Today's Events: November 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

This Week's Events: November 2 - November 8

Monday, 11/2
5:45 pm Theology Pub - *Village Pub*
6:00 pm AA Lambda Group
6:30 pm Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday, 11/3
9:45 am Staff Meeting - *Conference Room*
1:00 pm Wesley Singers - *Choir Room*
2:00 pm Dementia Partners AVL - *Library*
7:00 pm AA in Espanol

Wednesday, 11/4
10:00 am Anna Circle
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, 11/5
8:00 am Thursday Morning Prayer - *Zoom*
10:00 am Circle of Prayer - *Zoom*
3:00 pm Journey Group - *Library*
7:00 pm AA in Espanol

Friday, 11/6
5:00 pm AVL Choral Society Rehearsal - *Sanct.*
1st Friday Fam. Fellowship - *offsite*
6:00 pm AA Lambda Group

Saturday, 11/7
9:00 am Chancel Choir Workshop - *Sanctuary*
1:00 pm Choral Society - *Library*
Soloist - *Chapel*
2:00 pm AVL Choral Society Concert - *Sanctuary*

Sunday, 11/8
8:45 am Sunday School
9:00 am Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
11:00 am Newish to Central Coffee Hour - *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*
1:00 pm Donna Vaughn Memorial Service - *Sanct.*
5:00 pm Youth Group, *Haw Creek*
7:00 pm AA in Espanol

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Sermon Discussion Questions

As we remember the saints who have gone on before us, take time to journal or discuss the following questions:

Bring to mind a loved one who has passed away. What "fruit" does their life bear? (See Galatians 5:22-23 for inspiration)

Think of your own life and how you might be remembered by your loved ones. What "fruit" do you hope to bear?

How can you live in a way today that will allow Christ to bear that fruit in you?

Daily Suggested Scripture Readings

Continue to reflect on the gift of eternal life and the lasting impact of our Saints with this week's readings:

- Monday: Revelation 7:9-17
- Tuesday: Psalm 34:1-10, 22
- Wednesday: 1 John 3:1-3
- Thursday: Matthew 5:1-12
- Friday: John 12:20-36
- Saturday: Psalm 23

Next week in worship...

Have you ever been a bridesmaid (or a groomsman)? Then you might relate to the parable in Matthew 25:1-13! Come and bring a friend who's been in a wedding party!

Central
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are in loving memory of Robert and Nancy Stancil, for our Dad's birthday. Given by Pat and Phil Smith and Anne and Bob Stancil.

All Saints | November 1, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Jerusalem" Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Prayer of Commendation in the UM Book of Worship — Rev. Lisa Rettew

Praise our God, whose love never ends!
When all else fails, God is still God!
When we doubt, God gives us light;
when we are weak, God gives us strength;
when we sin, God gives us mercy;
when we grieve, God gives us peace.
Praise our God, whose love never ends!
When all else fails, God is still God!

***HYMN 711** "For All the Saints" stanzas 1, 2, 4, 6 — SINE NOMINE

MINISTRY MOMENT Prayer Shawl Ministry — Cindy Lund

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

OFFERTORY "Beautiful River" Chancel Choir — arr. John Rutter

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 John 12:20-36 — Steve Holland
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Maggie Christy

SERMON "The Fruit We Bear" Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

REMEMBERANCE OF THE SAINTS

We remember those who have died and become saints by the grace of Jesus Christ.

For the members of our Central UMC congregation
You are invited to stand when the name of your loved one is called.

Larry Taylor
Bitsy Morgan
Daniel Furtuna
Elsie Howard
Micki Cabaniss
Suzy Carter
Barbara Sain

Todd Sluder
David Peterson
Leonard Slaughter
Charlie David
Lee Loy
Bruce Weaver
Becky Brown

Milton Young
Lucian Rice
Mary Margaret Ingle
Gloria Orr
Nancy Stancil
Donna Vaughn
John Orr

Leader: In life, in death, in life after death,
People: God is with us

For all our loved ones who have died
All are invited to stand to remember your loved ones
Leader: In life, in death, in life after death,
People: God is with us

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada (Hymnal 883)

***HYMN 708** "Rejoice in God's Saints" HANVOVER

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE "Prelude in E Minor" J.S. Bach

*Please stand, if you are able.

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Join us for our monthly Table to Table potluck after worship! Central UMC will provide chicken tenders as a main course; you bring a side or dessert to share. Forgot to bring something? Don't worry, just come! Any donations will go to offset the cost of the tenders.

Central.Giving.

Financial Update through September 2026:
2026 Year to Date Tithes & Offerings: $1,110,674.83
Total Annual Budget: $1,550,000
71.66%

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the Ushers.

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

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

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 offcers 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 offcers 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.

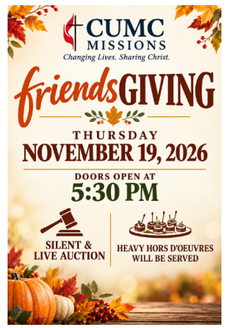
Announcements

ECO-Tip: One Step at a Time: Reducing Food Waste
· Plan Meals: Be realistic about portion sizes to minimize leftovers and food waste.
· Use Leftovers: Store leftovers in eco-friendly containers
· Support Local Farmers: When preparing holiday meals, choose locally sourced and sustainably grown ingredients.

Social Principle Focus for November: ""I was a stranger and you welcomed me". (Matthew 25:35) "We affirm the dignity, worth and rights of migrants, immigrants and refugees, including displaced and stateless people." "We recognize that displaced people are particularly vulnerable...and open to exploitation, violence and abuse." "We oppose all laws and policies that attempt to criminalize, dehumanize or punish displaced individuals and families based on their status as migrants, immigrants or refugees." From the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, 2025-2028, page 54: The Political Community, Basic Rights and Freedoms, ¶G. Migrants, Immigrants and Refugees. For more information, or to get involved, contact Jim Barrett at: jim.barrett@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! 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 on Wednesday, November 11th, 2026 at 10am. 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 JonathanImeadows@gmail.com or Vicki Leeds at vsueleeds@gmail.com. Register with the QR code.

Faith Feeds
Food Drive
Hunger calls. Your faith answers.

ABCCM needs: For the food pantry: Flour, Pasta sauce, Hearty soups, Oatmeal, Mac & Cheese, Rice, Peanut Butter and Jelly (both in 10 and 12 oz sizes). For the clothing room: tennis shoes, hoodies, men's belts and pants, toilet articles, sleeping bags, towels, blankets, children's and youth coats.

Anna Circle will meet Wed Nov 4 at 10:00 in the parlor. April Messer, who is helping start a new Healthcare Ministry, will be our speaker. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us in the parlor. Glenda Fuhrmann glendafuhrmann@yahoo.com

What is a Prayer Shawl? A hand-crafted wrap with a purpose far deeper than its yarn and stitches, it is created as a vessel for prayer, intention, and spiritual energy. The finished shawl becomes a physical reminder that the recipient is held, supported, and never alone, no matter what they may be going through. (from Unity North America)

Central continues its care for people as they grieve a loved one's death. Our **Bereavement Care Ministry** works compassionately with families and the pastors to provide a reception after a funeral if desired.

If you are interested in serving within these care ministries, please contact Pastor Lisa for more information.

Braver Angels WNC will host a free premiere screening of the one-hour documentary *A House United* on November 14, 2026, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.at the Skyland/South Buncombe Public Library. The documentary highlights everyday citizens, journalists, and leaders working to bring people together across political differences. The post-screening discussion will explore ways local groups and Braver Angels can collaborate to help build a more united community. Register at https://www.tickettailor.com/events/jojofilm/2466626

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