

Stories from Central

May & June 2026

Jot & Tittle

What is Pentecost?

Produced by Ask The UMC, a ministry of United Methodist Communications

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called Shavuot, meaning “weeks” in Hebrew) falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus.

Pentecost for Christians culminates the celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day. In much of early Christianity, Easter Day (not Pentecost) became the primary day for baptisms. After their baptism, the newly baptized were then trained in basic Christian doctrine, including the meaning of the sacraments they had now experienced, as they prepared to take up their ministries in the life of the church. On Pentecost, Christians primarily celebrate the commissioning of new members into ministry. Some do this through services of confirmation on Pentecost. And still others have also, historically, offered baptism on Pentecost as well.

Two colors are historically associated with Pentecost. Red is a visual reminder of the “tongues of fire” that empowered the apostles and others to proclaim the good news of Christ’s resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands (Acts 2:3). White was used in some places, including England, where Pentecost had also become a day for baptisms by the Middle Ages. Whether it happened at Easter or Pentecost or at some other time, those being baptized were given new white robes to wear as a sign they had taken off the world, died to sin, and were raised with the risen Christ to new life. This is why Pentecost may also be referred to in English as “Whitsunday” or “White Sunday.”

The Season after Pentecost is the time of the church year to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.



Pentecost mosaic Image by Holger Schué from Pixabay 1500



THE MUSIC MINISTRIES OF
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRESENT

**FIFTH ANNUAL BROADWAY REVUE
RESERVE THE DATE!**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026, AT 7:00PM
CENTRAL UMC SANCTUARY**

Start spreading the news, Central's Annual Revue is BACK!

Everyone is invited to Central's Annual Revue featuring hit songs from 19 of Broadway's biggest Musicals. Thirty plus singers will entertain and provide a magical night of music. The Revue is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome! Donations will benefit the Music Ministries of Central.

Get ready to tap your toes and sing along to selections from "Fiddler on the Roof," "Saturday Night," "Heathers," "Les Misérables," "Merrily We Roll Along," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Cinderella," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Porgy and Bess," "Mary Poppins," "Mame," "The Little Mermaid," "Suffs," "The Girls of Summer," "Grease," "Pirates of Penzance," "Follies," "9 to 5," and "Cabaret."

There will not be a dinner served this year, but please come and enjoy the show.

If you have questions, please contact Linda Haggard at lhaggard@centralumc.org.

Central. Family Life.

A gardener may have the good fortune to find that a neglected patch of garden is growing well, but she is more likely to find weeds or nothing at all. To ensure a good crop, the plants must be tended and cared for from the preparation for planting to harvest. A year ago, a budget shortfall built up over many years caused Central to restructure the ministries for children and youth. This came as a shock for many of the parents of children and youth, both because of the abruptness of the change, as well as the daunting prospect of continuing the programs with volunteer leadership, of shepherding the spiritual development of our kids without Ann and Caroline. Thankfully, many people stepped up.

Then, at Leadership Central last fall, the Church outlined its top priorities – one of those priorities is a vibrant program for children and youth and more young people in worship. It encourages me to see Maggie getting to know, disciple, and lead our children and youth. Ms. Linda also does a phenomenal job with the children and youth music programs. Moreover, the young families who come to Central are determined to see these ministries grow and their children flourish. Parents support these ministries in many ways, as volunteers and as leaders. However, we, the parents of children and youth, are often in the most demanding period of our careers and family lives. We love and appreciate the opportunity to be involved with our children and youth, but we need help!

I believe we have capable, consistent, and caring leadership in the church's programs for youth, children, toddlers, and infants. However, in order to grow these ministries, in order for our children fully to thrive, they must be supported more broadly by non-parent and non-staff members of the Church. We need more parents of grown children, grandparents, and trustworthy, patient, kind adults who care about children and youth and want to see them grow into caring, capable, and Godly adults. We need those volunteers to step forward to support this next generation with their time, energy, and attention.

