

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)

The Church & Society Committee offers five \$100 scholarships to church members for Building Bridges AVL. This 9 week educational workshop series addresses: racial justice, racial dialogue, and anti-racism in our community. Speakers and small group discussion cover: "Whiteness", racial identity, personal racism, institutional and systemic racism, and more. The goal is to understand how the Black community has been negatively impacted by: tourism, gentrification, freeway development, government policy (esp. housing, education, health care, criminal legal system). Sept. 14 - Nov. 9, Mondays from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Location will be provided to those registered . Total cost is \$135 (scholarship participants pay \$35). If interested, email Sharon LeDuc at skleduc@prodigy.net.

Today's Events: August 30		
8:45 am	Sunday School	
10:00 am	Worship Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>	
11:15 am	Meet the Author: David Ourismon	
	Children's Playtime - <i>Chapel</i>	
	Parent Gathering – <i>Conference Room</i>	
	Youth Sunday School – <i>Youth Arena</i>	
This Week's Events: August 31 – September 6		
Mon., 8/31	5:45 pm	Theology Pub – <i>Village Pub</i>
Tues., 9/1	9:45 am	Staff Meeting – <i>Conference Room</i>
	10:00 am	Ruth Circle – <i>Library</i>
	2;00 pm	Dementia Partners – <i>Library</i>
	5:00 pm	Church & Society - <i>Zoom</i>
Wed., 9/2	10:00 am	Anna Circle - <i>Parlor</i>
	11:00 am	Centering Prayer – <i>Chapel</i>
	12:00 pm	Haywood St. Worship – <i>Haywood St. Sanctuary</i>
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - <i>Sanctuary</i>
Thurs., 9/3	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>
Sun., 9/6	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>Conf Room</i>
		Youth Sunday School – <i>Youth Arena</i>
	12:00 pm	Reconciling Ministriees – <i>Room 219</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

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Thank you to Sharon Boone, our guest organist, who is filling in for Corey Powell while he is enjoying his vacation.

Sermon Discussion Questions

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

- What is the difference between "making disciples" and nurturing people as disciples?
- How does the promise "I am with you always" change the way you understand Jesus' command?
- If discipleship is a lifelong journey, how can our church support people at every stage of life and faith?

Daily Suggested Scripture Readings

Let this week's Lectionary readings guide your daily quiet time with God:

- Monday: Exodus 3:1-15
- Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
- Jeremiah 15:15-21
- Psalm 26:1-8
- Romans 12:9-21
- Matthew 16:21-28

For Pastoral Emergencies Contact:
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ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS for bulletins, social media, and newsletters are to be sent to announcements@centralumc.org.



Ordinary Time
August 30, 2026
10:00 a.m.

WELCOME		Steve Oak
CHIMES OF THE TRINITY		
PRELUDE	"Prelude on a Gaelic Hymn" Sharon Boone, guest organist	Alfred Fedak
CALL TO WORSHIP (by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell)		Steve Oak
God of the prophets, call to us today Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness. God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness. God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness. God of all creation, help us to know Your ways All: We gather to hear Your call, to sing Your praise, to teach each other, to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.		
*HYMN 568	"Christ for the World We Sing"	ITALIAN HYMN
PASTORAL PRAYER	ending with the Lord's Prayer	Steve Oak
STEWARDSHIP STORY		Nathan Rawls
OFFERTORY	"Eternal Life" Sharon Boone, guest organist	Olive Dungan
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
SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 28:16-20	Rev. Kelli Mullinix
The word of God for the people of God Thanks be to God		



CHILDREN’S TIME Maggie Christy

SERMON “Making Disciples” Rev. Kelli Mullinix

*AFFIRMATION (Hymnal 883) Steve Oak
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

*HYMN 571 “Go Make of All Disciples” LANCASHIRE

*BENEDICTION Rev. Kelli Mullinix

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE “Toccata” David Hegarty
Sharon Boone, guest organist

*Please stand, if you are able.

Today’s Guest Preacher:

We welcome Rev. Kelli Mullinix as guest preacher! Kelli was baptized and confirmed right here at Central United Methodist Church. She studied Vocal Performance at Mars Hill University, Sacred Music and Southern Methodist University, and Divinity at Hood Theological Seminary. Kelli is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and a Spiritual Care Associate at Givens Estates. Welcome home, Rev. Mullinix!

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 Marsh and Harry Wright for all the saints who now are in heaven above, who from their labor rest in God above, and in memory of Marsha’s twin brother, Robert, on their birthday this past Wednesday, August 26th.

