



The Central Issue

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

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COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHTIME WORSHIP

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

FEB 18 TO APRIL 1

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| FEB 18 ASH WEDNESDAY | REV. CURTIS GOFORTH ALDERSGATE UMC | CREAMY TORTELLINI SOUP WITH BBQ SLIDERS, CRUNCY 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 |  <div style="display: inline-block; text-align: left;"> SCAN HERE TO DONATE SUGGESTED DONATION - \$10 </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: flex-end;">   </div> | | |

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WEDNESDAY SERVICE

18 February, 2026
6:00PM

**The Pancake Supper is
CANCELLED for 2/18**

Due to afternoon funeral

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#/>



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

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>

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

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

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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

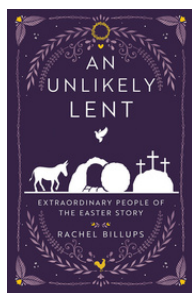
Operating:

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.

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

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



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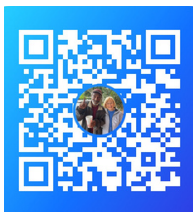
FEBRUARY Birthdays

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| 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.



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Our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@centralunitedmethodistchurch6507>

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