Children need adults who are not their parents to serve as mentors, counselors, and caretakers. Those of us who are parents of young children often feel separated from the rest of the church. We often lack the time to participate in many of the excellent service, fellowship, and discipleship opportunities during the week at Central because we are volunteering in some way with the children and youth. We, parents, would be able to build stronger relationships, make better disciples, and attain a more cohesive church family by getting more non-parent members involved in the lives of the children and youth at Central. We have visited many churches in Asheville that have neglected the youth and children's ministries and, as a result, have no youth or children in their churches. Those churches have rich histories and no future.

If you would be willing to get involved, please contact Maggie, mchristy@centralumc.org, about getting the Safe Sanctuaries Certification. Opportunities exist for children's church, the nursery, Sunday School (after worship), and feeding the Youth on Sunday evenings. Whether you choose to do this once, once a month, quarterly, or every week, know that the care and attention you put into these tender shoots will not only bring a smile to your face today but prepare the harvest for tomorrow.

Thank you,
Kent Caraway



COME JOIN THE FUN!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 | JUN 15-19 | 9:00 AM - NOON

CHILDREN AGES 3 THROUGH RISING 5TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JUNE 15-19 FROM 9:00 AM-12:00 NOON.

EACH DAY, CHILDREN WILL STEP INTO BIBLE TIMES AND WATCH GOD'S WORD COME TO LIFE THROUGH MUSIC, CRAFTS, GAMES, AND STORYTELLING.

STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12 AND ADULTS ARE INVITED TO VOLUNTEER!

THERE IS NO FEE, AND SNACKS ARE PROVIDED.

TO VOLUNTEER OR TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN SCAN THE QR CODE OR EMAIL CHILDRENSMINISTRY@CENTRALUMC.ORG.



Rising 7th graders and older youth and families are invited to consider joining this summer's mission trip with Cross Connection. Participants will spend the week serving 2-3 families through home repair projects while building relationships and growing together in faith. Contact Maggie Christy, mchristy@centralumc.org, about participating.



Join us for a week of experiencing Christ through backpacking! Rising 7th grade and up are eligible to participate. This trip is beginner-friendly - no backpacking experience or equipment is needed. Wilderness Trail will provide us with the gear and the guide. Hikers can expect to learn a lot about working together as the body of Christ, overcoming challenges as people of faith, finding joy in all circumstances, seeing God in creation, and recognizing the holy grounds God places in our lives every day. Best of all, it's so much fun! :)

Contact Maggie Christy, mchristy@centralumc.org, about participating.

Read more about Wilderness Trail here: www.wtrail.com

Central. Congregational Care.

Our Easter story!

In Jesus's dying moments on the cross, he turns to His beloved disciple, John, and tells him to take care of His mother.

In this moment, Jesus role-models a new relational care ministry that calls us to care for a "community of people" not necessarily our biological family but anyone who is in need of support and care.



This is the story of Congregational Care at Central!

If you need care or support or even just information regarding resources to help you, please contact Pastor Lisa for guidance!

It's time! Here are ways for you to get involved: Just contact Pastor Lisa, lrettew@centralumc.org!

On- Call Opportunities:

- Set Up and Take Down for Bereavement receptions
- Be a Meal Train Provider
- Assist with health care events

Ongoing Opportunities:

- Join Circle of Prayer
- Participate in Children's Care Ministry
- Become a Homebound Visitor
- Join the Prayer Shawl Care Ministry
- Share your medical training with Health Care Ministry events



Prayer Shawl Care Ministry News

EASIER ACCESS to PRAYER SHAWLS!

Prayer Shawls are housed in the room directly behind the Reception Desk, and the door will remain unlocked during working hours.

