

Happening today, 2/15:

8:45 AM	Sunday School
9:30 AM	Blood Pressure Checks <i>Library</i>
10:00 AM	Worship Service <i>Sanctuary</i>
11:00 AM	Blood Pressure Checks <i>Library</i>
11:15 AM	Social Principles Class Room 219
11:15 AM	Ad Board Fellowship Hall
11:15 AM	Youth Choir
11:45 AM	Children's Choir
5:00 PM	Youth Group <i>Youth Arena</i>

Happening this week, 2/16-2/22:

MON, 2/16	5:45 PM	Theology Pub <i>Village Pub</i>
	6:30 PM	Brass Rehearsal
TUE, 2/17	12:00 PM	Finance Meeting <i>Conference Room</i>
	1:00 PM	Wesley Singers
	2:00 PM	Dementia Partners AVL <i>Library</i>
	5:30 PM	Missions Meeting <i>Conference Room</i>
WED, 2/18	11:00 AM	Centering Prayer <i>Chapel</i>
	3:00 PM	Stephen Ministry <i>Discovery Classroom</i>
	6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Dementia Partners AVL <i>Haw Creek</i>
	6:45 PM	Chancel Choir (after Ash Wednesday Service)
THU, 2/19	8:00 AM	Thursday Morning Prayer <i>Zoom</i>
	10:00 AM	Circle of Prayer <i>Zoom</i>
FRI, 2/20		Stories from Central: Jot & Tittle Deadline
	8:30 AM	Habitat Work Day
SAT, 2/21	11:00 AM	Todd Sluder Memorial Service <i>Sanctuary</i>
	6:30 PM	Candlelight Concert: Tribute to Fleetwood Mac
	8:45 PM	Candlelight Concert: Queen vs. ABBA
SUN, 2/22	8:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Worship Service <i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:15 AM	Creation Care Meeting <i>Room 307</i>
	11:15 AM	Social Principles Class Room 219
	11:15 AM	Youth Choir
	11:45 AM	Children's Choir
	4:00 PM	Confirmation <i>Youth Arena</i>
	5:00 PM	Youth Group <i>Youth Arena</i>

For more information about these activities, go to CentralUMC.org/Events.

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Stories from Central: The Jot & Tittle Deadline

Have a story to share? A ministry highlight, reflection, photo, or upcoming event? The **submission deadline for the MAR/APR 2026 edition** of *Stories from Central: The Jot & Tittle* is **FEB 20**. You can submit stories to **Michelle** at mhausler@CentralUMC.org or CentralUMC.org/Communications.

Eco-Tip: Power Up with Plant Proteins!

Plant proteins are nutrient-rich sources like **legumes** (beans, lentils, peas, soy), **nuts and seeds**, **whole grains** (quinoa, oats), and **vegetables** (broccoli, spinach). They offer fiber and essential nutrients alongside protein, and **soy products** (tofu, tempeh) plus **quinoa** are even complete proteins! Choosing plant proteins is also a gift to creation. They're easier on our environment, requiring less land and fewer resources to grow.

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Sermon Discussion Questions

The Scouts give us a great example of how to grow not just in stature, but in wisdom! Continue to reflect on today's message by journaling or discussing the following questions:

- Did you participate in Scouting? Based on your own experience (or impression from Scouts you've known), what about that program helps young people grow "in stature and in wisdom"?
- Every meeting and Scouting event start with reciting the Scout Oath and Law. What have you have recited on a daily or weekly basis? What effect did that have on you?
- To grow in the wisdom of faith, what could you recite daily or weekly?

Daily Suggested Scripture Readings

Lent begins this Wednesday with our Ash Wednesday service. Traditional ways to observe this season are self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and meditating on God's word. What will you do to observe a "Holy Lent" this year? Ready yourself with these passages from the church calendar:

- Monday: 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10
- Tuesday: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
- Wednesday: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
- Thursday: Psalm 51:1-17
- Friday: Isaiah 58:1-12
- Saturday: Matthew 4:1-11

Next week in worship...

