

Today's Events: May 31

8:45 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Worship Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:30am	Children's Church/Children's Sunday School – <i>Chapel</i>
11:00 am	VBS Training Meeting – <i>Youth Arena</i>
11:15 am	Prayer Shawl Meeting – <i>Room 318</i>
	Parent Gathering – <i>Conference Room</i>
	Youth Sunday School – <i>Youth Arena</i>

This Week's Events: June 1 – June 7

Mon., 6/1	5:45 pm Theology Pub – <i>Village Pub</i>
Tues., 6/2	9:45 am Staff Meeting – <i>Conference Room</i> 2:00 pm Dementia Partners AVL - <i>Library</i>
Wed., 6/3	11:00 am Centering Prayer – <i>Chapel</i> 7:00 pm Congregational Care Council - Zoom
Thurs., 6/4	8:00 am Thursday Morning Prayer – <i>Zoom</i> 10:00 am Circle of Prayer – <i>Zoom</i> 3:00 pm Thursday Journey Group - <i>Library</i>
Fri., 6/5	5:00 pm Frist Friday Family Fellowship – <i>Offsite</i> 7:00 pm Broadway Review
Sun., 6/7	8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service – <i>Sanctuary</i> 11:15 am Parent Gathering – <i>Conference Room</i> Table2Table Potluck – <i>Fellowship Hall</i> 11:45 am Reconciling Ministries Meeting – <i>Rm 219</i>

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

Sunday Rhythm for Children & Youth!

Nursery	Elementary	Youth	Parents
9:30am-12:30pm	Worship 10:00-10:30 am	Worship 10:00-11:15 am	Worship 10:00-11:15 am
	Children's Church 10:30-11:45 am		
		Youth Sunday School 11:15am-12:15pm	Young Parent Gathering 11:15am-12:15pm

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Sermon Discussion Questions

Continue to reflect on today's message by journaling or discussion the following questions:

- When you pray, do you usually pray to God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit? Why?
- Try praying to Jesus, who lived as one of us. How might Jesus understand what you're going through?
- Try praying to our Creator God who loves you first and most and always. What does that ever last love invite you to pray?
- Try praying to the Holy Spirit, who is as near to you as your own breath. How does it feel to pray knowing that the Spirit is right there?

Daily Suggested Scripture Readings

Continue to reflect on the Holy Spirit with these readings drawn from the Lectionary (traditional church calendar). For each reading, ask yourself: What does this teach me about the Holy Spirit in the world and in my life?

- Monday: Genesis 1:1-2:4a
- Tuesday: Psalm 8
- Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Thursday: Matthew 28:16-20
- Friday: Psalm 29
- Saturday: Isaiah 6:1-8

Next Week in Worship...

...we examine a case study from Jesus' ministry: the call of Matthew and the dinner afterward. What does this tell us about how and why Jesus does ministry? What does it tell us about how we are called to minister to each other? Join us as we reflect on these questions together!



Trinity Sunday
May 31, 2026
10:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" arr. Michael Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Rettew

Grace be with you:

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

You are loved:

Loved by the God who created you.

The community you're looking for can be found here:

A community held together by the Holy Spirit.

Grace and love and community be with you:

In the name of the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

***HYMN 64**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

NICAEA

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Hymnal p. 33)

August "Auggie" Ellis Daniels

Son of Nick and Emily Daniels

Grandson of Lisa and Ken Carrig and Janet and Paul Reese Daniels

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lisa Rettew

Ending with the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal 895)

OFFERTORY

"The Gift of Love"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Women's Trio: Lauralee Bailey, Patricia Sands, and Kathy Barber

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

RECOGNITION OF THE 2026 GRADUATES

	High School Graduates	
Jackson Bookout	FlynnDunnuck	Wyatt Peele
Patience Perry	AshleyPoss	Kai Provine
Francesca Russell	RachelSessions	Betsy Van Cleve

	College Graduates:	
Alicia Littler		Carson Marshall
Haden Mason		FinnZwemer

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Hartwell Combs

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 "On Giftedness" Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

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

***HYMN 85** "We Believe in One True God" RATISBON

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

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE "Hymn of Joy" arr. Albert Travis

**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 by Scott and Gary Abernethy in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary in June.

