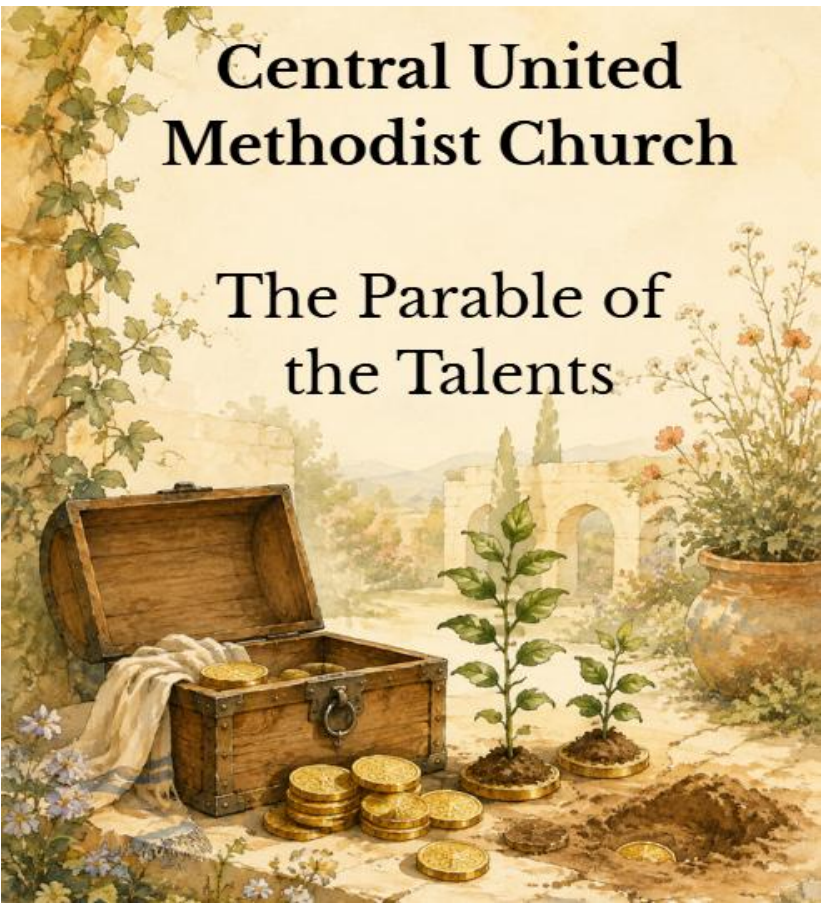


Central United Methodist Church

The Parable of the Talents



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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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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 30, 2026

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Tammy Bass

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Kim

*Congregational Hymn

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

Keeley Benfield

Offertory

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Lowe

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

Beautiful Things

Praise Ensemble

Gungor

arr. Barker

All this pain. I wonder if I'll ever find my way?
I wonder if my life could really change at all?
All this earth. Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?

You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of us.

All around, hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos, life is being found in You.
You make me new, You are making me new.

Scripture

Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon

The Parable of the Talents

Rev. David Lee

*Congregational Hymn TFWS 2153 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

*Benediction

*Chiming the Trinity

*Postlude *Trumpet Tune on "O Worship the King"* arr. Aber
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.



Central UMC Linktree QR Code: Please use this QR Code for Connect Card, 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 and Terri 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
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
8/22 Rick Mann, brother of Elaine Mann recovery from fall

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**

Youth Group Calendar

Youth Council Meeting Sunday 9/13 after church in the conference room

- ❖ **Sunday 8/30**
Sunday School 9am – Pioneer Coffee
Pool Party w/Aldersgate 2-5pm Snacks & Drinks provided
- ❖ **Sunday 9/6**
Sunday School 9am – Pioneer Coffee
NO YOUTH – Labor Day Weekend
- ❖ **Sunday 9/13**
Sunday School 9am – Pioneer Coffee
Youth 5-7pm (Youth worship at 5, Meal at 5:30, Youth 6-7)
- ❖ **Sunday 9/20**
Sunday School 9am – Pioneer Coffee
Youth 5-7pm
- ❖ **Sunday 9/27**
Sunday School 9am – Pioneer Coffee
Youth 5-7pm

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!

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.



🎃 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.

A Sacred Space in the Heart of Central: The Story of Our Prayer Garden and Columbarium

Approximately twenty-five years ago, several dedicated members of Central recognized a need within our church and congregation. They envisioned creating a Prayer Garden and Columbarium—a peaceful, sacred space where members could honor and remember loved ones. With the blessing of the Trustees, Kitty Williams, Marilyn Henshaw, and Bill Henshaw began exploring the possibilities for such a project.

In 2005, the Trustees and Church Council approved the construction of the Prayer Garden and Columbarium in the area between the Education Building and the Sanctuary Building. Today, this space has become a beautiful, peaceful, and sacred place for reflection, remembrance, and prayer.

Members or their family may choose to inurn their loved ones in one of the Columbarium niches or place a memorial plaque on the Memorial Wall.

The Columbarium and Prayer Garden are lovingly maintained by volunteers who care for the plants, place fresh flowers or greenery in the vase each week, and keep the area beautiful and tidy.

Our Columbarium is self supportive from the sale of niches and memorial plaques, as well as memorials and honorariums.

This special place is one of the many meaningful and vital areas of Central. If you are interested in purchasing a niche or memorial plaque for yourself or a loved one, please contact the church secretary for more information.



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: September 2

Field Notes for the Wilderness

Wednesdays | 5:15–6:00 PM

Facilitated by Tammy Hollifield

Field Notes for the Wilderness: Practices for an Evolving Faith by Sarah Bessey is a nurturing and hopeful book that helps Christians reconnect with their faith, pursue inner healing, and build spiritual community.

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study – September 10 - October 15

Thursdays | 9:30 AM

"Messy People" by Jennifer Coward

Facilitated by Jessica Talbert,

for more info call Jessica at 704-692-3441.

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

First and Third Saturdays | 8:00 AM

All men are invited to join this in-depth study of Matthew 5–7. The group meets on the first and third Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM, before Open Table.

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.



SERMON NOTES

LISTEN · REFLECT · RESPOND

DATE _____ SCRIPTURE _____

SERMON TITLE _____

ONE THING I WANT TO REMEMBER