We begin the season of Lent – 40 days to prepare us for Easter (April 5). This year our Lenten focus will be on the United Methodist Social Principles, a section in our *Book of Discipline* that "speak[s] to issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation that is in keeping with the best of our United Methodist traditions" (*UM Book of Discipline* p. 106.). Every week we'll look at a different section of these Principles and how they empower us to move our concern for current events into action. Come and bring a friend!



Scouting Sunday
 February 15, 2026
 10:00 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

VOLUNTARY "All Night, All Day with My Lord, What a Morning"
 Youth Choir arr. Russell Robinson
Prayer cards and name tags are available in the attendance pad at the end of each pew. You can also find prayer cards in the pew rack in front of you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

All Scouts – past and present – are invited to stand and recite the Scout Oath.

**On my honor I will do my best
 to do my duty to God and my country
 and to obey the Scout Law;
 to help other people at all times;
 to keep myself physically strong,
 mentally awake, and morally straight.**

***HYMN 92** "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX
 Stanzas 1,2,4,6

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lisa Rettew
 Ending with the Lord's Prayer: *Hymnal 895*

MISSION MOMENT: Tommy Hughes
Scouting

OFFERTORY "Great Day" arr. Dennis Robert
 Handbell Choir
While the Choir makes their musical offering, the ushers will pass plates for those who wish to offer a financial gift or prayer request. You may also use this QR code to make a financial gift. As you pass the plate—whether or not you give—we invite you to pause and reflect on what you hope to offer God this week.

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Hymnal 94

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:41-52

CHILDREN'S TIME

Maggie Christy
After Children's Time, children in kindergarten–5th grade are invited to continue worship in Children's Church in the Chapel. Children ages 5 and under may go to the nursery (Room 309, across from the church offices) with our childcare staff. For safety, all children must wear a name tag. Name tags are available near the Library.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
"Growing in Wisdom, Stature, and Favor"

RECITING THE SCOUT LAW

All are invited to stand and recite together:

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

*HYMN 156 "I Love to Tell the Story" HANKEY

*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
with assistance from all Scouts

May the great Scoutmaster of all Scouts
be with us until we meet again.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

VOLUNTARY "Andante alla Marcia" Felix Mendelssohn

*Please stand, if you are able.

A livestream of the worship service is available in the library for families. Nursery is available for children ages 0-5.

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are in loving memory of Patsy June Peterson. They are given by her son and daughter-in-law, Glenn and Elizabeth Peterson.

If you are interested in providing flowers for the Chancel, please contact Mary Margaret at marymargaretingle@gmail.com, especially for the weeks of March 29, April 12, and April 26.

Plainclothes law enforcement officers are present during our services so that all may feel welcome, secure, and free to worship, fellowship, and experience God's grace freely. Our staff members are in direct communication with the officers should you feel the need to ask for assistance or voice a concern.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Board Meeting | TODAY | 11:15 AM

There will be an Administrative Board Meeting in the Fellowship Hall after worship TODAY. Everyone welcome and encouraged to attend.

Children's Ministry Winter Care Bags Mission Project: Our children are leading a mission project to care for neighbors who may be unhoused or in need this winter. They will assemble Winter Care Bags, which families will take home to share with those they encounter.

Items Needed: Foldable blankets, gloves, scarves, beanies, hand warmers, instant coffee, granola bars, dried fruit, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, and travel-size lotion. **Drop-off bins located outside the Chapel.** Thank you for helping our children put faith into action!