Plainclothes law enforcement officers are present during our services so that all may feel welcome, secure and free to worship, 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 April 2026:
2026 Year to Date Tithes & Offerings: \$540,369
Total Annual Budget: \$1,550,000

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 no later than June 12.** Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This coming Wednesday, June 3, **Anna Circle** will meet for lunch at a restaurant at 11:30. If you'd like to join us, you are welcome; please email Glenda Fuhrmann for the details: glendafuhrmann@yahoo.com.

Central's Fifth Annual Broadway Revue

Friday, June 5, 2026 -- 7:00 p.m. -- Central Sanctuary

No tickets are needed. Donations are appreciated and will go toward the Music Ministries at Central. Start spreading the news. Central's chancel choir, youth choir, and children's choir members are hard at work preparing for this year's Broadway Revue. Songs and scenes from some of our most beloved musicals. Chorus numbers, solos, duets, trios, small ensembles blending talented artists from age 9 to age 75 plus. Music for everyone. Songs that will make you laugh, cry, and think! All music is accompanied by our own music magician Corey Powell, and guest accompanist Anne Rhymer. Heather Cree and her violin have a cameo appearance during the evening. Make plans now to escape into the world of musical theatre with all of us on Friday, June 5, 7:00 p.m. Please invite your family and friends. All are welcome without exception. Reach out to Linda Haggard at lhaggard@centralumc.org with questions.

Next Sunday, June 7, please join us for our **Table2Table Potluck** at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Central will provide the meat. Please bring complimentary dishes to share with everyone. **Keith Aitken, Urban Forester for the City of Asheville**, will be speaking about the city's Master Plan for urban trees. This is a follow-up talk to Keith's presentation last year about Asheville's urban canopy. He is a dynamic speaker, back by request.

Eve Circle will meet June 9 at Lake Louise Park for brunch at 10:00 am. Attendees should bring plate, silverware, drink, and a brunch dish to share. After eating, members who wish will share their journeys for better understanding of how each is still "Mapping Our Way Forward." Visitors are always welcome! if you are interested or have questions, please contact dballandy45@gmail.com or sandracwells@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)

Blood Drive Coming in June! On Wednesday, June 10 from 1-5:30 pm, we will be hosting a Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall. To all who are able, we encourage you to donate blood. You may click [here](#) to schedule an appointment. Thank you!

There's no place like Rome! Meet Paul and explore the underground church in Rome this summer at Vacation Bible School, June 15-19, 9am-12 pm. We'll play games, sing songs, eat snacks, make crafts, and more! Campers & volunteers sign up on Realm! For more information, email mchristy@centralumc.org.



The Annual Conference Creation Care team has opened a Creation Care PhotoContest for annual conference. The theme this year is "Seeing God Through Nature's Lens." Details can be found at <https://www.wnccmc.org/wncc-creation-care-ministry>. Deadline to submit photos is June 10.

On May 17 the church's **Creation Care Committee** voted to urge church members to support the current federal USDA "Roadless Rule," which protects about 60 million acres of federal land from development. The committee urges members to ask federal representatives not to eliminate the rule. Representatives can be identified and contacted using several email programs, like USA.gov or Congress.gov.

Backpacking with Wilderness Trail— rising 7th graders through graduating seniors are invited to join us July 13-18. No experience necessary! Just a desire to spend time in nature with God and good friends. Scholarships available! Sign up now on Realm. For more information, email mchristy@centralumc.org.



Calling EVERYONE— are you 18 or older, able to pass a background check, and willing to share God's love by supervising, teaching, or feeding our young friends? We need your help! We need more safe adults to volunteer for Children's Church, after worship Children's Playtime or Kids with Purpose, Youth Group, providing youth meals and special events.

We Are Hiring! — We need a Nursery Supervisor, Nursery Staff and Nursery Substitutes. If this is something you might be interested in doing, please contact Maggie Christy at mchristy@centralumc.org.

College Student Summer Addresses - If you know of a college student who will have an address change for the summer (this includes a move back home!), please let Jan know at jgriffin@centralumc.org.