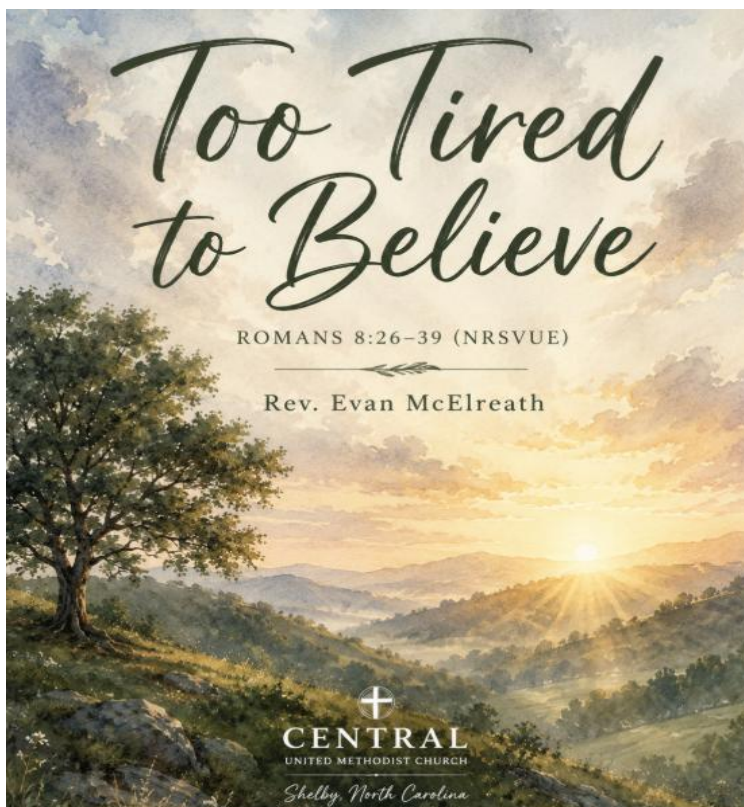




Central United Methodist Church

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

July 26, 2026

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Tammy Bass

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Libby Alexander, piano

arr. Berry

*Congregational Hymn *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.**

**In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.**

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

Donna Boggs

Offertory

Since I Have Been Redeemed
Libby Alexander, piano

arr. Forrest

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

This Is My Father's World

arr. Shepperd

Chancel Choir

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

Scripture

Romans 8:26–39

Sermon

Too Tired to Believe

Rev. Evan McElreath

*Congregational Hymn

Bind Us Together

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord
Bind us together in Love**

**There is only one God,
There is only one King
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing.**

*Benediction

*Postlude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Libby Alexander, piano

arr. Pethel

*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.

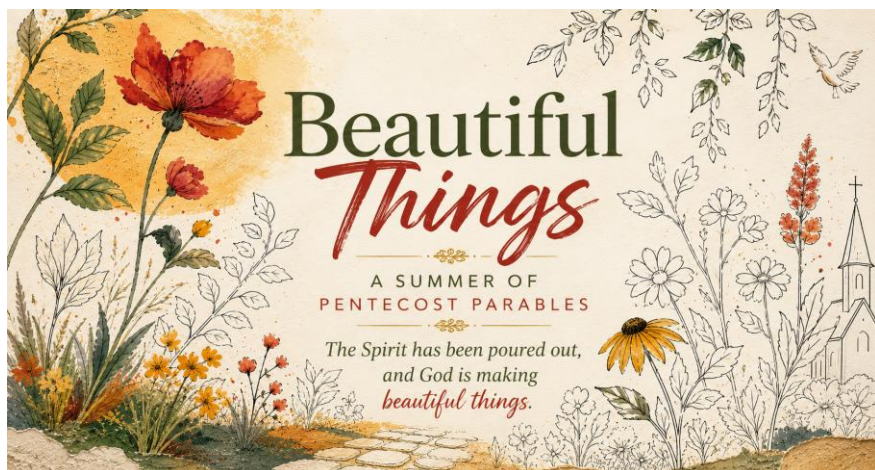
Restrooms are located down the hall on the right at the back of the worship space and through the doors on the right-hand side of the worship space as you face the front. Childcare for infants and preschool-aged children is available in Room E105. If you need hearing devices, large-print Bibles, or large-print hymnals, our users will be happy to assist you.

Welcome, Rev. Evan McElreath!

Today we are delighted to welcome Rev. Evan McElreath as our guest preacher while Pastor David Lee concludes his vacation. Evan and his wife, Katie, along with their daughter Rosie, recently made Shelby their home and have become part of the Central UMC family. We are grateful for the opportunity to worship together and to hear the message God has placed on his heart. Thank you, Rev. McElreath, for sharing God's Word with us this morning. Please join us in giving him a warm Central welcome!

Beautiful Things: A Summer of Pentecost Parables

One more Sunday until we pick back up our summer series Beautiful Things. Enjoy our final guest speaker today!!



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 recovery

7/21 Shelly Rempson, upcoming surgery July 31st

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

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

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

7/20 Randy Cook, Father of Clint Cook, Hospice Care

7/19 Joyce Jackson, long-time Open Table guest, recovering from a stroke

Other

Military & First Responders

Our Homeless Community

Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan

Our Nation, County, and City

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!



Youth Events
Youth Mission Trip to KC
RETURNED YESTERDAY!!

SAVE THE DATE!!
Sunday 8/2 – 3pm to 6pm
Back to School Pool Party
And Potluck with Aldersgate at
Shannon King's



Bring the whole family for a fun morning of mini golf and fellowship on
Saturday, August 8th, from 11:00 am–12:30 pm at Hangtime Golf
Shelby, formerly Challenger 3, located at 1650 N. Post Road.
Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children.
Please bring your own lunch and drinks to enjoy during our family picnic.
Concessions will also be available for purchase.
We hope you'll join us!



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**

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!



 Central Supper Clubs Return This Fall!
One of Central's newest traditions is back!

After a wonderful first year filled with laughter, meaningful conversation, and new friendships, Central Supper Clubs is returning this fall. Last year, nearly 80 people gathered in small groups throughout the year to share meals, build relationships, and enjoy fellowship beyond Sunday mornings and we're excited to do it again!

Each Supper Club is made up of approximately 5–6 couples (or a similar-sized group of adults) who meet once a month for dinner, taking turns hosting or choosing a local restaurant. Whether you've been part of Central for years or are looking to connect with new friends, Supper Clubs is a fun and relaxed way to grow in community.

Sign-ups open August 2 and continue through August 23.

New groups will be released on August 30th.

Be watching for more information next week on how to join!

"Where friends gather around food and faith."