



The Central Issue

Mission: To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God,
GROW in their faith, and SERVE in the church and world.

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Stewardship Communications with Congregation

February 2026

Thank you all for your financial contributions in 2025.

To the Central congregation, thank you for your generosity in your financial support of our church in 2025. Your contributions have helped provide funding to support our mission, "To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God, GROW in their faith and SERVE in the church and world".

This past year we have been able to worship God and connect with each other through our Sunday services, music ministry, Christian discipleship, youth program, Open Table, children's ministries, congregational care, small group study and many other opportunities to grow in our faith. We have served our community and have been a strong presence in Shelby. Our pledged and non-pledged gifts for the year have allowed laity and staff leadership to lead our ministries and programs as we strived to reach our mission.

For 2026, we have received 68 Estimates of Giving, totaling \$574, 012. We continue to welcome new Estimates of Giving cards throughout the year.

Thank you again for your support and generosity to help Central remain a great church for Christ.

John Lattimore
Stewardship Chair

Ash WEDNESDAY SERVICE

18 February, 2026
6:00PM

Join us for a Pancake Supper at 5:15 in
the Fellowship Hall before the service

"Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return"



We started this year off with a BANG and have welcomed 4 new ladies to this amazing group! Now, all we are missing is YOU! Please come and enjoy the fellowship and energy of WinGs at our meeting NEXT WEDNESDAY, February 18th, in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am.
See you there!

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

Youth Sunday School
Youth Commons Room at 9am
With Katie Bowers
Sunday Evening
5:00pm in Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/15- Confirmation 4-5; Youth 5-7
*Parents come at 6:45 for a short meeting.
- 2/22- Youth Valentine's Fundraiser
- 3/1- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL or YOUTH due to retreat



Interested in Feeding Our Youth in 2026?

Sign up to provide a meal Sunday evening at 5pm in the fellowship hall. Please reach out to Katie with questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A4AB23A1FFC70-61391068-meal#/>

SAVE THE DATE Saturday, March 7

Confirmants will be visiting a Jewish synagogue in Charlotte and getting lunch afterwards. Plan to be gone 8:45AM-3:30PM

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>



Nursery is open to all **Babies-PreK** kids. Nursery is offered **Sundays, 9-11 AM in Room E105 (pre-school age) and Room E104 (infants).**

Elementary Sunday School

Sundays 9-9:45am

Infants- Nursery Room E104

Preschool age- Nursery Room E105

K-5th Grade- Godly Play Room E309

REMINDER

The last day to donate items or purchase tickets for the Valentine's Day Fundraiser is 2/18!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

FROM 5:30-8PM

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. Use the QR code below to register!

REGISTER NOW

February 15 - February 21, 2025

Calendar of Events

Sunday

8:00am Praise Ensemble
9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service
5:00pm Youth
6:30pm Central Ringers

Monday

Church Office open 9-2

Tuesday

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5:15pm Butterfly and Sonshine Choir
6:15pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

Church Office open 9-2

Friday

Church Office open 9-2

Saturday

10:30am Open Table Hot Lunch (PAC)

Serving Sunday, February 15, 2025

Nursery Volunteer:
Dorothy Hernandez

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:
Rocky Lutz

Middle School Teachers:

Greeters
Mary Ann and Al Rogers

Coffee Time Helpers:
Elizabeth and Rocky Lutz

Coffee Maker:
Mike Schenck

Welcome Table:
Ginny and Alan Hughes

Children's Sermon:
Emily Ousely

Offering Counters
Carol Schenck and Caroline Laney

Trustees Lock Up:
Reid Hunter

2026 Stewardship

2026 Budget- In Process

Received as of 2/11/26.....\$108,468.63

*This includes prepaid pledges that have been received.

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Betty Reeves
Sara Branton

Special- Music Ministry:

In Memory of Betty Reeves
Barbara Schafer

Discipleship Opportunities

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

The Book of Matthew

8 am, Saturday mornings before Open Table

CUMC, Room E210

meets the **1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month**

Have you wondered about the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven?

Taught by 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 be completing I and II Timothy, as well as Titus, after the Christmas holidays and will then by starting Disciple IV sometime in February. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Rob Laney (704-472-5042) if you are interested in joining!

“Everyone Must Eat”:

A New Adult Study on Food, Faith, and Community Action

We invite you to a new four-week class called “**Everyone Must Eat**”, a spiritually grounded and justice-minded conversation about food insecurity in Cleveland County **beginning 1/14 in the conference room**. 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 class, co-led by Pastor David and Laura Lombardi, invites us to reflect deeply and act boldly over four sessions. 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.



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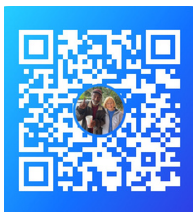
FEBRUARY Birthdays

February 12	Larry Triplett
February 13	Gail Oliver
February 14	Ann Deaton
February 14	Jordan Mitchell
February 18	Steve Smith



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!!!

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.

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 February we are requesting **Individual Oatmeal/Grits Packets**. 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 YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@centralunitedmethodistchurch6507>

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

