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Central United Methodist Church

Our Mission:

To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God,

GROW in their faith and SERVE in the church and world.

Rev. David Lee, Pastor

Dr. Tammy Bass, Director of Discipleship

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Please scan the QR code to the left and fill out the connect card to let us know you are worshipping with us and how we can connect you to our ministries.

**The Worship of God**

September 14, 2025 10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude  *Be Not Afraid* Courtney / arr. Forrest

Libby Alexander, piano

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you,

Be not afraid I have called you by name.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;

when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;

you are mine; you are precious in my sight.

\*Congregational Song *God Is Here*

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

Children’s Message Julianne McDowell

Offertory *Blessed Assurance* arr. Farrell

Libby Alexander, organ

Doxology #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Congregational Song *Father, We Have Heard You Calling*

Scripture Acts 17: 16-34

Sermon **Athens**  Rev. David Lee

Reception of New Members

Baptism

\*Congregational Song *The Open Table*

\*Benediction

\*Chiming the Trinity

\*Postlude *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Martin

Libby Alexander, organ

\*Please stand if able

*The Altar flowers glorify God and honor Central’s new members presented today. They are given by Bradley Christopher Ellis*

**Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!**

Visitors are invited to visit the Welcome Table for a free gift and additional information about Central United Methodist Church. We are glad you are here!

**Prayer Concerns**

For this week please pray for the following:

\*All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional.

Lane Downs Ricky Shell

Mike Richardson Kimberlyn Floyd

Mark Elliott (Stroke) Sandra Raynor and Family

Ollie Anthony Donna Boggs (Shoulder replacement)

Keith C. (Friend of Ben & Emily Ousley) (lung cancer)

Allison Bustillo Chinchilla (Crest graduate self-deported after ICE detainment)

Victims of Long COVID

Other:

Miliary & First Responders Western NC

End of Violence & Violent Rhetoric Breast Cancer Research

Our Homeless Community

Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan

Victims of extreme weather and wildfires

Those Grieving:

The family of Terry Brown

The family of Eleanor Cloyd

**Welcome! Welcome! Welcome to our New Members!**

Please help us welcome New Members:

Courtney Green

Bradley Ellis

Tammy Hollifield

Linda Endsley

Tim and Denise Sieges

Marguerite, West, Emmerson, and Adelyn Bishop

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.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!

**Ministry Needs**

Below is a list of volunteer and donation needs for some of our ministries:

Backpack Ministry: For September: **Cheese/Peanut Butter Crackers**

Open Table: **Bottled Water**

**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.

**WinGs is Back!**  
Central’s “Women In God’s Service” ladies Circle is ready to kick off this year on Wednesday September 17th @ 10:00.  
We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.  
WE WANT TO SEE YOU THERE!  
Questions?  Call the church office, Caroline Laney or ask a member sitting near you!

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**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!

**Blood Drive**

Don’t forget to reserve your spot of the blood drive on September 16 from 2-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall! Donors will receive a free t-shirt. There is always a shortage so your blood is greatly needed! Make your appointment at redcrossblood.org.

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**Youth Group- Sept. 14 from 5-7pm**

Lesson: Honest Friendships

\*Reminder that high school youth will be going out to meet for lunch today after the service! We will be meeting at the Welcome table.

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>

**Youth Retreat**

Reminder that from Friday, September 19 to Sunday, September 2, the youth will be on their retreat to Mt. Shepherd. There will be no youth on the 21st.

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Monday, September 22, 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall

**Central Tailgate**

Seasoned Adults and anyone free for lunch, Come enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs as we celebrate our favorite football teams

**Fall Discipleship Opportunities**

**A book cover with a cup of red beans

AI-generated content may be incorrect.Wednesday Night Bible Study**

Wednesdays from 5:15-6pm

**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.

**Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study**

8am, Saturday Mornings before Open Table.

CUMC Room E210

Starting on 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 Dr. Tim Sieges, retired Director of Wycliffe Counseling Ministries

**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.

A book cover with text

AI-generated content may be incorrect.**Evening Ladies’ Bible Study**

Mondays at 6:30pm, rotates locations

Starting September 8

**Way of Wisdom** 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.

**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.

**Central UMC Ministry Opportunity**

This QR code will take you to a comprehensive list of opportunities to be involved and serve at Central. Check out the list! You will be proud of all that Central does to make a difference in people’s lives! Find a place to serve! As you find your place to serve, help new people find the information and a place to plug in! Together we shine the bright light of Christ!

Central UMC is a *Safe Sanctuaries* church. Please be sure that your

Children are always accompanied by a parent or responsible adult caregiver including if and when they need to use the restroom during service. We appreciate your assistance as we strive to ensure the safety of all.

**Restrooms** are located outside the right-hand side of the sanctuary, as

you look at the chancel area.

**Childcare** is available for infants and preschool aged children. Our

nursery staff awaits you in room E105.

**Hearing devices** are available for those who need them.

**Large print Bibles & Hymnals** are available for those who need them.

SERMON NOTES

The Ushers are at each door and will happily assist you with any of these.

Sermon Notes

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