



Central United Methodist Church

Our Mission:

To make disciples of Christ who **WORSHIP** God,
GROW in their faith and **SERVE** in the church and world.

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Dr. Tammy Bass, Director of Discipleship
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Please scan the QR code to the left and fill out the connect card to let us know you are worshipping with us and how we can connect you to our ministries.

The Worship of God

August 23, 2026

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Tammy Bass

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying
(United Methodist Hymnal p. 720)
Libby Alexander, organ

J.S. Bach

*Congregational Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

Children's Message

Emily Ousley

Offertory

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

arr. Cherwien

Libby Alexander, organ

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh.
Up, watch with expectation; at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand;
Arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand!

Doxology #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Anthem

*Keep Your Lamps
Trimmed and Burning*

arr. Larson

Chancel Choir
Libby Alexander, piano
Rod Mauney, hand drum and Max Nicholson, upright bass

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't grow weary, children, don't grow weary,
children, don't grow weary, the time is drawing nigh.

Darker midnight lies before us, darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us, the time is drawing nigh.

See the Morning Star arising, see the Morning Star arising,
see the Morning Star arising, the time is drawing nigh.

Now our night will soon be over, our night will soon be over,
yes, our night will soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Scripture Matthew 25: 1-13

Sermon **The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids** Rev. David Lee

*Congregational Hymn TFWS 2153 *I'm Gonna Live
So God Can Use Me*

*Benediction

*Chiming the Trinity

*Postlude The Rejoicing from Handel
"Music for Royal Fireworks" arr. Biggs
Libby Alexander, organ

***Please stand if able**

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

Welcome to Central United Methodist Church! We are grateful you are here and pray that you experience God's love, grace, and presence in worship today. As a "Safe Sanctuary" congregation, we ask that all children always remain accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, including when using the restroom during the service. The restrooms are through the

doors to the right of the chancel stage.

Childcare for infants and preschool-aged children is available in Room E105. If you need hearing devices, large-print Bibles, or large-print hymnals, our users will be happy to assist you.

Write a note to Danny Buckner

There is a note card in the bulletin that is provided for anyone who would like to write Danny Buckner a note for his 20-year anniversary! Marilyn Jack has provided a basket in the front to drop off the note!

Thank You Note:

Special THANK YOU to Marilyn Jack for all she did behind the scenes to make this Sunday extra special!! She has been working for weeks to make sure every detail is perfect and we are lucky to have such a kind heart amongst us! Thank you, Marilyn, for shining your light, we are a brighter world with you in it!



Central UMC Linktree QR Code: Please use this QR Code for Connect Card, Supper Club, Online Giving, Wish List, Meal Train, and all other links!

Prayer Concerns

For this week, please pray for the following:

*All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional.

CUMC Family

1/16 Ollie Anthony
2/8 John Reid
4/25 Becky and Steve Hill
7/25 Perry Anthony - adjusting to life in Cambodia
7/31 Shelley Rempson - recovery from surgery
8/16 John Juba, healing - cancer diagnosis

Family and Friends

3/30 Heidi Bishop Reuschling, sister of West Bishop - Complications from Long Covid
4/1 Parker Campbell deployment, Pilot on Aircraft Carrier to Middle East
4/27 Samantha Burrus, niece of Debbie Powell - breast cancer treatment
6/9 Matt Arey - Cancer
6/14 Turner Morris - rodeo accident, is currently in the hospital
7/15 Tracey Henderson - in the hospital with heart complications
7/19 Joyce Jackson, long-time Open Table guest - recovering from a stroke
7/29 The family of Randy Cook, father of Clint Cook
8/10 Tyler Wray - Open Table volunteer - joining marines. Leaving for Parris Island Aug 18
8/16 Dominic(16) and Angelo Pasour(19), loss of their father

Other

Military & First Responders
Our Homeless Community
Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan
Our Nation, County, and City

Ministry Needs

Below is a list of volunteer and donation needs for some of our ministries:

Backpack Ministry: For August: **Mac N Cheese** Open Table: **Water Bottles**

5th Sunday Combined Adult Sunday School

Join us at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall for a 5th Sunday combined Adult Sunday School. We will be exploring Creative Giving. Tim Sieges and Sallie Craig will be leading us during our time together. All are welcome!

Youth Group Calendar

❖ **Sunday 8/23 -**

Youth Group - 5-6pm

❖ **Sunday 8/30 -**

Sunday School - Pioneer Coffee - 9am

Youth Group - Youth Pool Party with Aldersgate at Shannon King's - Time TBA

Help Stock Open Table's Toiletry Shelf

Our Open Table guests frequently request basic toiletries, and our supplies are running low. You can help by donating:

- Travel-size shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Feminine hygiene products

Help Support Kids Place Preschool!

Kids Place is preparing for the 2026–2027 school year, beginning August 31! Our Open House will be held on August 26.

Here are three ways you can support this important ministry:

- Pray for our students, families, and teachers.
- Purchase classroom supplies needed from our Amazon Wish List.
- **Donate to the Kids Place Scholarship Fund, which is helping two families with tuition assistance. Please mark donations "Kids Place Scholarship."**
 - **We need a total of \$2400 for the school year – that is \$135 per student per month. We are currently 4.17% to that goal. Please choose Kids Place Scholarship when giving online.**



Scan the QR code for linktree. Thank you for helping Kids Place provide children with a strong academic and faith-filled foundation!

