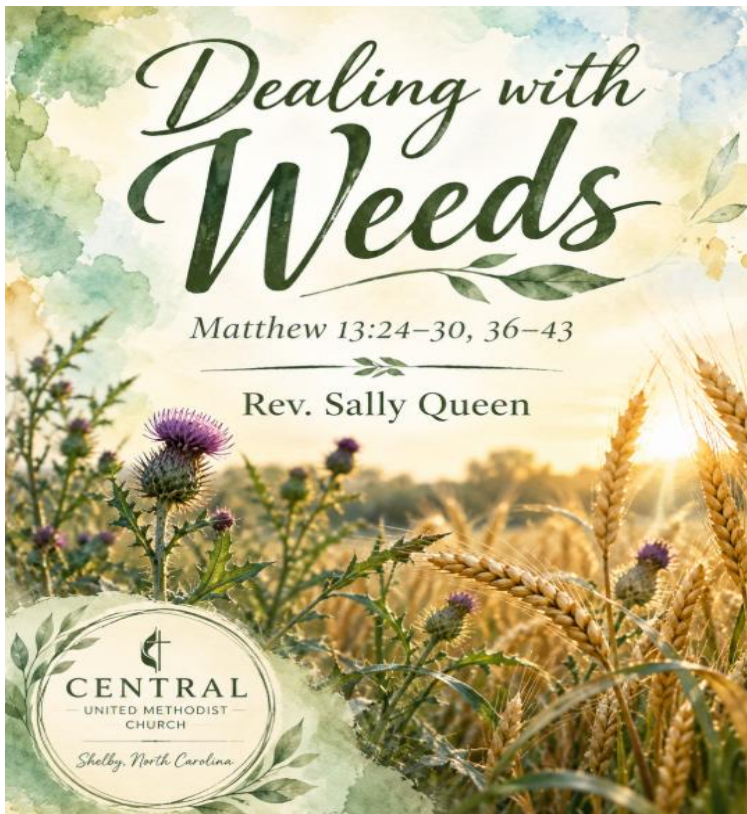




Central United Methodist Church

Our Mission:

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

Rev. David Lee, Pastor
Dr. Tammy Bass, Director of Discipleship
Caroline Scism, Director of Children Ministries
Danny Buckner, Director of Music Ministries
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The Worship of God

July 19, 2026

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Tammy Bass

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy
Libby Alexander, piano

arr. Forrest

*Congregational Hymn

Morning Has Broken

**Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

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

Ann Anthony

Offertory

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart
Libby Alexander, piano

arr. House

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.**

Congregational Song

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside. (Refrain)**

Scripture

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon

Dealing with Weeds

Rev. Sally Queen

*Congregational Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.**

**We go to be the hands of Christ
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life
to do the loving deed.**

**Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
We go in Jesus' name.**

*Benediction

*Postlude

Lift High the Lord, Our Banner
Libby Alexander, piano

arr. Tornquist

*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 ushers will be happy to assist you.

Welcome, Rev. Sally W. Queen!

Today we are honored to welcome Rev. Sally W. Queen, District Superintendent of the Catawba Valley District, as she leads us in worship during our Summer Guest Speaker Series. We are grateful for her faithful leadership in the Western North Carolina Conference and are thankful she is sharing God's Word with us this morning.

Please join us in giving Rev. Queen a warm Central welcome!

Special Guest Speaker – Next Sunday, July 26

Join us next Sunday as we welcome **Rev. Evan McElreath** as our guest preacher while Pastor David Lee concludes his vacation.

Rev. McElreath is a United Methodist Elder with experience serving congregations, community ministries, and nonprofit organizations across the country. He and his wife, Katie, along with their daughter Rosie, recently moved to Shelby and have been worshiping with our Central family.

We look forward to welcoming Rev. McElreath and hope you'll join us for this special morning of worship on Sunday, July 26.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Evan McElreath

 SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

 10:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE
in the Fellowship Hall

 SCRIPTURE:
ROMANS 8:26-39 (NRSVUE)

 SERMON TITLE:
"Too tired to believe."

 We look forward to a meaningful morning of worship, hope, and encouragement together!

Get to Know Rev. Evan McElreath

The Rev. Evan McElreath is a United Methodist Elder whose clergy membership is held in the New England Annual Conference. He grew up in Ashleboro and is a graduate of Appalachian State University and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Evan has served congregations in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont and has also worked with churches and community ministries in Georgia. His experience includes pastoral ministry, outreach, nonprofit leadership, and camp and retreat ministry.

He most recently served as Executive Director of Wanakee, a United Methodist camp in New Hampshire.

