

Today's Events: April 19

8:45 am	Sunday School
9:30 am	Blood Pressure Checks - <i>Library</i>
10:00 am	Worship Service - <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:30 am	Children's Church/Children's Sunday School - <i>Chapel</i>
11:00 am	Blood Pressure Checks - <i>Library</i>
11:15 am	Young Parent Gathering – <i>Conference Room</i>
11:15 am	Youth Sunday School – <i>Youth Arena</i>
11:15 am	Youth Choir – <i>Choir Room</i>
11:45 am	Children's Choir – <i>Choir Room</i>
5:00 pm	Youth Group – <i>Youth Arena</i>

This Week's Events: April 20-25

Mon., 4/20	5:45 pm	Theology Pub – <i>Village Pub</i>
	6:30 pm	Brass Rehearsal – <i>Sanctuary</i>
Tues., 4/21	9:45 am	Staff Meeting – <i>Conference Room</i>
	1:00 pm	Wesley Singers Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>
		Finance Committee Meeting – <i>Conference Room</i>
	2:00 pm	Dementia Partners – <i>Library</i>
	5:30 pm	Nominating Committee – <i>Conference Room</i>
Wed., 4/22	11:00 am	Centering Prayer - <i>Chapel</i>
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>
	7:00 pm	Congregational Care Council - <i>Zoom</i>
Thurs., 4/23	8:00 am	Thursday Morning Prayer – <i>Zoom</i>
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer - <i>Zoom</i>
Sat., 4/25	11:00 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal - <i>Sanctuary</i>
	3:00 pm	Wild Asheville Concert - <i>Sanctuary</i>
Sun., 4/26	8:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service - Youth Sunday - <i>Sanctuary</i>
	10:30 am	Children's Church/Children's Sunday School – <i>Chapel</i>
	11:15 am	Young Parent Gathering – <i>Conference Room</i>
	11:30 am	Youth Sunday School – <i>Youth Arena</i>
		Children's Spring Musical - <i>Sanctuary</i>

*For more information about these activities, go to centralumc.org/EVENTS.

RESOURCES FOR YOU!

Our website has so much to offer—have you explored these pages yet? Here are a few highlights we encourage you to check out:

- Resources Page: Access helpful tools and support at centralumc.org/RESOURCES.
- Announcements: Please send all announcement requests to announcements@centralumc.org.



Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Communications Changes

With our Communications Director, Michelle Hausler's departure, we have changes to announce for Communications:

For bulletin announcements: Jan Griffin will be producing our weekly worship bulletins. Please keep bulletin announcements to two or three sentences and have all announcements to her by Wednesdays at noon. Longer announcements can be included in the e-newsletter and the Jot & Tittle.

Rachel Harris will continue to be responsible for all social media and the e-newsletter.

Anne Walling has graciously agreed to produce the Jot & Tittle (Stories from Central) publications. Please extend to her both patience and grace as she works to become familiar with the process!

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS are to be sent to announcements@centralumc.org.
Anne, Rachel, and Jan will receive these emails.

Ministry Staff:

- Rev. Dr. Mary Brown, Senior Pastor
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WELCOME Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth, No. 1" arr. M. Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lisa Rettew
From Isaiah 49:13

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
Break forth, O mountains, into singing!
**For the Lord has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal 33
Theodore (Theo) Trivette Mullman, son of and Michael and Michelle Black Mullmann, grandson of Keith and Susan Black

*HYMN 152 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" FOREST GREEN

MISSION MOMENT Creation Care Karen Crutchfield

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lisa Rettew
Ending with The Lord's Prayer (895)

OFFERTORY "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Mark Wilberg
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 Peter 1:17-23 Rob Hooks

CHILDREN'S TIME Maggie Christy

After Children's Time, children in kindergarten – 5th grade are invited to continue Worship in Children's Church in the Chapel. Children ages 5 and under may go to the nursery (Room 309, across from the church offices) with our childcare staff. For safety, all children must wear a name tag. Name tags are available near the Library.

SERMON	“For the Exiles”	Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
*THE APOSTLES’ CREED	Hymnal 881	Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
*HYMN 144	“This Is My Father’s World”	TERRA BEATA
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
CHIMES OF THE TRINITY		
POSTLUDE	“For the Beauty of the Earth, No. II”	arr. M. Burkhardt

**Please stand, if you are able.*

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

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the Ushers.

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given to the Glory of God, and in celebration of our anniversary by Phil and Kathy Leftwich.

The white rose on the altar today is for our friend, Drew Angstead, who died April 4, Leonard Slaughter, who died April 15, and Charlie David who died April 16, 2026.

If you are interested in providing flowers for the Chancel, please contact Mary Margaret Ingle at marymargaretingle@gmail.com, especially for the weeks of April 26 and May 3.

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.