Social Principles Class Series | TODAY, FEB 15-MAR 22 | 11:15 AM

The United Methodist Church Social Principles guide us in living out our faith in the world—shaping how we care for creation, one another, and our communities. Join us **Sundays after worship.**

Class Schedule:

- **FEB 15:** Introduction, Preface, and Preamble – Pat Wallenborn
- **FEB 22:** Community of All Creation (Creation Care) – Dianna Pierce
- **MAR 1:** The Economic Community – Rev. Jim Kuse
- **MAR 8:** The Social Community, Part 1 – Peter Barrett and Assistant
- **MAR 15:** The Social Community, Part 2 – Peter Barrett and Assistant
- **MAR 22:** The Political Community – Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
- **MAR 29:** Our Social Creed: Putting Faith into Action – Rev. Dr. Mary Brown | Sermon Sunday – No Class

Have questions contact Sharon LeDuc at skleduc@prodigy.net or Peter Barrett peterbarrett@comcast.net.

Habitat Work Day | FRI, FEB 20 | 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Join us for a meaningful morning of service with **Habitat for Humanity**. This Habitat Work Day is a wonderful opportunity to put faith into action by helping build safe, affordable housing right here in our community. No construction experience is necessary. Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome, and tasks will be provided for everyone who is willing to serve. To sign up or to learn more, please contact **Pastor Mary** or **scan the QR Code**. We would love to have you join us for this impactful morning of service.



Creation Care Opportunity | MON, FEB 16 | 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Join an interfaith **stream bank restoration along the Swannanoa River** at the John B. Lewis Soccer Fields. Volunteers will help restore the river through native planting following Hurricane Helene. Registration required. Learn more and sign up online: bit.ly/Swannanoa-River.

Hard2Recycle | SAT, FEB 21 | 10:00 AM-2:00 PM: Asheville GreenWorks will host its next Hard2Recycle event on at Enka High School. This is a great opportunity to responsibly recycle hard-to-recycle items such as Styrofoam, shredded paper, and small electronics. A second Hard2Recycle event is also scheduled for May 9 at A.C. Reynolds HS. For a full list of accepted items and details, visit ashevillegreenworks.org/hard2recycle.

ABCCM Crisis Ministry Collection

We are collecting winter essentials for our neighbors served by ABCCM Crisis Ministry. Needed items: *winter coats, blankets, propane, heaters (electric or propane), gloves & hats, wool socks, and clean, gently used stuffed animals*. Please place donations in the **large wooden box in the Fellowship Hall** or deliver directly to **ABCCM Crisis at 24 Cumberland Avenue**. Thank you for helping share warmth and comfort in our community. ❤️



United Women in Faith

UWF Corner

United Women in Faith Monthly Meeting and Contact Information:

Anna Circle: Meets the first Wednesday of each month, 10:00 AM, Central UMC Parlor. Contact & info: Glenda Fuhrmann at glendafuhrmann@yahoo.com.

Deborah Circle: Meets the second Tuesday of each month, 10:00 AM in a member's home. Contact & info: Susan Snell at ssnell123@bellsouth.net.

Eve Circle: Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 10:00 AM, Central UMC Parlor. Contact & info: Donna Anderson at danderson45@charter.net or Sandra Wells sandracwells@gmail.com.

Martha Circle: Meets the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 PM, Central UMC Library or at a member's home. Contact & info: Kathy Leftwich kathleencleftwich@gmail.com.

Ruth Circle: Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 10:00 AM, Central UMC Library. Contact & info: Kim Everette at kimeverette525@gmail.com.

Unnamed Women Circle: Meets the second Wednesday of each month, 6:00 PM, at a local restaurant. Contact & info: Sarah Hope Caraway sarahstrickland92@gmail.com.

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Bereavement Care Ministry

During times of a family death, "arrangements" can be daunting. If a reception following the funeral at our church is needed, please consider letting our **Bereavement Care Ministry** help you by contacting **Pastor Mary**.



Homebound Care Ministry

Whether you are at home but not able to get out and about, or are in a care facility, we want to visit with you! **Pastor Lisa** can make these arrangements through our **Homebound Care Ministry**.

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Financial Update through 01/31/2026:

- 2026 Year to Date Tithes & Offerings: \$ 162,256.00
- Total Annual Budget: \$1,550,000.00