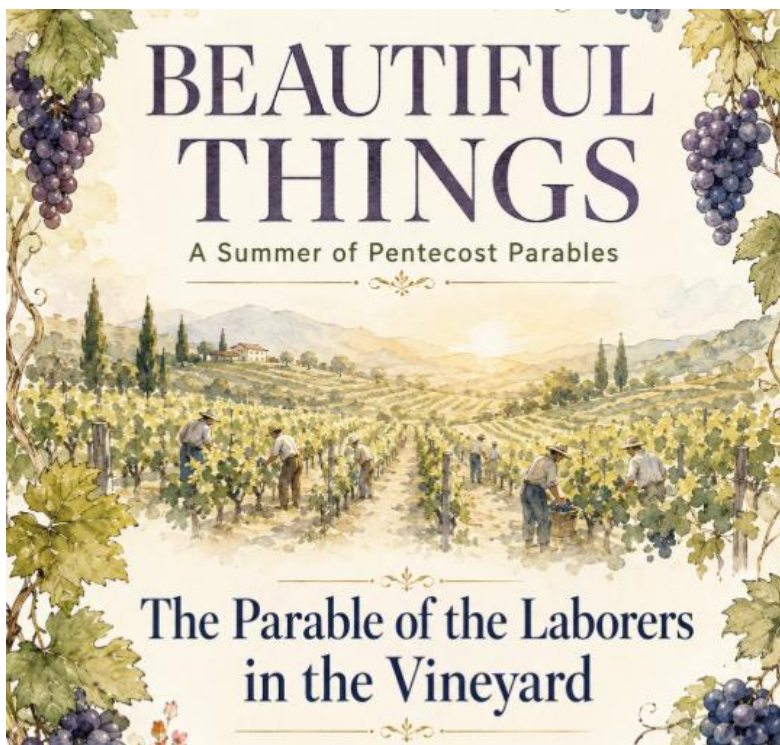




Central United Methodist Church

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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The Worship of God

August 9, 2026

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Tammy Bass

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

"There Is Now A New Creation"

arr. Johnson

Libby Alexander, organ

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,
Peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

Call the lost and found teacher; tell the news to everyone:
now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.

Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child.
All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.

Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast;
Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.

*Congregational Hymn

This Is Amazing Grace

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

Caroline Scism

Offertory

The Voice Of God Is Calling

arr. Martin

Libby Alexander, organ

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

His Mercy Is More

Papa and Boswell

Praise Ensemble

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Scripture

Matthew 20: 1-16

Sermon

**The Parable of the Laborers
in the Vineyard**

Rev. David Lee

*Congregational Hymn UMH 581

*Lord, Whose Love Through
Humble Service*

*Benediction

*Postlude

Gothic Processional
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Cooman

***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.

Restrooms are located down the hall on the right at the back of the worship space and through the doors on the right-hand side of the worship space as you face the front. 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.

Beautiful Things: A Summer of Pentecost Parables

This Sunday, our Beautiful Things series continues as Rev. David Lee shares "The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard," based on Matthew 20:1–16. Together, we will explore this powerful parable about God's abundant generosity, unexpected grace, and a kingdom that challenges our ideas of fairness.

Help Bring Our *Beautiful Things* Mural to Life!

Everyone is invited to participate! Sign-up sheets are available at the front of the sanctuary following worship. Choose one of our two remaining painting Sundays:

 **August 16 – Warm Reds & Corals**

 **August 23 – Blues & Purples**

Whether you are an experienced artist or have never picked up a paintbrush, there is a place for you. Together, we will create something that reflects both the beauty of God's creation and the beauty of our church family.

We hope you'll join us as we watch God make something beautiful—one brushstroke at a time!

Sunday, August 16, 10:00am Worship

"Blessing of the Backpacks"

School children, teachers, and school staff are invited to *bring their bookbags, briefcases and themselves* for a special "Blessing of the Backpacks" for the new school year during 10:00am worship.

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

6/25 Ed Winder | knee replacement

7/25 Perry Anthony | adjusting to life in Cambodia

7/31 Shelley Rempson | recovery from surgery

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

7/28 The family of Allison Durbin | Karin Cook's sister

7/29 The family of Randy Cook

Other

Military & First Responders

Our Homeless Community

Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan

Central UMC Ministry Opportunities



This QR code will take you to a comprehensive list of opportunities to be involved and serve at Central. Check out the list! You will be proud of all that Central does to make a difference in people's lives! Find a place to serve! As you find your place to serve, help new people find the information and a place to plug in! Together we shine the bright light of Christ!

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**

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

Summer travelers are especially encouraged to bring home unused hotel amenities!

Donations may be placed on the shelf outside the church office or dropped off in the PAC.

Thank you for helping us love and care for our neighbors!

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."

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to view our Wish List. Thank you for helping Kids Place provide children with a strong academic and faith-filled foundation!

WISH LIST INFORMATION:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3V4LOCXO4GUZR?ref=wl_list_1





*****If you would like to volunteer to help with the event or prepare food, please let Caroline Scism know.*****



Central Supper Club Registration Is Open!

Central Supper Clubs are returning this fall! After a wonderful first year filled with shared meals, meaningful conversations, and new friendships, we're excited to gather around the table again.

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.

Whether you've been part of Central for years or are looking for a way to connect with new friends, Supper Clubs offer a fun and relaxed way to build community beyond Sunday mornings.

Registration is open through August 23! Scan the QR code or visit the link below to sign up. New groups will be announced on August 30.

Sign-Up Form:

<https://forms.gle/otn3mkKdex859Xhn6>



**Supporting Shelley Rempson, our Kids Place Director,
During Her Recovery**

Shelley Rempson underwent major surgery on July 31st and is expected to return home this week. 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](#). Please continue to keep Shelley and her family in your prayers during this time.

Website and QR Code: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/r8z08w>



↑ Scan me!

Sermon Notes