

**Today's Events: May 10**

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

**This Week's Events: May 10 - 17**

Mon., 5/11	5:45 pm	Theology Pub – <i>Village Pub</i>
	6:30 pm	Brass Rehearsal – <i>Sanctuary</i>
Tues., 5/12	9:45 am	Staff Meeting – <i>Conference Room</i>
	10:00 am	Deborah Circle – <i>Member home</i>
	6:30 pm	Martha Circle – <i>Downtown Restaurant</i>
Wed., 5/13	11:00 am	Centering Prayer – <i>Chapel</i>
	6:00 pm	Unnamed Women's Circle
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>
Thurs., 5/14	8:00 am	Thursday Morning Prayer – <i>Zoom</i>
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer – <i>Zoom</i>
Sun., 5/17	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/Sunday School – <i>Chapel</i>
	11:15 am	Young Parent Gathering – <i>Conference Room</i> Youth Sunday School – <i>Youth Arena</i>
	4:00 pm	<i>Blue Ridge Ringers - Sanctuary</i>
	5:00 pm	Youth Group – <i>Youth Arena</i>

\*For more information about these activities, go to [centralumc.org/EVENTS](http://centralumc.org/EVENTS).

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**Sermon Discussion Questions**

You are a part of the priesthood of all believers! You are a minister of Christ. Continue to reflect on how that's possible and your unique calling by journaling or discussing the following questions:

- When did you first come to faith in Christ?
- What was most important to you in that initial stage of your faith? What kind of "pure, spiritual milk" nourished you at the beginning?
- How might God use you to share the basics that started you in the faith with others?

**Daily Suggested Scripture Readings**

Take this week to read the short book of 1 Peter, a letter written to Christians experiencing a state of exile due to their faith.

- Monday: 1 Peter 1
- Tuesday: 1 Peter 2
- Wednesday: 1 Peter 3
- Thursday: 1 Peter 4
- Friday: 1 Peter 5
- Saturday: Skim back through 1 Peter, using the headings in your Bible to jog your memory of what you've read. What overall themes do you notice?

**Next week in worship...**

As we celebrate an infant baptism, 1 Peter 3:13-22 invites us to think about what baptism means for us as adults. Join us a bring a friend who needs a message of forgiveness and new beginnings!

**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 turned in 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](mailto:announcements@centralumc.org). Anne, Rachel, and Jan will receive these emails.



Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 2026  
10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME**

**CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

**PRELUDE** "God Is Present" arr. Michael Burkhardt

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Lisa Rettew

*Written by Nancy Townley*  
God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.

**Though the way may be difficult,  
God will be with us.**

We need not fear.

**In the Lord we will take our refuge,  
for God is our strength.**

Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.

**Lord, open our hearts and our spirits  
so that we may faithfully follow you.**

**\*HYMN 139** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN  
(Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5)

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Rev. Lisa Rettew

**Thomas "Tommy" Michael Kinter**  
Son of Brian and Lexi Kinter  
Grandson of Jeff and Kim Lehnen

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Lisa Rettew

Ending with the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal 895)

**OFFERTORY** "God of Grace and God of Glory" J. Harold Moyer  
Men's Chorus

*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** Hymnal 94

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Peter 3:13-22 Rev. Lisa Rettew

**CHILDREN’S TIME** Maggie Christy

*After Children’s Time, children in kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> 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** “Create in me a clean heart, O God” Carl F. Mueller  
Chancel Choir

**SERMON** Brad Wilson, Seminarian  
“Baptism, the Beginning of a Good Life”

**\*THE APOSTLES CREED** (Hymnal 881) Rev. Lisa Rettew

**\*HYMN 568** “Christ for the World We Sing” ITALIAN HYMN

**\*BENEDICTION** Brad Wilson

**CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

**POSTLUDE** “Lobe den Herren” J.G. Walther

*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

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

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**Large print bulletins and hymnals** are available from the Ushers.

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**The flowers in the Chancel** this morning are given in honor of the special women in our lives by the congregation.

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**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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**Central.Giving.**

**Financial Update through April 2026:**  
2026 Year to Date Tithes & Offerings: \$540,369  
Total Annual Budget: \$1,550,000

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**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.



Central’s Child & Family Care Ministry can embrace your family with support when needed! Today’s families with young children and teens face so many challenges! You do not have to go it alone. Please reach out to Pastor Lisa or Maggie Christy and let us wrap our care around you!

**SUMMER NEWSLETTER CHANGE!**

Instead of a newsletter this summer, we are planning to send out a very detailed calendar for the month of July. **Please send any event that needs to be on the calendar during the month of July to [announcements@centralumc.org](mailto:announcements@centralumc.org) no later than June 12.** Thank you!

**Brad Wilson** is a native of Western North Carolina, born and raised in Weaverville. He holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from Western Carolina University and a master's degree in nursing from Clemson University. This month, Brad celebrates 23 years of service as a Nurse Practitioner. He currently works at Asheville Pulmonary and Critical Care Associates, where he provides care for adults experiencing a variety of sleep disorders.

Also, Brad is currently a second-year seminary student at The General Theological Seminary, the country’s oldest Episcopal Seminary. He serves at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Brevard, North Carolina.

Among his proudest blessings is his marriage to CUMC’s own Corey Powell. Together, they enjoy life with their two rambunctious Labrador retrievers, Flossie Mae and Hattie Rose.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deborah Circle will meet on May 12 in a member’s home at 10:00 a.m. We will continue our study of the history of United Women in Faith and our opportunities in it. All are welcome. We will not meet in June, July or August. For more information contact Susan Snell at [ssnell123@bellsouth.net](mailto:ssnell123@bellsouth.net).

**Equal Plates will be hosting their Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** at Haw Creek Commons on Thursday, May 14 from 4-6 p.m. All are invited to celebrate the opening of their new facility with them!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)**

**The Blue Ridge Ringers** present “POP! GO THE HANDBELLS” at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary of Central United Methodist on Sunday, May 17. The concert is FREE but donations are gratefully accepted!

**SAVE THE DATES!**

We have two summer events we want to remind everyone about – the Broadway Review is happening on Friday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, and Vacation Bible School from June 15-29 (you can sign up in Realm). Look for more later about these upcoming events!

**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** - Four Asheville High seniors are awaiting sponsorship in Central’s Congregations for Children (C4C) Dorm Room Sponsor mission project. Sponsoring a student for the whole list is best. Monetary donations are also welcome – specify Congregations for Children (C4C). An Amazon list is available to order & ship directly. Email Kim Sink to sign up or get more info at [c4c@centralumc.org](mailto:c4c@centralumc.org).

**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, and the 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