn Ribadeneyra
In Memory of David Rose
Doris Wolf

Legacy Operating Budget Fund:

In Memory of Terry Brown
Constance Barker
Robert and Mary Jo Mercer
Tracy Whisnant Real Estate
Frances Geesey
Brenda Hews

Legacy Memorials- Endowment Fund:

In Memory of Terry Brown
Tina Edwards
The Columns at Cleveland Springs
Betty Rings
Vickie Martinich
Michael Alexander
Susann and Tom Mick
Mitchel and Glenda Self
Tommy Greene

Columbarium/Prayer Garden:

In Memory of Jim and Claudia Lutz by
Barbara McLarty

2025 Stewardship

2025 Monthly Budget Needs.....\$66,750.33
Total Receipts in July.....\$63,978.11
July Expenses.....\$70,315.21
Over/-- Under for the month.....-\$6,337.10

September

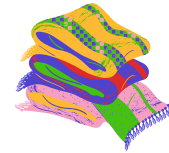
BIRTHDAYS

September 11	Karen Winder
September 13	Emily Carpenter
September 14	Bob Bass
September 14	Emily Tapp
September 16	Greer Dalton
September 16	Daniel Talbert
September 17	Dave McDowell
September 17	Jake Gallagher
September 17	Zee Rempson



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!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Requests

If you have a need or praise that you would like included on our church prayer list, please call or email the church office at central@cumcshelby.org.



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.



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.



Connect with us! Use this QR Code for a direct link to all things CUMC. Get easy access to online giving options, connect cards letting us know you were in worship (in person or online), updated bulletins, newsletters and more!

DISCIPLE

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, please contact Rob Laney.



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Coffee and Donuts

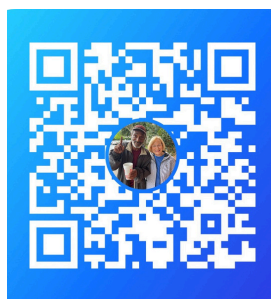
Join us every Sunday OUTSIDE on Washington Street (or in the Fellowship Hall depending on weather) from 9:30-9:55am each Sunday. We hope you'll make plans to join us for food and fellowship.



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 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!!!

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 September, we are requesting Cheese/PB Crackers. 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: <https://www.youtube.com/@centralunitedmethodistchur6507>
And our App: Central UMC-Shelby on all app stores