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

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 July 2026:

2026 Year to Date Tithes & Offerings: \$883,502
Total Annual Budget: \$1,550,000

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Eve Circle will meet in the church parlor on Tuesday, September 1 at 10:00 am. Sue Mather will present a program on UWF Mission Institutions with emphasis on those in North Carolina, including the Alliance Center for Education (formerly Bethlehem Center) in Charlotte which Eve Circle visited years ago. "Have Hope" jewelry sale will be held pm the first two Sundays in December (just in time for Christmas gifts). Come share the fellowship and joy. Everyone is welcome. Contact dlballandy45@gmail.com or sandracwells@gmail.com.

Please join members of the Ruth Circle on Tuesday, September 1, at 10:00 am in the library at Central. We will collect regular/wheat pasta and pasta sauce for ABCCM. Come join us as we kick off our fall programming for United Women in Faith. Let’s Do This, Let’s be Bold, Let’s be UNSTOPPABLE! Together! We look forward to sharing the morning with you! For more information about Ruth Circle, please contact Kim Everette at kimeverette525@gmail.com.

Anna Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. Our summer book, *Good Enough* by Kate Bower and Jessica Richie, will be discussed and our mission plans continued. Contact Glenda Fuhrmann at glendafuhrmann@yahoo.com for more info.

If you enjoy singing at any level, please consider joining one of our choirs for adults, youth, and children. The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. The Wesley Singers will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 8 at 1:00 pm in the choir room.

Youth Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 13 at 11:15 a.m. in the choir room. All youth and friends in grades 6-12 are invited. Children's Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 13 at 11:45 a.m. All children and friends in kindergarten - 5th grade are invited. This is part of our Fall Kick-off for all youth and children's programing. Kona Ice will be here at Central for everyone! We have a choir for every age, and all are invited! Please reach out to Linda Haggard or Corey Powell with questions and to get more information about our music ministry choirs and programs. Music is the Universal Language. Come sing with us! lhaggard@centralumc.org or cpowell@centralumc.org

Deborah Circle meets on the second Tuesday of the month in a member’s home. For our September 8 meeting we will be following the United Women in Faith program guide, Mapping Our Way Forward in Times of Change and Uncertainty; our program centering on caring for others while practicing self-care. All are welcome. Questions? Susan Snell at ssnell123@bellsouth.net.

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Creation Care Committee invites you to take a tour of the Landfill on Thursday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. The Landfill is a very interesting place to visit. It's relevant to the Committee's focus on conservation and recycling, among other things. If you're interested in this informative one-hour tour, please send your name, email and cell phone # to Ellen Furney at efurney08@gmail.com. There is a limited number of seats available



This Fall: Study about Small Groups - Try out a Small Group!

Join us for an 8-week exploration of the basic building block of the Methodist movement: John Wesley’s “class meeting.” Over the course of this experience, we’ll gradually shift weight from a study to a small group experience, giving participants and understanding and a taste for why these weekly meetings are so important to our spiritual growth. We’ll end with an opportunity for those interested to form new small groups that continue meeting.

We will meet after worship (11:15am) in Room 219 from 9/13 to 11/15, skipping first Sundays of each month (for the Table2Table meal). Participants will need a copy of Kevin Watson’s book, *The Class Meeting*. It can be purchased from Amazon or picked up from our church office for a \$20 suggested donation. Registration is required using the QR code attached or this link: <https://bit.ly/2026fallstudygroup>.



We would like to remind you of a Central Ministry that focuses on our College Students. Four times a year your college student will receive a note from the church, letting them know we are thinking of them, including a devotional and a gift card for a treat. If you would like your student to be a recipient of this, please send their current college address to Jan Griffin at jgriffin@centralumc.org.

C4C Annual School Supply Drive Needs (Aug 16-Sept 6):

Facial Tissues; Baby Wipes, Colored Cardstock/Colored Paper/ Construction Paper; Sharpies Big/Small, Black/Multicolored; Index cards (lined and unlined, different sizes); Pencil top erasers; Colored Pencils; Crayons; Pencil Boxes; Playdough; Gallon Ziploc Bags (press to close type); Markers; Highlighters (Big and Small/multicolored). Donations may be placed in the bin marked Emma School Supplies outside of the Church Office. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

C\$C Reading Buddies Do you have a couple of hours per week to volunteer as a Reading Buddy? C4C is sponsoring a Reading Buddy program at Emma Elementary, beginning in late September. Reading Buddies meet one on one with a child once a week to listen, encourage and help strengthen reading skills. Training and materials are provided. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to: C4C@centralumc.org.

Save the date: friendsGIVING event returns to Highland Brewing , November 19, 2026 (5:30-8:30 pm).