- Bins are marked by color and type of shawl.
- When you drop off a shawl(s), please place in the bin labeled "Shawls to be Blessed."
- If you take a shawl, please sign the pink sheet with the name of the recipient, the date, and your name. **THIS IS IMPORTANT** as the ministry maintains a tracking system. Thank you very much!

Central. Creation Care.



Additional native plants were added to the Pollinator Garden on Church St. last October and a few more this spring. The loss of a large branch from one of the Treasured English Elms changed the sunlight on part of the garden, and thus the plants able to live there. Change is ongoing in our environment!

The NC Arboretum nature walk, led by Alexandra Holland, was educational, observational and inspirational. The cycle of forest life, includes and adjusts to both natural and human disruption. Effects of Helene are still visible, as well as signs of recovery. Alexandra's knowledge of and experience with the wildflowers and trees led to a lovely and rewarding afternoon.



GreenWorks
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Bring your hard to recycle items to
 Asheville GreenWorks Hard 2 Recycle event

Saturday, May 9
 10 AM to 2 PM

AC Reynolds HS

Accepted Items

Books, cardboard, shredded paper
 Electronics, TV's, small appliances, batteries
 Phones, computers, cables, cords
 Printer cartridges, toner
 Food grade styrofoam

See www.ashevillegreenworks.org for more details

Recycle Responsibly
 For the sake of God's Creation



Seed Thoughts For a Season of Abundance

By Lauralee Bailey

Co-Chair of the Central UMC Stewardship Committee

I recently joined the "Creation Care" committee at Central UMC. Faithful Financial Stewardship has always been near and dear to my heart. But I realized that stewardship of the earth, God's Creation, is just as vital, since God has called mankind to care for it. "The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Genesis 2:15)



In March, the Creation Care Team had its first workday of the year in the pollinator garden in preparation for the summer months. I have never been a gardener, but I know that many scriptures relate to gardening both literally and figuratively. I realized there are so many scriptural references that overlap through the stewardship of the earth and faithful financial stewardship.

I have been thinking a great deal about our current season of economic uncertainty, the precarious nature of the stewardship of our earth, and about the very future of our Church. What will our lives, our earth, and indeed, our church, look like on the "other side" of these challenging times? I have been seeking comfort in knowing that there have been many saints before us who have left seeds of gardening knowledge, protecting our earth, and stewarding God's work through faithful generosity.

In Psalm 24:1, David wrote "The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." This verse emphasizes the ownership of the Earth by God, implying that humans are mere tenants entrusted with its care rather than its ultimate masters.

John Wesley has many gardening tips for life shared in his sermon on the "Use of Money," for example: "Do not waste any part of so precious as a penny in gratifying the desires of the flesh....be content with what plain nature requires...or the desires of the eye for expensive apparel, needless ornaments, expensive furniture, or in elegant rather than useful gardens."

Paul offers words of perseverance in Philippians 3:13-14: "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

God's words through scripture and the saints, such as Paul and John Wesley, have much to say about managing the call of stewardship in our lives through these challenging times. Perhaps these and other words will occasionally require self-evaluation. How is God calling each of us to till, prune, water, and harvest the garden of our lives? Coming through this season of uncertainty to the "other side" may mean recommitting our lives to simplicity and contentment. It may mean getting our hands dirty and weeding out the things that drain life away from the beauty God has planned for our future. Perhaps an understanding of the true meaning of "abundance" is trusting in God's provision and passionately seeking the bounty of God's presence now and in our future.

UWF Corner



United
Women
in Faith

Central's United Women in Faith have been busy this year. Circles take a break from regular meetings during the summer months, but there are still many things going on. If you're curious about attending a circle, please reach out to any of the circle leaders listed below and ask questions about meetings, mission projects, reading groups, summer plans, and other ways to connect. We are open to all women, and you do not have to be a member of Central UMC to attend. Come and see what we're all about!