Financial Update through March 2026:

2026 Year to Date Tites & Offerings: \$421,744

Total Annual Budget: \$1,550,000

ECO-Tip: Our food sources are important, even essential, in God’s plan for creation. We can look for locally grown produce and protein. We can encourage farmers who are using regenerative soil practice. Our choices can heal rather than harm our environment. Let the “meditation of my heart” include how humans use, not abuse, God’s gift of creation.



It is hard to admit out loud that we are having trouble handling our life issues by ourselves. But...“asking for help is the bravest thing you can do.” C. Mackesy
Consider a confidential care relationship with a **Stephen Minister**. Contact Pastor Lisa today for more information.



The **Prayer Shawl Care Ministry** wants to help lift your spirits when life challenges bring you down. A handmade shawl created with prayers over every stitch can comfort you and be a reminder of God’s never-ending love for you. Contact Pastor Lisa if you would like to receive a shawl or have one delivered to someone going through a difficult time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shop for a Cause after worship on April 19 and 26. The **Eve Circle** will be selling handcrafted paper bead jewelry made by women in Uganda just outside the Parlor. Proceeds support the Zoe Program for orphan empowerment and scholarships for girls in Moheto, Kenya. Cash or check accepted. Shop, find something beautiful, and help change a life!

We will have a Memorial Service to honor the life of our friend, Drew Angstead on Tuesday, April 21 at 2:00 pm in the Chapel. All are invited.

Central's Children's Choir and Friends will present their spring musical "Oh, Jonah!" by Allen Pote and Carole McCann, Sunday, April 26 at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. "Light bites" snacks and lemonade will be set up in the church parlor between the end of worship and the musical. Everyone staying for the musical is invited to relax, fellowship and have a quick snack. All are invited to the musical!

"Oh, Jonah!" is meant to be a whale of a good time for both performers and the audience as the story of the prophet Jonah is brought to life with music, mime, and merry-making! It's more than just a story about a whale swallowing a human. It's a story about us. It's a tale involving responsibility, repentance, listening for the word of God in our lives, accepting people who are different from us, and believing that there is mercy and compassion for all who turn toward God -- serious thoughts, but told with a sense of humor and frolicking fun!

Eve Circle - On May 5, Maggie Christy will share with Eve Circle the path that led her to work with all ages of youth at Central. Meeting will be in the parlor at 10:00 am. Visitors are always welcome! if interested or have questions, contact dlballandy45@gmail.com or sandracwells@gmail.com .

Ruth Circle - Members of the Ruth Circle will gather at the home of Kim Everette for our annual Ruth Circle Luncheon on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 10:00 am. During our time together we will have our program for the UWF Call to Prayer and Self-Denial contribution and will discuss how to use the funds collected from our Sunshine Fund. We will have our Book Club discussion on the United Women in Faith Book, *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Ruth Circle members will be collecting peanut butter and mac and cheese for ABCCM. Our May meeting will be our last spring meeting before our summer break. Wishing you all a joyful and relaxing summer! Ruth Circle will start back up in September with our Fall programming! For more information about Ruth Circle, please contact Kim Everette at kimeverette@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)

A Word from Your SPRC Chair:

“Ask not what your church can do for you, but what you can do for your church.”

We presently have needs for shifts at the front desk, audio/visual needs for Sunday and live-streaming, ushers, greeters, Sunday morning coffee ministries with the un-housed, altar guild, communion set-up, finance committee, among others. We even need a treasurer for our church. There is a need to match every gift – particularly your gifts. Consider ways that you can share the love of Christ. – Robin Smith

ABCCM Donations – Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who donated toilet paper and cat food for ABCCM! Your generosity is deeply appreciated. The latest needs from the clothing closet include:

- Gently used backpacks
- Men’s athletic shoes and boots (especially size 10)
- Men’s jeans, especially waist sizes 32, 34, and 36 with inseams of 32–36
- Men’s T-shirts, especially long-sleeved shirts in sizes L, XL, and 2XL

Please do not donate shirts with alcohol or tobacco logos. Donations may be placed in the wooden tub in the Fellowship Hall. Items are picked up each Sunday and delivered to ABCCM Crisis downtown.

Sundays in APRIL - Youth Money Wall Fundraiser for Wilderness Trail -

Support our youth as they prepare for their summer trip with Wilderness Trail! Each Sunday in April, you can participate in our Money Wall fundraiser. Choose a numbered envelope from the display, place that amount in cash or a check inside, and return it. For example, choose envelope #10 and give \$10, or envelope #50 and give \$50. Every gift helps make this faith-filled backpacking experience possible for our youth. Thank you for your generosity!

SOCIAL PRINCIPLES CLASS UPDATE - Thank you to all who participated in the Social Principles classes. The three main topics chosen by participants for further action are: Immigration Justice; African American Outreach; and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Opportunities for further involvement are currently being developed and will be presented soon.