

Today's Events: June 28

8:45 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Worship Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>
11:15 am	Children's Playtime - <i>Chapel</i> Young Parent Gathering – <i>Conference Room</i> Youth Sunday School – <i>Youth Arena</i> Stewardship Meeting – <i>Room 307</i>

This Week's Events: June 29-7/5

Mon., 6/29	5:45 pm	Theology Pub – <i>Village Pub</i>
Tues., 6/30	9:45 am	Staff Meeting – <i>Conference Room</i>
Wed., 7/1	11:00 am	Centering Prayer – <i>Chapel</i>
Thurs., 7/2	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., 7/3	5:00 pm	First Friday Family Fellowship - <i>Offsite</i>
Sun., 7/5	8:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:15 am	Table2Table – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	11:30 am	Reconciling Ministries – <i>Room 219</i>

Sunday Rhythm for Children & Youth!

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

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS for bulletins, social media, and newsletters are to be sent to announcements@centralumc.org.

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Ordinary Time
June 28, 2026
10:00 a.m.



Sermon Discussion Questions

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

- Who is a famous or historical figure you admire that has been a "prophet" for Christ?
- Who is someone you know personally who speaks out boldly against injustice and for the love of God?
- How can you provide the equivalent of "a cup of water" to support them and their ministry?

Daily Suggested Scripture Readings

This year Vacation Bible School focused on Paul's letter to the Romans. Challenge yourself to read it this week! There's some difficult material in here – remember that you can reach out to Pastor Mary or Pastor Lisa with questions.

- Monday: Matthew 110:34-42
- Tuesday: Matthew 25:31-46
- Wednesday: Genesis 18:1-15
- Thursday: Hebrews 13:1-16
- Friday: Luke 9:46-48
- Saturday: Leviticus 19:18,33-34

Next Week in Worship...

Are you "weary and carrying heavy burdens"? Then Matthew 11:28-30 has something important to say to you. Come hear Jesus say to you, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light" – and invite a friend who is tired and overburdened to come with you!

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

"Arioso"

Douglas Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP: "Based on Matthew 25:31-46"

Rev. Lisa Rettew

Jesus said, "As you do to one of the least of your siblings, you do for me."

Which means: When we feed the hungry,
We are feeding Jesus.

When we give the thirsty something to drink,
We are offering water to Jesus.

When we welcome in a stranger,
We are welcoming Jesus.

When we donate winter coats,
We are donating them to Jesus.

When we take care of the sick,
We are taking care of Jesus.

When we visit those in prison,
We are visiting Jesus.

May we always remember:

"As you do for the least of your siblings, you do for me."

***HYMN 674**

"See the Morning Sun"

UNSER HERRSCHER

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Rob and Sandy McKown

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

“Let Us Rejoice (Psalm 118)”
Melisse Lantini, cantor

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lisa Rettew

Ending with the Lord’s Prayer (Hymnal 895)

OFFERTORY

“Adoration”

Florence Price

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

Matthew 10:40-42

Amy Street

SERMON

“Giving a Cup of Water”

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

***A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

(Hymnal 883)

Rev. Lisa Rettew

***HYMN 451**

“Be Thou My Vision”

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***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

“Finale”

Robert J. Powell

**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 Mike and Emma Durr in honor of the smiling faces of the Greeter and Usher Ministries. These people make everyone feel welcome without exception.

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 May 2026:

2026 Year to Date Tithes & Offerings: \$645,833

Total Annual Budget: \$1,550,000

For name tags: <https://centralumc.org/adults#name-tag>. The cost is \$15 payable to Central UMC.

ECO-Tip: Taking care of God’s creation is a social justice issue. When you reduce harm to the Earth, everyone enjoys cleaner air or water. When you conserve energy, there is more energy for others. When you buy natural fiber clothing instead of fabric made from fossil fuels, your landfill can serve more people for longer.



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us at 11:15 a.m. on July 5th for our **Table2Table Independence Day Celebration**. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share; Central will provide the hot dogs.

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.



The Reconciling Ministry Group will meet Sunday, July 5, at 11:15 a.m. in Room 219. This is a LGBTQ+ friendly group with mission projects.

We have openings on the flower calendar for July 19 and August 3. If you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary on either date, please contact Mary Margaret Ingle at 828-691-1998. The cost is \$117.70 (for both arrangements) and you will be billed directly by the florist.



Asheville Area
Habitat for Humanity
Serving Buncombe & Madison Counties

On Friday, July 24, join your Central UMC friends for a morning volunteering with **Habitat for Humanity!** The job site will be confirmed the week before. Jobs can vary and will be assigned that day. No experience or tools needed, but you may want sunscreen, sunglasses, a water bottle, gloves, and/or your own tools. Meet at 8:30 for instructions; work until noon; then join us afterward for lunch if you can!



Use the QR Code to register. Questions? Email Robin Smith at drrtsmith@gmail.com.



Faith Feeds
Food Drive
Hunger calls. Your faith answers.

This summer, our neighbors are facing increasing challenges in finding healthy, affordable food to stock their pantries. With children home from school and prices soaring, the impacts of Helene continue to be felt in our community. We are partnering with ABCCM and the Churches of our community to ensure our neighbors are fed. Here is a list of items needed:

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| Breakfast Cereal | Canned Veges (green beans) | Sugar |
| Peanut Butter | Boxed Mac & Cheese | Jelly |
| Vegetable oil | Dry beans | Grits |
| Hearty soups | Oatmeal | Snacks |

If folks would like to contribute cold foods (to be delivered on Mondays), please bring:

Butter

Yogurt