United Women in Faith Circles

Our circles would love to hear from you and have you visit and consider joining. Contact the circle chair for more information about meetings and getting involved, or contact me, Kathy Leftwich, kathleencleftwich@gmail.com

- **Anna Circle** – Glenda Fuhrmann, Chair, glendafuhrmann@yahoo.com They've read and discussed together *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* – Joanna Weaver, and are planning upcoming mission and fundraising projects. The circle will meet on May 6th, 10:00am in the Parlor.
- **Deborah Circle** – Susan Snell, Chair, ssnell123@bellsouth.net They have read and discussed *Finding Balance in our Lives and Seeds of Hope* and have followed *The Book of Hope* – Jane Goodall and others. Susan shared a Central UWF directory from the 1980s that was given to her by Linda Adams. Fascinating! Deborah Circle will meet on May 12 in a member's home at 10am. 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.
- **Eve Circle** – Donna Anderson and Sandra Wells, Co-Chairs, dlbandy45@gmail.com and sandracwells@gmail.com In April, Eve Circle members sponsored the Shop for a Cause jewelry sale, selling handcrafted paper jewelry. At our May 5th meeting, Maggie Christy will share with the Eve Circle the path that led her to work with children and youth of all ages. The meeting will be in the Central UMC parlor at 10:00 am. Eve Circle will meet on June 9 at Lake Louise Park for brunch at 10:00am. Attendees should bring a plate, silverware, a drink, and a brunch dish to share. After eating, members who wish will share their journeys for a better understanding of how each is still **Mapping Our Way Forward**. Visitors are always welcome! If interested or have questions, please contact Donna Anderson or Sandra Wells.
- **Martha Circle** - Kathy Leftwich, Chair, kathleencleftwich@gmail.com Alexandra led a discussion on plans to re-issue the *Methodishes with Martha Circle Soup Cookbook*, circa 2010, with existing and new recipes. The Marthas will meet on Tuesday, May 12, at 6:30pm for dinner out.
- **Ruth Circle** – Kim Everette, Chair, kimeverette525@gmail.com The group will gather for their annual spring luncheon on May 5th and discuss plans for the summer and fall. Ruth Circle gathers non-perishable food for ABCCM each month, and Diane helps organize that monthly drive. Members also read *The Women* – Kristen Hannah, and discussed.
- **Unnamed Women's Circle** – Sarah Caraway, Chair, sarahstrickland92@gmail.com The circle will gather on the second Wednesday of each month for dinner out and lively conversation at a nearby restaurant. They are always ready to welcome new members, and childcare can be arranged. One member recently ran the She Slays 5K in Hendersonville! Congratulations!

New Books Coming to Central's Library Just in Time for Summer Reading!

The 2026 UWF Reading Program book list was released late 2025, and our circle leaders and members have been poring over it and selecting new books for the UWF section of the library. Glenda Fuhrmann, Reading Program Advisor, has ordered sixteen books, and the Ruth Circle has purchased an additional ten. These books will be a wonderful addition to the existing books and include books from all categories. Here are a few with brief summaries:

- ***Heart of Fire: An Immigrant Daughter's Story*** – Mazie K. Hirono: In this intimate and inspiring life story, Mazie Hirono shares her experience as the first Asian American woman and the only immigrant serving in the U.S. Senate.
- ***Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness*** – Kevin Nye: Drawing on years of experience in homelessness services, minister and advocate Kevin Nye presents an intimate look at people often on the margins of life.
- ***The Ever-Expansive Spirit of God for all who Feel Left Out*** – Peggy A. Johnson: In this book, retired United Methodist Bishop Peggy A. Johnson shares her remarkable experiences in a lifetime of ministry. Committed to complete transparency, Bishop Johnson shares about her call to become a bishop, her marriage of 44 years to her best friend and fellow ordained minister, their life together with their two adult children, and the “precious secret” revealed to her in 2010.

