

Today's Events: October 11

- 8:45 am Sunday School
- 9:00 am Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am New-ish to Central Coffee Hour - Library
- 11:15 am "The Class Meeting" – Parlor
- 11:45 am Children's Choir – Choir Room
- 5:00 pm Youth Group, Haw Creek

This Week's Events: October 12 - 18

- Monday, 10/12
 - 5:45 pm Theology Pub - Village Pub
- Tuesday, 10/13
 - 9:45 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room
 - 12:00 pm Finance Meeting - Conference Room
 - 1:00 pm Wesley Singers Choir - Choir Room
 - 5:00 pm Church & Society - Zoom
- Wednesday, 10/14
 - 11:00 am Centering Prayer - Chapel
 - 12:30 pm Haywood St. Worship - Haywood St Sanc
 - 5:30 pm Basic Bible Literacy Class - Rm 219
 - Handbell Choir - Handbell Room
 - 6:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room
- Thursday, 10/15
 - 8:00 am Thursday Morning Prayer - Zoom
 - 10:00 am Circle of Prayer - Zoom
- Sunday, 10/18
 - 8:45 am Sunday School
 - 9:00 am Higher Education Committee - Conf. Rm
 - 9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks - Library
 - 10:00 am Worship Service – Sanctuary
 - 11:00 am Blood Pressure Checks - Library
 - 11:15 am "The Class Meeting" – Parlor
 - Parent Gathering – Conference Room
 - Youth Sunday School - Youth Arena
 - Kids With Purpose - Chapel
 - Youth Choir – Choir Room
 - 11:45 am Children's Choir – Choir Room
 - 5:00 pm Youth Group, Haw Creek

Nursery Ages 0-4	Elementary Ages 4 -3rd grade	Tweens 4-6th grade	Youth 6-12th grade	Parents
9:45am - 12:15am	Worship 10-10:30am	Worship	Worship	Worship
	Godly Play 10:30-11:00am	10-11:00am	10-11:00am	10-11:15am

Kids With Purpose needs your help!

We need donations of cardboard boxes and pumpkins for our kids to help prepare for the Fall Festival. Bring donations to Central's office by 10/24. Thank you!

Ministry Staff

- Rev. Dr. Mary Brown, Senior Pastor
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Sermon Discussion Questions

Continue to reflect on today's message by journaling or discussing the following questions:

- What were your house rules growing up? What are your house rules now? How did/do you hold one another accountable to those house rules?
- How would you summarize God's house rules? (Need ideas? See Matthew 22:34-40 or John 13:31-35!)
- Who is holding you graciously accountable to God's "house rules"? Can you gather a group for that purpose? Is there a Journey Group you can join?

Daily Suggested Scripture Readings

We are making our journey into the house of God's grace! We heard God calling us toward God's house (9/20). We stepped onto the porch and repented (9/27). We walked through the door of faith (10/4). Now, we learn to live in God's house! Jesus said that "everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matthew 7:24). Read those words this week in the Sermon on the Mount – and as you read, constantly ask yourself, "How will I put this into practice?"

- Monday: Matthew 5:1-16
- Tuesday: Matthew 5:17-48
- Wednesday: Matthew 6:1-15
- Thursday: Matthew 6:16-34
- Friday: Matthew 6:1-14
- Saturday: Matthew 7:15-29

Next Week in Worship...

We finish our tour of God's house with a BANG! Now that we've learned to live in God's house it's time to tear the walls down and take God's love into the world. Come and bring a friend who needs inspiration and encouragement to keep doing God's good work today.



Ordinary Time
October 11, 2026
10:00 a.m.

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given by Don Landes in loving memory of Mary Beth Tanner.

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Sing Praise to God!" D.B. Combs
"This is the Day" Mark Burrows
Children's Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on John 14) Rev. Lisa Rettew

Welcome home, friends!
We are glad to be home in God's house.
There's plenty of room here:
Room enough for everyone!
Jesus has gone ahead of us;
Jesus has made all the preparations.
So come on in. Welcome home!
We are glad to be home in God's house.

*HYMN 529 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

MISSION MOMENT friendsGIVING Bill Haynes

PASTORAL PRAYER ending with the Lord's Prayer Rev. Lisa Rettew

OFFERTORY "Clap Your Hands and Sing!" M. L. Lightfoot
Youth Choir

While the choir makes their musical offering, the ushers will pass plates for those who wish to offer a financial gift or a prayer request. You may also use this QR code to make a financial gift. Whether you place something in the plate or not, you are invited to pause as you pass it and reflect on what you hope to offer God this week.



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

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 7:24-27 Phil Smith
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME		Maggie Christy
ANTHEM	"I Will Sing" Chancel Choir; Heather Cree, violin	Priscilla Murphy
SERMON	"God's House: House Rules"	Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
*WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION (Hymnal 886)		Rev. Lisa Rettew
*HYMN 358	"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5	REST
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
CHIMES OF THE TRINITY		
POSTLUDE	"Fugue in G minor"	J. S. Bach
*Please stand, if you are able.		

For Pastoral Emergencies, Contact:
Rev. Lisa Rettew at 828-575-1257
OR
Rev. Dr. Mary Brown at 828-575-1261

Large print bulletins and hymnals
are available from the Ushers.

For name tags:
<https://centralumc.org/adults#name-tag>.
The cost is \$15 payable to Central UMC.

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Financial Update through September 2026:
2026 Year to Date Tithes & Offerings:
\$1,037,197.19

Announcements

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS for bulletins, social media, and newsletters are to be sent to announcements@centralumc.org.
Announcements for the worship bulletin need to be 80 words or less.

A livestream of the worship
service is available in the
library for families.

Nursery is available in Room
309 for children aged 0-5.

