

Today's Events: October 25

8:45 am Sunday School

9:00 am Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 am Prayer Shawl Meeting – Prayer Shawl Rm

11:15 am “The Class Meeting” – Parlor

Stewardship Committee - Library

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

7:00 pm AA in Espanol

This Week’s Events: October 26 - November 1

Monday, 10/26

5:45 pm Theology Pub - Village Pub

6:00 pm AA Lambda Group

Tuesday, 10/27

9:45 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room

7:00 pm AA in Espanol

Wednesday, 10/28

11:00 am Centering Prayer - Chapel

12:30 pm Haywood Street Worship

5:30 pm Basic Bible Literacy Class - Rm 219

Handbell Choir - Handbell Room

6:00 pm AA Lambda Group

6:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

7:00 pm Congregational Care Council - Zoom

Thursday, 10/29

8:00 am Thursday Morning Prayer - Zoom

10:00 am Circle of Prayer - Zoom

7:00 pm AA in Espanol

Friday, 10/30

1:00 pm Newsletter Crew - Conference Room

5:00 pm Organ Crawl & Fall Festival

Sunday, 11/1

8:45 am Sunday School

9:00 am Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:15 am “The Class Meeting” – Parlor

Stewardship Committee - Library

Table to Table - Fellowship Hall

Youth Choir – Choir Room

11:45 am Children’s Choir – Choir Room

Reconciling Ministeries - Room 219

5:00 pm Youth Group, Central

7:00 pm AA in Espanol

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 11:15-11:45am		Youth Choir 11:15am- 11:45am	Parent Gathering
	Children's Choir 11:45-12:15am		Youth Sunday School 11:15-12:15pm	11:15am- 12:15pm

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Sermon Discussion Questions

Continue to explore today’s message by journaling or discussing the following questions:

- What part do you sing in a choir? Soprano, alto, tenor, bass... or, whatever tune you can find!
- Have you ever wished you sang a different part? Have you ever sung quietly to avoid being heard?
- Have you ever wished you had different talents or abilities? Have you ever avoided an opportunity to serve for fear you wouldn’t do well?

In the body of Christ, y’all means all! Find some way – even small – to participate at Central. Need help thinking? Reach out to one of the staff, we’re happy to think with you!

Daily Suggested Scripture Readings

Continue to reflect on Paul’s metaphor for the church – the body of Christ – with these daily readings:

- Monday: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
- Wednesday: Ephesians 1:15-23
- Thursday: Colossians 1:15-23
- Friday: Romans 12:1-8
- Saturday: John 15:1-17 (not a body of Christ – but another great metaphor for the church!)

Next Week in Worship...

Join us for a special Sunday in the church: All Saint’s Day. We will light a candle for those in our congregation who died in the past year and have become “saints” in the New Testament sense – saints by the grace of God through Jesus Christ. We will also have a special time for everyone to remember their own loved ones who have died. Join us and invite anyone who might benefit from an assurance that God is with us in life, in death, and in life after death.



Ordinary Time
October 25, 2026
10:00 a.m.

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE “Witness” arr. Greg Gilpin
Welsey Singers

CALL TO WORSHIP based on 1 Corinthians 12 Rev. Lisa Rettew

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, so it is with Christ

So it is with us!

We are a body of Christ – with a beautiful diversity of parts

We are eyes and ears, hands and feet

When one among us suffers, we all suffer

When one among us celebrates, we all celebrate

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, so it is with Christ

So it is with us!

*HYMN 547 “O Church of God, United” ELLACOMBE

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

STEWARDSHIP STORY Narrative Budget Rob Walling

OFFERTORY “Will You Come and Follow Me” arr. Tom Trenney
Chancel 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 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 Richard Provine

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S TIME		Maggie Christy
SERMON	“A Harmony of Voices”	Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS (Hymnal 34):	Phillip Thompson and Rick Laws	
*HYMN 548	“In Christ There Is No East or West”	McKee
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
CHIMES OF THE TRINITY		
POSTLUDE	“Grand jeu avec le Tonnerre”	Michel Corrette

*Please stand, if you are able.

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The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given by the Nesbitt and Morgan families in loving memory of Charles E. Nesbitt, Edward Nesbitt, Pearl and Joel Wright, Charles and lone Morgan, Austa and Milton Nesbitt, and Linda McDuffie Morgan.

A livestream of the worship service is available in the library for families.
Nursery is available in Room 309 for children aged 0-5.

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
Total Annual Budget: \$1,550,000

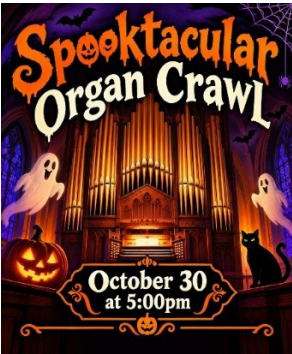
Plainclothes law enforcement officers are present during our services so that all may feel welcome, secure and free to worship, fellowship and experience God's grace freely. Our staff members are in direct communication with the officers should you feel the need to ask for assistance or voice a concern.

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.

Announcements

ECO-Tip: One Step at a Time: Don't get overwhelmed by all the ways you can support the 3 R's (reduce, reuse, recycle).
Make a decision about what you can do today,
then do it. Add other items as your first decision becomes routine.

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”.



Church Street Organ Crawl Spooktacular and Fall Festival!

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.

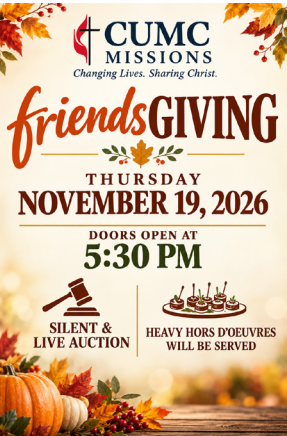
Donate to the Fall Festival!
Here's a link to our wishlist:



Chili Cookoff Cooks Needed!
We need some folks to provide chili for the chili cookoff at our Fall Festival on 10/30. If able to help, please contact Tommy Hughes by text or email at (828)275-9858 or tmhughes.writeon@gmail.com

Please join members of the **Ruth Circle** on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 10:00am in the library at Central UMC as we gather for Faith, Action and Sisterhood! Members of the Ruth Circle will be reviewing our United Women in Faith Goals for 2026 and will be helping to fill Christmas Food Boxes with our donations to ABCCM. For more information about Ruth Circle, please contact Kim Everette at kimeverette525@gmail.com

Central's Creation Care Committee is sponsoring another tour of Curbside Management's ("Curbie") recycling facility in Woodfin. The tour is Wednesday, November 11th, 2026 at 10am. The tour lasts about an hour. Participants must be able to walk up stairs and be on your feet for an hour. If you are interested, you can sign up by contacting Ellen Furney via email at efurney08@gmail.com.



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 Jonathanlmeadows@gmail.com or Vicki Leeds at vsueleeds@gmail.com. Register with the QR code.



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, Rice
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!



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.

Save the Dates!

- Children's Sunday on 11/15
- Charge Conference & Administrative Board Meeting 11/22 | 11:15am in Fellowship Hall
- Parents' Day Out on 12/5
- 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
- Wilderness Trail: 7/12-18, 2027