One Final Sunday of Mural Painting!

This Sunday is our final opportunity for congregational mural painting! We invite everyone to stop by after worship, see the mural in progress, and add your own touch to this special project. No artistic experience is needed, just a willingness to participate!

Thank you to everyone who has painted, encouraged, organized, and contributed over the past several weeks. Your participation has made this mural a true reflection of what can happen when our church family comes together to create something beautiful.

Following Sunday's painting session, the mural will be taken away for a couple of weeks so the final details can be completed. **Once it is finished, we look forward to revealing it to the congregation and celebrating what we created together!**

Last Day to Register for Central Supper Clubs!

Today, August 23, is the final day to register for Central Supper Clubs!

Each Supper Club includes approximately

5–6 couples—or a similar-sized group of adults—who meet once a month for dinner. Groups may take turns hosting in their homes or choose to gather at local restaurants.



Don't miss your chance to participate! Scan the QR code or visit the link below to register today. New groups will be announced next Sunday, August 30.



Sign-Up Form: Linktree QR Code above

<https://forms.gle/otn3mkKdex859Xhn6>

Supporting Shelley Rempson, Kids Place Director, During Her Recovery

Shelley Rempson underwent major surgery on July 31st and is on the road to a long recovery. **A Meal Train has been organized** to support Shelley and her family during her recovery. **If you would like to provide a meal, please visit [Shelley's Meal Train](#) or scan QR code.** Please continue to keep Shelley and her family in your **prayers**.



Fall Discipleship Opportunities

This fall, grow in faith and community through one of these discipleship opportunities at Central. All are welcome! Stay tuned for start dates

Wednesday Night Book Study: Field Notes for the Wilderness

Wednesdays | 5:15–6:00 PM

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study – Started 8/20

Thursdays | 9:30 AM

Men's Saturday Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount

First and Third Saturdays | 8:00 AM

Upcoming Discovery Class

Sunday, September 27th | After Service

Location - Fellowship Hall

Taught by Pastor David Lee

The Discovery Class is an opportunity to learn more about the United Methodist Church and particularly, Central UMC. Anyone interested in joining Central should attend the class. Our next Discovery Class will be offered on Sunday, September 27th, in the Fellowship Hall right after the church service. A light lunch is served, so please let Tammy Bass know if you are planning to attend. It will last about 2 hours. A nursery is available upon request.



Pumpkin Painting at the Livermush Festival

Saturday, October 17 • 9:00 am–4:00 pm

Volunteers are needed!

Contact Leigh Mabry

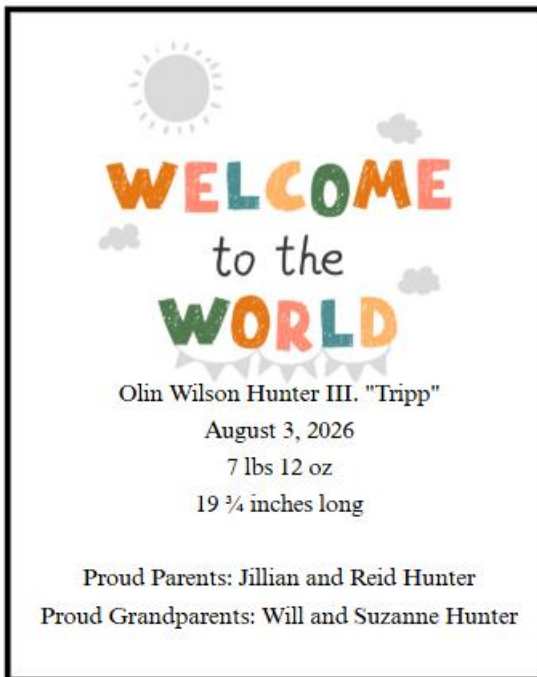
(704) 472-1110 to sign up

for a 2-hour shift.

Help us make this annual event a success!



***** Caroline Scism
needs five more
volunteers, please reach
out to Caroline to help!!**



O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing 3001



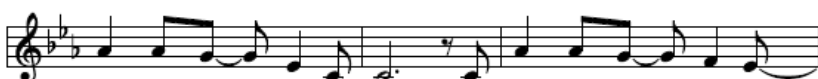
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 (4. He) speaks, and listen - ing to _ his voice, new
 (5. Hear) him, ye deaf; his praise, _ ye dumb, your



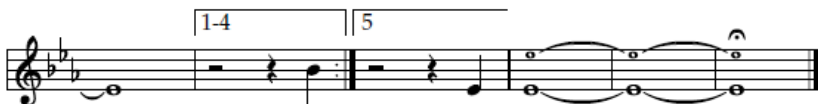
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glo - ries of my God _ and King, the
 spread through all the earth _ a - broad the
 mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis
 mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts _ re - joice, the
 blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come, and



tri - umphs of his grace, _ the tri - umphs of his grace! _
 hon - ors of thy name, _ the hon - ors of thy name. _
 life, and health, and peace, _ 'tis life, and health, and peace. _
 hum - ble poor be - lieve, _ the hum - ble poor be - lieve. _
 leap, ye lame, for joy, _ and leap, ye lame, for joy, _



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 — 5. Hear

for joy! _____

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