

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)

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. For more information about Ruth Circle, please contact Kim Everette at kimeverette@gmail.com.

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 2X

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.

Dorm Room Sponsors Needed - Ten more sponsors are needed for Central’s Congregations for Children (C4C) support of 25 Asheville High School (AHS) graduates that need extra support transitioning to college. Selected based on need, these students are often the first in their family to attend college. Each deserving student needs our support to have the necessities for their dorm room. Shop in May and drop off at Asheville High in mid-June. Email Kim Sink to sign up or get more info at mailto:c4c@centralumc.org.

Sundays in APRIL - Youth Money Wall Fundraiser for Wilderness Trail - Support our youth as they prepare for their summer trip with Wilderness Trail! It’s the last Sunday to 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!

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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! Anne asks that you please send all articles for the May/June newsletter edition to her by **April 26**.

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS are to be sent to

announcements@centralumc.org.

Anne, Rachel, and Jan will receive these emails.

Today’s Events: April 26

8:45 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Worship Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>
11:30 am	Children’s Musical – <i>Sanctuary</i>

This Week’s Events: April 27–May 3

Mon., 4/27	5:45 pm	Theology Pub – <i>Village Pub</i>
	6:30 pm	Brass Rehearsal – <i>Sanctuary</i>
Tues., 4/28	9:45 am	Staff Meeting – <i>Conference Room</i>
	12:00 pm	Trustee Meeting – <i>Conference Room</i>
	1:00 pm	Wesley Singers Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>
Wed., 4/29	11:00 am	Centering Prayer - <i>Chapel</i>
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>
Thurs., 4/30	8:00 am	Thursday Morning Prayer – <i>Zoom</i>
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer - <i>Zoom</i>
Fri., 5/1	5:00 pm	First Friday Family Fellowship - <i>offsite</i>
Sat., 5/2	11:00 am	Children’s Choir Rehearsal - <i>Sanctuary</i>
	3:00 pm	Wild Asheville Concert - <i>Sanctuary</i>
Sun., 5/3	8:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service - Youth Sunday - <i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:15 am	Family Life Council Meeting – <i>Youth Arena</i>
	11:15 am	Table 2 Table – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	11:45 am	Reconciling Ministries Meeting – <i>Room 219</i>
	5:00 pm	Youth Group – <i>Youth Arena</i>

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Youth/Confirmation Sunday “Camp Central”
April 26, 2026
10:00 a.m.

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE arr. Ginger Littleton
“How Can I Keep from Singing”
Youth Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Reid B.

Written by youth/adapted from a UMC Discipleship text.
Welcome Spirit.

The presence of God is here

Protecting, loving and encouraging us.

As a church of hope, we witness God’s power,

Locking our eyes on what is right and holy.

Let our hearts and minds be at peace.

The peace that only the Lord can provide.

*HYMN 158 SPANISH HYMN
“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal 33

Rayanna (Ray) Arrington,
daughter of Ashley Arrington

CONFIRMATION

Rayanna Arrington	Kathryn Moore
Norah Bradley	Molly Steele
Monroe Duginske	Louis Street
Sansa Lund	Susan Street

MISSION MOMENT Eleanor
Wilderness Trail

PASTORAL PRAYER Wilson

Ending with The Lord’s Prayer (895)

OFFERTORY André Thomas
“Until I Found the Lord”

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 Ray
“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal 94

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:4-9 Wilson

CHILDREN’S TIME Molly
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.

ANTHEM “Shout Glory” Byron Smith
Chancel Choir, Jordan Speece, soloist

SERMON SKIT “A Gameshow on Stress”
Kathryn, Louie, Monroe, Molly, Norah, Susie

*CONFIRMATION CREED
We believe God the Almighty is Creator; Parent, Confident; showing mercy and grace to all.
We believe Jesus Christ is a perfect, real friend and miracle worker who humbly died on the cross for our sins and rose again.
We believe the Holy Spirit is always the breath inside us and a breeze around us.
We believe the Church is a safe community that is open to everyone without exception.
We believe we can love our neighbors by always offering kindness in all ways.

*CAMP SONGS Alan Brown and Youth
“Cast Your Burdens”

Chorus:
Cast your burdens unto Jesus, for He cares for you
Cast your burdens unto Jesus, for He cares for you

Higher higher, higher, higher, higher, higher, higher, higher,
Lift up Jesus higher
Higher higher, higher, higher, higher, higher, higher, higher,
Lift up Jesus higher

Lower lower, lower, lower, lower, lower lower,
Lower, Satan, lower
Lower lower, lower lower, lower, lower, lower,
Lower, Satan, lower

“Romans 16:19”

ROMANS! 16! 19! SAYS!
ROMANS! 16! 19 !SAYS!

Be excellent, in what is good
Be innocent, of evil
Be excellent, in what is good
Be innocent, of evil

And the God of peace will soon crush Satan
Yes, God will crush him underneath our feet
And the God of peace will soon crush Satan
Yes, God will crush him underneath your feet

*BENEDICTION Susie
**Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you an
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can!
Amen.**

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE “Sanctuary” Traditional
Youth Group; Alan Brown, guitar

**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 in honor of the youth of CUMC, and in celebration of the Confirmands.

The white rose on the altar today is placed in memory of Lee Loy, who died April 21, 2026.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Devereaux family on the death of Rick’s father, Bob Devereaux, who died April 14, 2026.

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.

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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.

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Central's Children's Choir and Friends will present their spring musical "Oh, Jonah!" by Allen Pote and Carole McCann, this morning 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!

Shop for a Cause today after worship the **Eve Circle** is 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!

Table 2 Table Potluck Gathering, Sunday, May 3 – Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for our Table 2 Table Potluck, where good food and good company come together! All are welcome! There is no cost, though donations are welcome to help offset the cost of the meal. Pull up a chair, share a meal, and connect across tables. We can’t wait to gather with you!

Reconciling Ministry Group will meet in Room 219 at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 3. The Reconciling Ministry Group advocates for LGBTQ+ inclusion, diversity and equity justice, and promotes the Moheto UMC High School Girls' Scholarships Fund in Kenya. Pastor Mary Brown will join us for conversation about our mission. Help shape RMG's future!

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 .

Family Life Council Meeting will meet Sunday, May 3 at 11:15 am in the Youth Arena. Anyone involved in Family Life at Central is invited to this open meeting. Grab lunch from Table 2 Table and join us to share ideas and dream together about Family Life Ministries at Central.