GIFTS FROM RUTH CIRCLE:

- ***The Women*** – Kristen Hannah: This celebrated novel is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country have too often been forgotten.
- ***The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times*** – Jane Goodall and Douglass Abrams with Gail Hudson: Looking at the headlines—the worsening climate crisis, a global pandemic, loss of biodiversity, political upheaval—it can be hard to feel optimistic. And yet hope has never been more desperately needed.
- ***Nell Plants a Tree*** – Annie Wynter: This award-winning children's picture book celebrates the efforts of one little girl whose careful tending of a pecan tree creates the living center of a loving, intergenerational Black family.
- ***From the Desk of Zoe Washington*** – Janae Marks: From debut author Janae Marks comes a captivating story full of heart, as one courageous girl questions assumptions, searches for the truth, and does what she believes is right—even in the face of great opposition.

If you'd like to learn more about the UWF Reading Program, or see the complete list of books and their summaries, visit this link: <https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/>. The Reading Program list is available in Central's Library in the UWF section (to the far right, against the wall, on the lower three shelves). Also available are copies of Response Magazine near the check-out desk.

WNC Conference and Blue Ridge District UWF Events

Our Conference and District will sponsor the following events through the summer. All are invited to attend! Contact me for more information: Kathy Leftwich (kathleencleftwich@gmail.com)

Book Studies – Held over Zoom, Saturdays, 10:00 – 11:30

- May 2, 2026 – The Four Winds - Kristin Hannah
- Spiritual Growth Retreat – Red, White, and Whole - Rajani Larocca (Spiritual Growth) In Person book study, Lake Junaluska, June 11 – 13, 2026
- August, 8, 2026 – The Personal Librarian - Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
- September 19, 2026 – The Bookwoman's Daughter - Kim Michele Richardson
- June 11 – 13 – Spiritual Growth Retreat – Lake Junaluska, NC
- August 15 – District Annual Celebration – Piney Mountain UMC
- August 21 – 22 – Mission u – Catholic Conference Center – Hickory, NC

There are so many ways to be involved with United Women in Faith at Central UMC! We welcome women of all ages to our circle meetings, and to other UWF events. If you would like more information, please contact a circle chair, or me, and we'll find the group that best fits your interests.

Real Women. Real Faith. Real Community.

Kathy Leftwich, President, Central United Women in Faith Unit

What do you know about Armenia?

Want to know more?

Project AGAPE (American Greater Armenian Partnership Efforts) is supported by both North Carolina United Methodist Conferences and has been since 1994. Support for our Christian brothers and sisters in Armenia is still needed especially since the recent invasion by Azerbaijan (which was supported by Turkey) and the loss of their historic land of Artsakh.



Nara Melkonyan, the in-country Director of Project Agape, will be visiting Asheville on June 24. If you are interested in meeting Nara and learning about Armenia and Project AGAPE, please contact Sharon LeDuc skleduc@prodigy.net.

Bishop Carter in his April 2026 Pastoral Letter to the WNCC declared April 26 as Project AGAPE Sunday and churches were asked for support. Although Project AGAPE Sunday has passed, donations are still needed. If you would like to make a monetary donation, it will be used to help the thousands who were displaced by the 2020 war.

Online donations may be made at wnc-reg.brtapp.com/MissionPartnershipDonationProjectAGAPE

Checks should be mailed to WNCC Treasurer. ATTN: Kasey Kelley, P.O. Box 2757, Huntersville, NC, 28070 . Please include "Project AGAPE" in the memo line.

Sunday, May 3, 4:00 p.m.
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, NC

Wednesday, May 13, 2:00 p.m.
Trinity View Assisted Living, Arden, NC*

Wednesday, May 6, 2:00 p.m.
Tryon Estates Retirement Center, Columbus, NC*

Sunday, May 17, 4:00 p.m.
Central United Methodist Church, Asheville, NC

Sunday, May 10, 4:00 p.m.
St. John in the Wilderness, Flat Rock, NC

Monday, May 18, 7:00 p.m.
Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Tryon, NC

* This concert is at a senior facility and residents are given seating priority. Please check with the facility before attending to confirm that the concert is open to the public.

