



Central United Methodist Church

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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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card to let us know you are worshipping with us and how we
can connect you to our ministries.

The Worship of God

July 5, 2026

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Tammy Bass

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

arr. Fettke

Libby Alexander, piano

Call to Worship

We gather to worship God with our full, imperfect selves.

We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

We gather as people who don't always know what to do
in the face of difficult and complex circumstances.

We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

We gather as people who desire to follow God with our actions
but struggle to connect what we want to do with what we
actually do.

We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

Whether you come to worship today wondering if there is
anything good left in the world or rejoicing in the small moments
of goodness that remind you grace is still at work among us,
you are welcome here.

**We come to delight in the law of God, whose grace shows
us how to live, work, play, and rest as a community of
faith woven together by Love. Amen**

*Congregational Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing

**Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal: the poor and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.**

Chorus:

(Choir) We sing for all of the world!

(Congregation) We sing for all of the world!

(All) We sing for all of the world!

**Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer: the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.**

Chorus

**Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with one accord: with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.**

Chorus

**With us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.**

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 Laney

Offertory

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Alex-Zsolt

Libby Alexander, piano

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

Roll Down, Justice!

Miller

Chancel Choir

There's a voice, strong and clear, ringing out far and near
"Let justice roll down, let justice roll down!"
Like the rush of a stream comes a powerful dream.
Let justice roll down, justice rolls down!

Let the earth be restored, every soul be reformed;
Let the healing renew, creation reborn.
Here in this sacred space with the strength of God's grace
Let justice roll down, justice rolls down!

Roll down, justice! Roll like an ever-flowing stream.
Roll down! Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever-flowing stream, flowing stream. Roll down!

On this glorious day, give us courage we pray
that justice rolls down, let justice roll down!
Let the vision take flight and God will delight
as water roll down, justice abounds!

Scripture

Luke 10: 25-37

Sermon

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Pastor David Lee

Holy Communion

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites us to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Congregational Hymn *O God of Every Nation*
**O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.**

**From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.**

**Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.**

*Benediction

*Chiming the Trinity

*Postlude *For the Healing of the Nations* Handel/Hughes
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 Sanctuaries congregation, we ask that all children always remain accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, including when using the restroom during the service.

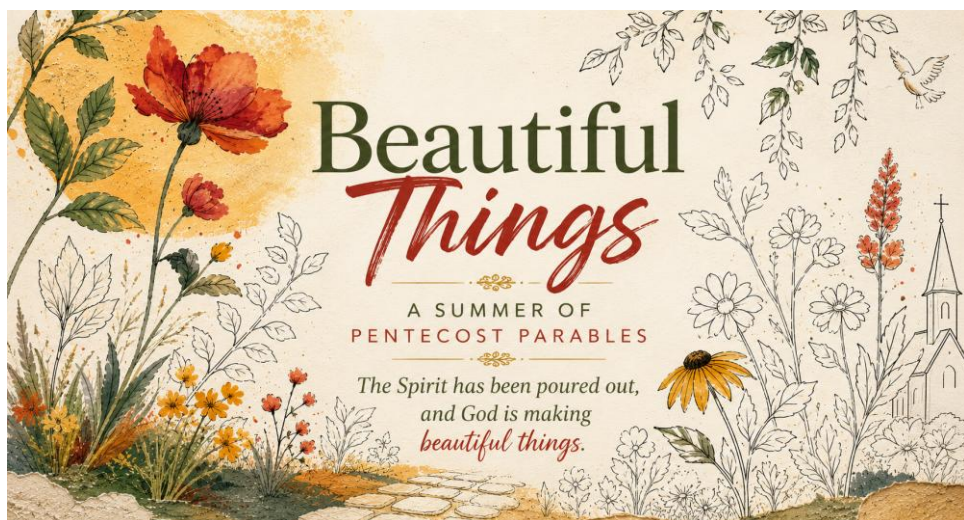
Restrooms: For your convenience, the women's restroom is located down the hallway through the back entrance, with the first door on the right. The men's restroom is located through the doors to the right of the worship area in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare for infants and preschool-aged children is available in Room E105. If you need hearing devices, large-print Bibles, or large-print hymnals, our ushers will be happy to assist you.

Beautiful Things: A Summer of Pentecost Parables

Our summer journey continues this week with Jesus' Parable of the Good Samaritan (*Luke 10:25–37*), where we are reminded that loving our neighbor begins with seeing one another through the eyes of compassion.

In God's kingdom, ordinary acts of mercy become extraordinary expressions of grace.

Our theme for the summer remains: **"The Spirit has been poured out, and God is making beautiful things."** As the season unfolds, watch for signs of God's beautiful work taking shape among us—one story, one act of kindness, and one step of faith at a time.



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

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!



Save the DATES: Please pay special attention to all the exciting events coming this summer at CUMC!

Next Sunday – Special Guest Speaker Rev. Jonathan Brake

Make plans now to join us on Sunday, July 12, as we welcome Rev. Jonathan Brake, Eco-Missions & Creation Care Coordinator for the Western North Carolina Conference, for a special morning of learning and worship.

