



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.

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to let us know you are worshipping with us and how we can
connect you to our ministries.

The Worship of God

February 8, 2026

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Theme and 3 Variations on
"This Little Light of Mine"
 Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Kolander

*Congregational Song

Gather Us In

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

Elizabeth Lutz

Offertory

O Word of God Incarnate
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Landin

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.**

Anthem

The Open Table
Chancel Choir

Miller

Scripture

Matthew 5: 13-20

Sermon

Salt and Light

Rev. David Lee

*Congregational Song

As A Fire Is Meant For Burning

*Benediction

*Chiming the Trinity

*Postlude

March from "*Scipio*"

Handel/arr. Birchwood

Libby Alexander, organ

*Please stand if able

The Open Table

1. Come, oh come, come to the ta - ble.
2. Cir - cle round, let's join to - geth - er.
3. God is love; Love is cre - at - ing

— Gath - er 'round, come with - out fear.
— Share your joys, and bring your tears.
— some - thing new, right here, right now.

— Known by name, here at the
— Strength and hope found at the
— We're chil - dren of God, here at the

ta - ble, this ta - ble; wel - come
ta - ble, this ta - ble;
ta - ble, this ta - ble;

here, to the ta - ble of love. love.

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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!



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 February: **Individual Oatmeal/Grits Packet**

Open Table: **Bottled Water**

Ash Wednesday

On February 18, there will be a pancake supper in the fellowship hall at 5:15PM with a service to follow at 6PM in the Sanctuary.

Hallway Class Guest Speakers

On February 15, we're honored to welcome Pastor Johnny and Pastor Tracy from the Royal Priesthood Biker Church here in Shelby. They also lead the Winter Emergency Family Shelter, and they will highlight the shelter's ministry, the guest it serves, and practical ways we can offer support.

We will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:00am for this meaningful conversation about faith in action and caring for neighbors in need.

Financial Giving Statements

The finance committee is encouraging individuals to come pick up their 2025 giving statements from the church office, Monday-Friday 9AM-2PM. Any statements not picked up by February 19th will be mailed

Prayer Concerns

For this week please pray for the following:

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

CUMC Family

12/30 Bob Conlon (Cancer)

1/16 Ollie Anthony

1/16 Jo Marsh

1/16 Frank Richardson

1/20 Emily Ousley (Shoulder replacement recovery)

1/20 Family of Betty Reeves

2/4 Ann Deaton (Upcoming Surgery)

Other

Military & First Responders

Our Homeless Community

Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan

Our Nation, County, and City

Family and Friends

1/2 Jerry Hendricks (Lynn Carter's mom- hip replacement & Medical complications)

1/8 The family of Pam Folk (Lynn Carter's cousin passed away 1/7)

1/11 Tachika Poston (Susan Tapp's mother's former caregiver)

1/11 Mary Beam

1/16 Deborah Martin (Stephen Ager's sister; cancer recovery)

1/16 Gerald Lamonte Jennings (cancer)

1/20 Wesley Ledford (Nathaniel Ledford's brother; recovery from procedure)

1/20 Sylvia Hunt (Shannon King's friend; heart issues)

2/4 Virginia Tuminello (Upcoming surgery)

2/5 Family of Gloria Jones (Stephen Ager's sister who passed away)

2/6 Dale Eaker (Jessica Talbert's mom; cancer)

2/6 Sandra Raynor & family

2/6 Kimberlyn Floyd.

Coming Summer 2026!

Operation Restoration VBS

Sunday June 7 - Wednesday June 10, 2026

5:15-7:30pm

Ages 3-11

Family meal will be 5:15-5:45pm

Central UMC 2026 VBS is Operation Restoration: Mending God's World! During this exciting 4-day program, kids learn to be menders of the universe as they explore the daily themes of Feed, Heal, Forgive, and Pray.

Please register at <https://form.jotform.com/260134988250156>

Parent's Night Out

February 13 from 5:30-8:00PM

The Children's Ministry will be hosting a Parents' Night Out on Friday, February 13, 5:30-8:00pm in the Central UMC Fellowship Hall. For ages 3-11. Chicken Nuggets, carrots, and cookies will be served followed by the movie "Moana."

Bring a pillow and blanket for a fun movie night! Cost per child is \$10 online or in cash. Please register at <https://centralunitedmethodi-3.subspla.sh/mh446tq>



Church- Wide Retreat Reschedule!

The Church-Wide Retreat has been rescheduled to February 27 – March 1, 2026.

Lenten Series:

Making All Things New: An Invitation to the Spiritual Life

We live in a worry-filled world. We find ourselves occupied and preoccupied with many things, while at the same time feeling bored, resentful, depressed, and very lonely. In the midst of this world, the Son of God, Jesus Christ, appears and offers us new life, the life of the Spirit of God.

What does it look like to live a spiritual life, a life in the Spirit of God, in our fast-paced world? In the new message series: *Making All Things New*, I'll be using Henri Nouwen's book by the same name to offer thoughts on the pitfalls of busyness, worrying, and what it means to listen for the voice of God that promises to make all things new.

Discipleship Opportunities

New Study- "Everyone Must Eat"

Beginning 1/14

5:15-6pm in the conference room

This is a new four-week class called "Everyone Must Eat", co-led by Pastor David and Laura Lombardi. It is a spiritually grounded and justice-minded conversation about food insecurity in Cleveland County.

Every Saturday, our Open Table Ministry feeds over 200 people with a hot meal and groceries—offering connection, care, and dignity. And yet, 1 in 6 of our neighbors in Cleveland County still struggle to access enough food. What more can we do—not just to feed people, but to build a more just and sustainable food system for all?

This isn't a top-down teaching series. It's not a lecture, but a lab for listening, learning, and leading together. We'll ask hard questions, share personal stories, and begin shaping practical responses to food insecurity right here in Shelby. If you're looking to connect your faith with real-life community impact, this class is for you.

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

8am, Saturday Mornings before Open Table.

CUMC Room E210

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

Disciple Class

Disciple is an in-depth four-year Bible Study that meets every Tuesday afternoon in the conference room from 3-5PM. We will resume meeting some time in February. Please contact Rob Laney (704-472-5042) if you are interested in joining!

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

SERMON NOTES