CONTACT US
For information, or to arrange an appearance by the Blue Ridge Ringers, contact: theblueridgeringers@gmail.com, or call Donnie Hatter, 828-577-4297. Find us on the web at blueridgeringers.org, or on Facebook at [facebook.com/theblueridgeringers](https://www.facebook.com/theblueridgeringers). Our concerts are FREE, but donations are gratefully accepted. The Blue Ridge Ringers is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation.

The Blue Ridge Ringers will present a concert at Central on Sunday, May 17 at 4:00pm. Invite your friends and come enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music!

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR GRAND OPENING & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Our New Space!

When: Thursday, May 14

Time: 4-6pm

Address: Haw Creek Commons | 315 Old Haw Creek Rd.

Snacks | Sips | Tunes + More!
Come celebrate with us!

Generously sponsored by:

Dorm Room Sponsor Supply List

Sign up by emailing c4c@centralumc.org

Shop now thru early June. Mid-June deliver dorm room supplies.

All items on the Required list must be provided.

Required Items

- XL Single bed sheets. 2 sets. In student's preferred color
- Blanket. In student's preferred color
- Pillow
- Mattress pad, XL
- Comforter. In student's preferred color
- Towel Sets; towel, hand towel, washcloth. 2 sets. In student's pref color
- Laundry bag
- Laundry pods, small bag
- Dryer sheets, small box
- Waste basket, with trash bags
- Small Lamp with light bulbs
- Fan
- Power strip
- Plastic hangers; 18-24.
- Dish soap (small bottle of)
- Kitchen sponge
- Plate, cup, bowl, cups, utensils (2 each of fork, spoon, knife). Must be non-breakable, light weight, microwaveable.
- Under-bed storage container with lid
- Shower caddy
- 3 drawer organizers. See picture at right.
- Dry-erase wall calendar/board with dry erase markers

Optional items

- Item's from the student's wish list
- Clorox wipes
- Kleenex
- Alarm clock / clock radio
- 3M Command hooks, picture hangers



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Options from \$20.82 - \$41.64

Sterilite 3 Drawer Wide Cart, Clear Plastic Storage Drawers, Wheels Included, Black



DORM SPONSORS STILL NEEDED

Graduation is exciting. College acceptance is a proud moment of accomplishment. For some Asheville High seniors, however, outfitting a dorm room can be stressful.

Congregations for Children (C4C) is seeking sponsors for 20 Asheville High graduating seniors in need who are college-bound. Many are the first in their families to attend college, and all need help with dorm room essentials.

The list of needed supplies is extensive, so consider signing up as a pair, group, Sunday school class, or journey group.

Email c4c@centralumc.org to sign up or for more information.

*You Can Make
A Difference in
Someone's Life!*



Communities Coming Together

Leaders Save Lives Blood Drive Central United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall
27 Church Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Wednesday, June 10, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Scan this QR Code to
schedule your appointment
today!



Central United.

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*"The most beautiful things in life are not things.
They're people and places."*

*To my friends and co-workers at Central United
Methodist Church,*

*I was deeply moved by your love offering and
can't begin to express my heartfelt thanks
to each and everyone of you. Your kindness,
generosity, and thoughtfulness truly touched
my heart, and the love behind it means the
world to me. It is truly a blessing from God to be
surrounded by such wonderful and caring people
and again, my deepest thanks for your faith,
support, and encouragement.*

*From the Heart,
Andie Simpson*

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,
communion set-up, 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. If you are interested in helping to
meet some of these needs, please email me at
drrtsmith@gmail.com.*

~ Robin Smith

Central.United.