At 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Rev. Brake will present **"The Community of All Creation,"** an engaging look at the United Methodist Social Principles and how our faith speaks to topics such as creation care, environmental stewardship, food justice, sustainable practices, and our responsibility to care for God's world.

During our 10:00 a.m. worship service, Rev. Brake will preach **"What Are We Doing Here?"** based on Genesis 2:4-9, inviting us to reflect on God's purpose for humanity and our calling to be faithful stewards of creation.

This is a unique opportunity to learn from a conference leader and deepen your understanding of our faith. Everyone middle school aged and older is invited to the 9:00 a.m. presentation. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful morning and invite a friend!



JOIN US

SUNDAY, JULY 12

A Morning of

LEARNING & WORSHIP

ALL ARE WELCOME!

9:00 AM
SPECIAL PRESENTATION
"The Community of All Creation"
Exploring the United Methodist Social Principles and our call to care for God's creation.

10:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE
"What Are We Doing Here?"
Genesis 2:4-9

GUEST SPEAKER
Rev. Jonathan Brake
Eco-Missions & Creation Care Coordinator
Western North Carolina Conference

DID YOU KNOW?
Many United Methodists are not aware of the church's official positions on important issues such as creation care, climate change, fossil fuels, environmental racism, sustainable practices, food justice, caring for all creatures, and more!

This will be educational, engaging, and inspiring!
Everyone middle school age and up is invited!

ABOUT REV. JONATHAN BRAKE
Rev. Brake has served churches across North Carolina and is a passionate leader in creation care, sustainability, and faith-based action. He helped launch the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement and previously served with the General Board of Global Ministries as Environmental Sustainability Program Manager. He now serves the Western NC Conference as Eco-Missions & Creation Care Coordinator and as Missions Pastor at First UMC Hickory. He and his wife, Alisa, live in Hickory, NC.

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Growing in faith. Caring for creation. Making a difference.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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**

Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 14 | 2:00–6:30 p.m.

Beat the heat and help save lives!

Join us for our next Red Cross Blood Drive.

Our last drive exceeded our goal!

 37 units collected (goal: 29)

 3 first-time donors

Let's do it again! **Schedule your appointment today at**
redcrossblood.org.



Pumpkin Painting at the Livermush Festival

Saturday, October 17 • 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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!

Blessing Bag Fundraiser

We will be having a fundraiser on **July 9th in the Fellowship Hall**. More information will be sent out in the next few days!

Youth Events

Sunday 7/5

☕ Sunday School 9am Pioneer Coffee
No Youth (4th of July weekend 🌟)

Saturday 7/11

Youth Trip to Sliding Rock

*leaving around 9:30am - **details to come**

Sunday 7/12

Sunday School in FELLOWSHIP HALL -

GUEST Speaker!!

No youth in evening

Youth Mission Trip to KC

July 18-25th



Join Us in Welcoming

Rev. Sally Queen

GUEST PREACHER
SUNDAY, JULY 19

A Warm Welcome &
A NEW PERSPECTIVE



Rev. Sally W. Queen is the District Superintendent for the Catawba Valley District.

Sally has served in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference since 2003; before becoming DS, she spent 9 years as the Senior Pastor of Myers Memorial United Methodist Church in Gaston County.

Sally holds degrees from Meredith College and Duke University.

She is married to Kevin and they have 3 daughters: Ella (a Freshman at UNCW), Mattie (a Freshman at University of Richmond) and Kate (8th grade).

When Sally is not working, she can be found supporting her girls on their college campus, volleyball court, soccer field, or in a musical auditorium.

Their family enjoys traveling together and cheering for Duke basketball.



District Superintendent
Catawba Valley District



Serving in the
Western North Carolina
Annual Conference
since 2003



Wife to Kevin &
proud mom of
3 daughters



Passionate about
faith, family, community
& encouraging others



We are delighted to welcome Rev. Sally W. Queen, District Superintendent of the Catawba Valley District, to Central United Methodist Church on **Sunday, July 19**, as she leads us in worship while Pastor David is away.

Rev. Queen brings years of faithful ministry, thoughtful leadership, and a deep love for the Church. We are grateful for the opportunity to hear her message and experience a fresh perspective rooted in faith, grace, and hope. We invite you to join us as we extend a warm Central welcome and worship together on this special Sunday.



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A Special Sunday Together

While Pastor David enjoys a well-deserved time away, we are excited to welcome **Rev. Sally W. Queen**, District Superintendent of the Catawba Valley District, to lead us in worship on **Sunday, July 19**.

Rev. Queen has faithfully served churches across Western North Carolina for more than two decades and brings with her a heart for ministry, leadership, and the people of the United Methodist Church. We look forward to hearing the message God has placed on her heart and invite everyone to join us as we welcome her to Central. We know this will be a meaningful morning of worship and encouragement for our congregation.

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