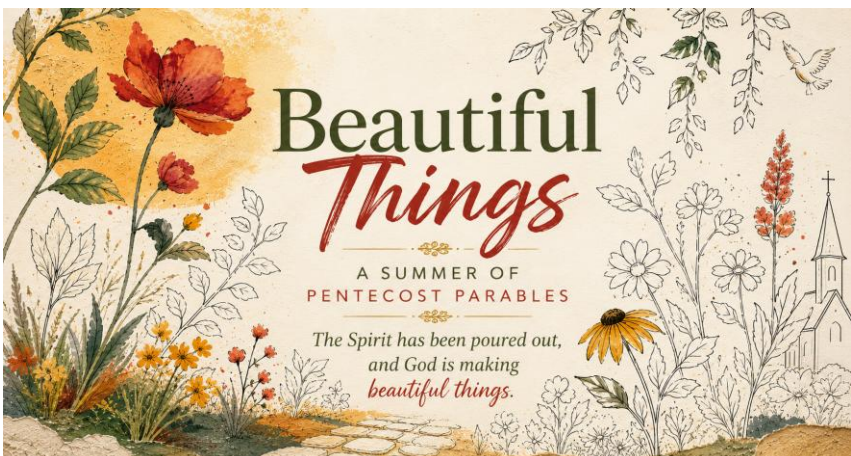
Evan, his wife Katie, and their daughter Rosie have been worshipping with Central UMC since moving to Shelby this spring.

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Beautiful Things: A Summer of Pentecost Parables

Two more Sundays until we pick back up on our summer series Beautiful Things. Enjoy our second of three guests speakers while Pastor Lee is on vacation.



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, July 22nd)

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)

6/9 Randy Cook, Father of Clint Cook, health issues awaiting heart surgery

6/14 Turner Morris, rodeo accident, is currently in the hospital

7/6 Allison Durbin, Karin Cook's sister, in Hospice Care in Forest City

7/15 Tracey Henderson, in the hospital with heart complications

Other

Youth on Mission Trip

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 July: **cheese/peanut butter crackers**

Open Table: **Water Bottles**

Youth Events

Youth Mission Trip to KC

July 18-25th

SAVE THE DATE!!

Sunday 8/2 – 3pm to 6pm

Back to School Pool Party

And Potluck with Aldersgate at

Shannon King's

Thank you Notes:

To our church family,

Reid and I are beyond grateful for your incredible generosity and kindness. We feel so blessed by the love, prayers, thoughtful baby gifts, and encouraging words you've shared with us. Your support has meant more than we can express.

Knowing that our children will grow up at Central, surrounded by such a loving and faithful community, is an incredible blessing. Thank you for celebrating this special season with us and for showering our family with so much love.

We love each of you and can't wait for Baby Hunter to meet everyone this August!

Love,

Jillian & Reid Hunter



Thank You for Supporting Kindness Bags!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the Kindness Bags fundraiser! Because of your generosity, **\$515** was raised—more than halfway to the amount needed to provide Kindness Bags for one semester. These bags provide a change of clothes for elementary students who experience an unexpected accident at school, helping them return to class with confidence and dignity. Donations are still being accepted through LeeAnne McDowell or online through the church website. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of children in our community!

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, and 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!

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!



Getting to Know

Rev. Sally W. Queen

GUEST PREACHER
SUNDAY, JULY 19

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We are blessed to welcome Rev. Sally Queen to Central United Methodist Church today as part of our Summer Guest Speaker Series.



*Called to lead.
Called to serve.* ♥



DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
Rev. Sally W. Queen serves as the District Superintendent for the Catawba Valley District.



FAITHFUL LEADER
She has served in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference since 2003.



PASTORAL EXPERIENCE
Before becoming District Superintendent, Sally spent 9 years as the Senior Pastor of Myers Mercorial United Methodist Church in Gaston County.



EDUCATION
Sally holds degrees from Meredith College and Duke University.



FAMILY
Sally is married to Kevin and they are proud parents of 3 daughters: Ella (Freshman at UNCW), Mattie (Freshman at University of Richmond), and Kate (8th grade).



BEYOND MINISTRY
When she's not working, you can find Sally supporting her girls on the college campus, volleyball court, soccer field, or in a musical auditorium.



PASSIONS
Sally is passionate about faith, family, community, and encouraging others in their walk with Christ.

"I planted the seed, Apollon watered it, but God has been making it grow."
1 Corinthians 3:6

Please join us in giving
Rev. Sally Queen
a warm Central welcome! ♥



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