

Today's Events: June 7

- 8:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 11:15 am Table2Table **Potluck** – *Fellowship Hall*
- 11:45 am Reconciling Ministries Meeting - *Room 219*
- 12:15 pm VBS Decorating – *Fellowship Hall*

This Week's Events: June 7 - 14

June 8-11		Chancel Choir New York Trip	
Mon., 6/8	5:45 pm	Theology Pub – <i>Village Pub</i>	
Tues., 6/9	10:00 am	Eve Circle – <i>Lake Louise Park</i>	
Wed., 6/10	11:00 am	Centering Prayer – <i>Chapel</i>	
	1:00 pm	Red Coss Blood Drive – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	
Thurs., 6/11	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer - <i>Zoom</i>	
Sun., 6/12	8:45 am	Sunday School	
	10:00 am	Worship Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>	
	10:30 am	Children's Church - <i>Chapel</i>	
	11:00 am	Newish to Central Coffee Hour - <i>Library</i>	
		Central Welcome Committee - <i>Parlor</i>	
	11:15 am	Parent Gathering – <i>Conference Room</i>	
		Children's Play Time - <i>Chapel</i>	
		Youth Sunday School – <i>Youth Arena</i>	

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		
Children's Play Time 11:15-11:45 am	Youth Sunday School 11:15-11:45 am	Young Parent Gathering 11:15-11:45 am	

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)

The Blue Ridge District Justice and Reconciliation Team invites you to a special screening of **1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture**, a feature documentary that tells the story of researchers who traced the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians. Space is limited. The screenings will be held on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 pm and Wednesday, June 10 at 10:00 am at Biltmore Village Cooperative Parish, 55 Shiloh Rd., Asheville. A discussion and refreshments will follow. For more info, contact Mark Ralls at mralls@wncumc.org or 828-450-0697. Scan the QR code to register.



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Sermon Discussion Questions

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

- Today's Scripture is a "case study" in mercy. A case study includes background on the setting, a description of the incident, and a reflection on what we could or should do in the future. What is something that has happened in your life that put you in contact with someone you might otherwise choose to judge or avoid?
- What background would help someone else to understand the dynamics at play in this incident?
- Journal or describe what happened in this incident.
- What do Jesus' actions and words in Matthew 9:9-13 tell me about what I could or should do in the future?

Daily Suggested Scripture Readings

- Monday: Matthew 9:9-13
- Tuesday: Hosea 6:1-11
- Wednesday: Mark 2:13-17
- Thursday: Micah 6:1-8
- Friday: Luke 5:26-32
- Saturday: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Next Week in Worship...

Are you keeping a garden this year? Then you might already be thinking about Jesus' famous words in Matthew 9:37: "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few"! Join us next week as we pray together for laborers enough for this harvest.



Ordinary Time
June 7, 2026
10:00 a.m.

- WELCOME** Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
 - CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**
 - PRELUDE** "Prelude" William Harris
 - CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Hosea 6:6) Rev. Lisa Rettew
Come, let us return to God
God will heal us; God will revive us
God's presence is like the rising dawn
God's love is like the cool of early morning
Come, let us return to God
And what does God desire?
Not sacrifice, but mercy
Let us return to God with loving kindness
 - *HYMN 340** "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" RESTORATION
 - STEWARDSHIP STORY** Tommy Hughes
 - SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 9:9-13 Margaret Moore
 - SERMON** "A Case Study" Rev. Dr. Mary Brown
 - OFFERTORY** "O Rest in the Lord" Felix Mendesssohn
Kathy Barber, soloist
- 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.*
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- *DOXOLOGY** Hymnal 94
"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
 - SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE** Hymnal pages 12, 15-16
Rev. Lisa Rettew and Rev Dr. Mary Brown

COMMUNION HYMNS

"How Beautiful" Twila Paris

Kathy Barber, soloist

616 "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

318 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

398 "Jesus Calls Us"

467 "Trust and Obey"

***HYMN** "Blest Be the Ties That Bind" DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

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

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE "Festive Trumpet Tune" David German

**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 the Nesbitt and Morgan families in loving memory of Charles E. Nesbitt, Edward Nesbitt, Pearl and Joel Wright, Charles and Ione Morgan, Austa and Milton Nesbitt, and Linda McDuffie Morgan. Wishing a heavenly birthday to Ione Morgan. Wishing Gracie Nesbitt a happy birthday today.

The white rose on the altar today is placed in memory of Bruce Weaver, who died May 27, and Becky Brown, who died May 30, 2026.

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.

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Financial Update through April 2026:

2026 Year to Date Tithes & Offerings: \$540,369

Total Annual Budget: \$1,550,000

ECO Tip: Psalm 24: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers." (NRSV) Every day we can be mindful of God's generosity in creating such a wonderful universe.



At Central, praying for others is the beginning of wrapping our love around you when you are facing a tough time or experiencing a deep joy. We believe this scripture from Matthew 8:20 that "where two or three gather in my (Jesus) name, there am I with them." Our Circle of Prayer group believes that through their prayers on behalf of others that they are "standing in the gap for your needs and seeking God's blessings for you."

If you feel there is often a strong sense of God's direction in your prayers, maybe you are being called to participate in this intercessory prayer group, either by Zoom or in person. Please contact Pastor Lisa for more details.

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!

Jan Griffin will be on vacation from June 12 - 22. If you have announcements that need to be in the bulletins for **June 14** and **June 21**, please make sure she receives them by this coming Wednesday, **June 10**. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us today at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for our **Table2Table Potluck**. Central will provide the meat. If you did not bring a dish to share, we welcome donations. **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 dllballandy45@gmail.com or sandracwells@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)

Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 10 from 1:00 - 5:30 pm. To all who are able, we encourage you to donate blood. Scan the QR code to schedule an appointment. Thank you!



Have you heard of **GRINDfest**? See **GRINDFEST 2026**.(grindfestavl.com) June 13 at Pack Square Park. This event brings community together to celebrate Black entrepreneurship, culture, music. Everyone is welcome and this event is an opportunity to learn, experience and build relationships. Show you care! Attend and/or volunteer.

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 Photo Contest for annual conference. The theme this year is "Seeing God Through Nature's Lens." Details can be found at <https://www.wnccumc.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.