Join us after worship at 11:15am in the Fellowship Hall for our Table 2 Table Potluck, where good food and good company come together! Central will provide the chicken, and we invite you to bring a favorite side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share. Whether you love cooking or prefer to pick something up on the way, your presence is what matters most. All are welcome! There is no cost, though donations are welcome to help offset the cost of the meal. Pull up a chair, share a meal, and connect across tables. We can't wait to gather with you!

JOIN US ON MAY 3RD AND JUNE 7TH!

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. An August Newsletter will be mailed at the beginning of August.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this transition.

Stories From Central: Jot & Tittle and July Calendar Submission Deadlines:

July Calendar Submission Deadline - June 12, 2026

August Submission Deadline - July 20, 2026

September/October Submission Deadline - August 20, 2026

November/December Submission Deadline - October 20, 2026

Please send all submissions to: announcements@centralumc.org

CENTRAL AT-A-GLANCE MAY 2026 CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3rd Sunday of Easter 8:45am Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP 11:15am - Table to Table 11:45am - Reconciling Ministries 5:00pm - Youth Group	4 5:45pm - Theology Pub 6:30pm - Brass Rehearsal	5 10am - Eve Circle 10am - Ruth Circle 2pm - Dementia Partners 5pm - Allies for Equity	6 10am - Anna Circle 11am - Centering Prayer 6:30pm - Chancel Choir	7 8am - Thursday Morning Prayer 10am - Circle of Prayer 3pm - Journey Group	1	2
10th Sunday of Easter 8:45am Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP 11:15am New-ish to Central 5:00pm - Youth Group HAPPY Mother's Day!	11 5:45pm - Theology Pub 6:30pm - Brass Rehearsal	12 10am - Deborah Circle 6:30pm - Martha Circle	13 11am - Centering Prayer 6pm - Unnamed Women Circle 6:30pm - Chancel Choir	14 8am - Thursday Morning Prayer 10am - Circle of Prayer	15	16
17th 8:45am Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP 11:30am - Creation Care 5:00pm - Youth Group 9:30 - 11 - Blood Pressure Checks	18 5:45pm - Theology Pub 6:30pm - Brass Rehearsal	19 2pm - Dementia Partners	20 11am - Centering Prayer 6:30pm - Chancel Choir	21 8am - Thursday Morning Prayer 10am - Circle of Prayer	22	23
24th PENTECOST 8:45am Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP 5:00pm - Youth Group	25 MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed 	26	27 11am - Centering Prayer 7pm - Congregational Care Council	28 8am - Thursday Morning Prayer 10am - Circle of Prayer	29	30



CENTRAL AT-A-GLANCE JUNE 2026 CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 31 8:45am Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP 5:00pm - Youth Group	1 5:45pm - Theology Pub	2 10am - Eve Circle 2pm - Dementia Partners 5pm - Allies for Equity	3 10am - Anna Circle 11am - Centering Prayer	4 8am - Thursday Morning Prayer 10am - Circle of Prayer 3pm - Journey Group	5 Annual Broadway Revue! Show-7:00pm	6
7 8:45am Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP 11:15am - Table to Table 11:45am - Reconciling Ministries	8 5:45pm - Theology Pub	9 6:30pm - Martha Circle	10 11am - Centering Prayer 1pm-5:30 Blood Drive 6pm - Unnamed Women Circle	11 8am - Thursday Morning Prayer 10am - Circle of Prayer	12	13
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14 8:45am Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP 11:15am New-ish to Central	15 5:45pm - Theology Pub	16	17 11am - Centering Prayer	18 8am - Thursday Morning Prayer 10am - Circle of Prayer	19	20
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL						
21 8:45am Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP 11:30am - Creation Care 9:30 - 11 - Blood Pressure Checks	22 5:45pm - Theology Pub	23	24 11am - Centering Prayer	25 8am - Thursday Prayer 10am - Circle of Prayer	26	27
ANNUAL CONFERENCE						
28 8:45am Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP	29 5:45pm - Theology Pub	30	CROSS CONNECTION YOUTH MISSION TRIP			

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