

# 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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## COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEON WORSHIP

WORSHIP: WEDNESDAYS AT NOON ALDERSGATE SANCTUARY  
LUNCH TO FOLLOW IN THE EPWORTH GYM

FEB 18  
TO  
APRIL 1

FEB 18 ASH WEDNESDAY	REV. CURTIS GOFORTH ALDERSGATE UMC	CREAMY TORTELLINI SOUP WITH BBQ SLIDERS, CRUNCHY ROMAINE SALAD, AND A COOKIE	MARCH 18 LENT 4-A	REV. DREW MANGIONE SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	CHICKEN CHILI WITH CORNBREAD, WALDORF SALAD, AND A COOKIE
FEB 25 LENT 1-A	REV. WADE WALLACE GREEN BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH	CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP WITH CHEESE TOAST, BERRY SPINACH SALAD WITH RASPBERRY VINAIGRETTE, AND A COOKIE	MARCH 25 LENT 5-A	REV. SALLY QUEEN CATAWBA VALLEY DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	PASTA E FAGIOLI WITH GARLIC MONKEY BREAD, CAESAR SALAD, AND A COOKIE
MARCH 4 LENT 2-A	REV. EDDIE PADGETT KISTLER'S UMC & MUNDY'S CHAPEL UMC	TOMATO LENTIL AND SAUSAGE SOUP WITH PIMENTO CHEESE, WATERGATE SALAD, AND A COOKIE	APRIL 1 WED OF HOLY WEEK-A	REV. CAROLYN BRIGGS LIVING WATERS CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES & NAACP	LOADED POTATO SOUP WITH CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH, BROCCOLI SALAD, AND A COOKIE
MARCH 11 LENT 3-A	REV. DAVID LEE CENTRAL UMC, SHELBY	BROCCOLI CHEDDAR SOUP WITH EGG SALAD SANDWICH, GRAPE SALAD, AND A COOKIE		SCAN HERE TO DONATE SUGGESTED DONATION - \$10	  



### Kid's Place Art Show March 25 5:30-7PM

Our preschool will be having an Art Show in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 25th. In order to be able to host this special time and raise funds for our preschool we are looking for people or businesses to sponsor an artist. You can sponsor one student artist for \$50.00. Your name will be displayed with the artists work and you may also provide a business card to be sent home with each family.

Thank you for your kindness and help with this special event. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to drop by for the show!

### Announcement Updates:

Due to the transitional period of the office staff, there will be no newsletter for the time being. We will resume as we are able. Until then, please keep an eye out for any announcements in the bulletins for Sunday service.

# 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#/>

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-5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Godly Play Room E309

### SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, March 7**

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



Our children's ministry wrote Valentine's Day cards to some of those on our prayer list.

**February 22 - February 28, 2025**

**Calendar of Events**

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 22, 2026**

**Nursery Volunteer:**  
Dorothy Hernandez

**Elementary Sunday School Teachers:**  
Rocky Lutz

**Middle School Teachers:**

**Greeters**  
Jim and Page Morgan

**Coffee Time Helpers:**  
Rod and Allison Mauney

**Coffee Maker:**  
Mike Schenck

**Welcome Table:**  
Ginny and Alan Hughes

**Children's Sermon:**  
Tammy Hollifield

**Offering Counters**  
Allison Mauney and Susan Tapp

**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**

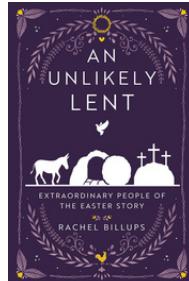
**Operating:**

In Memory of Betty Reeves

Bubba and Brownie Plaster

In Memory of Chuck Hamilton  
June Miller

## Discipleship Opportunities



### New Lenten Study

Join the Women's Bible Study in the conference room on Thursdays at 9:30 am, February 25 through April 2. Call or text Jessica Talbert with questions, (704) 692-3441.

### Lenten Devotional and Prayer Time

**Wednesday Nights from 5:15-6PM**

February 25, March 4, March

18, and March 25.

### 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 be starting Disciple IV sometime in February. Everyone is welcome!

Please contact Rob Laney (704-472-5042) if you are interested in joining!

### Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

#### The Book of Matthew

8 am, Saturday mornings before Open

Table CUMC, Room E210

meets the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



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# FEBRUARY Birthdays

February 19	Anna Keeley
February 21	Kim Burton
February 22	Zella Rempson
February 22	Mary Frances Story
February 22	Will Mabry
February 23	Amy Hamilton
February 23	LeeAnne McDowell
February 24	Abbie Ribadeneyra



## 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](mailto:benfield@med.unc.edu).



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