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.

ECO-Tip: Stop being distracted!! Make a pact! Challenge yourself as a family, or any organization at church (Sunday School Class, UWF circle, Men's group, choir, youth group, etc), to decrease our energy consumption on anything that distracts us from our relationship with God – computers, social media, TV, and cell phones, for example. Make it a challenge for participants then provide "awards" like LED bulbs, gift cards, etc.

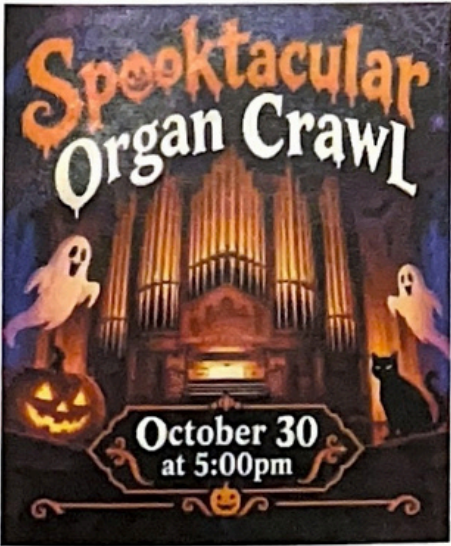
NEW OPPORTUNITY!
Supporting our College Age Students
FREE MOMS startup on UNC-A campus!
See October Jot N'Tittle for more information!
Cameron Smith, Child & Family Care Ministry Contact

Social Principle Focus for October: "We believe war is incompatible with the teachings and example of Christ... We are called to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict... the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them." *Social Principles* 165.C *Matthew 5:9* "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God".

Martha Circle Meets on Tuesday, October 13, 6:30pm. We'll gather at a member's home, share a program and continue our plans for the revised Marthadishes Soup cookbook! For more information, contact Kathy Leftwich, kathleencleftwich@gmail.com or 919-218-0586.

Make Plans to Attend the Church Street Organ Crawl Spooktacular and Fall Festival | October 30th!

The three organists from Central UMC, 1st Presbyterian, and Trinity Episcopal Churches will present a Spooktacular Organ Crawl followed by Central's Annual Fall Festival festivities. The Crawl will begin in Central's sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. followed by a walk to First Presbyterian and then Trinity, with 15 minutes of delightfully spooky organ music in each location. Both Trinity and 1st Presbyterian will have trick-or-treating. Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes. We will end up back at Central by 6:00 pm and the fun continues with our annual Fall Festival, which is happening on the front lawn and parking lot.



We are putting together a team to serve in El Salvador, **January 30–February 6!** We will help build a home; but more importantly, we will build relationships and experience how God is working in another part of the world. Central UMC Missions will cover the cost of the mission trip; participants are responsible for flights, travel insurance, and personal snacks/food (roughly \$1,200). **Space is limited; deadline to register is October 31st.** Email Brenda Boyd with questions or to sign on! brendarenae@gmail.com.



A little update about ABCCM's Crisis Ministry:
The last several weeks there has been little or nothing in the Donation box and I don't want folks to forget about ABCCM when the need is so great! I know with gas over \$4/gal, the crunch is real for everyone and groceries are SO expensive. Our donations have really fallen off from everywhere at ABCCM. The pantry has gotten short on so many items, and it has become difficult to supply even basic food items to folks living on the margins.
George Pettus

It would be helpful to receive:
Flour, Pasta sauce, Hearty soups, Oatmeal, Mac & Cheese,
Peanut Butter and Jelly (both in 10 and 12 oz sizes).

These seven items would be so helpful in feeding folks that come to the Crisis Center on Cumberland Avenue. Thanks so much!



friendsGIVING IS BACK! Join the fun!
November 19, 5:30 pm at Highland Brewing.
Want to be a sponsor? Contact Bill Haynes at bleehaynes@aol.com. Want to donate a silent or live auction item? Contact Jonathan Meadows at Jonathanmeadows@gmail.com or Vicki Leeds at vsueleeds@gmail.com. Register with the QR code.



Save the Date:
Christmas Eve Services:
Family Friendly Service | 3:00 pm
Lessons and Carols | 5:30 pm (Brass Prelude begins at 5:00 pm)
Candlelight Communion | 8:00 pm

Journey Groups at Central

The following groups are open to new members! Email the contact for more information.

Koinonia: A mixed gender group that meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in West/South Asheville. Contact George Sivess: georgesivess@gmail.com

Thursday Afternoon Group: A mixed gender group that meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 2:30 in the church Library. Contact Carol Rychly: rychly2@gmail.com

Brandingirons II: A men's group that meets every other Thursday at 6:30pm. Contact Steve Holland: steve@wncnature.com

Monday Morning Gang: A men's group that meets Mondays at 6:30am for breakfast on Merrimon Avenue. Contact Bill Haynes: bleehaynes@aol.com

Thursdays at 5: A mixed gender group that meets at different brewery every week. (Not a strict "Journey Group" – but a great way to meet people who could become your Journey Group!) Contact Steve Noblitt: graynob@charter.net

Sunday Evening Ladies: A group of mostly middle-age women that meets at Creekside Taphouse on the 2nd and 4th Sundays; gather at 5pm, group time starts at 5:30pm. Contact Heather Cree: hrcree@hotmail.com

Young Adult Group: A mixed gender group that meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at someone's home. Contact Laura Traister: ltraister@gmail.com

Interested in starting or joining in a new Journey Group? Go to <https://centralumc.org/adults> and scroll to the form at the bottom of the page. A member of our ministry staff will be in touch with you!

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THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 19, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT
5:30 PM

**SILENT &
LIVE AUCTION**

**HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES
WILL BE SERVED**

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