



# 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  
Graduate Sunday**

May 17, 2026

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Caroline Scism

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Payne

\*Congregational Hymn

*Cornerstone*

Presentation of Graduates

Presentation of Scholarships

Presentation of Bibles

Blessing of Graduates

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

Emily Ousley

Legacy Recognition

Jim Morgan

Offertory

*Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*  
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Quehl

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

*Anthem of Faithfulness*  
Chancel Choir

Cabaniss

Scripture

John 15: 1-13

Sermon

**After Easter: Abide in Me**

Rev. David Lee

\*Congregational Hymn

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

\*Benediction

\*Chiming the Trinity

\*Postlude

*Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet*  
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Carter

\*Please stand if able

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in memory of Jo  
Scruggs by J.T. Scruggs and family*

### **Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!**

Visitors are invited to visit the Welcome Table for a free gift and additional information about Central United Methodist Church. We are glad you are here!



We are excited to celebrate and congratulate ALL our  
**2026** graduates!

#### **High School Graduates:**

**Zoe Rempson**  
**LeeAnne McDowell**  
**Ethan Ledford**  
**Mitchell Maxwell**  
**Brooke Bolin**

## **College Graduates:**

**Emma Kathryn Buckner** - Bachelors of Music in Commercial Fiddle Performance, Summa Cum Laude - Belmont University

**Zee Rempson** - Bachelors in Nursing - University of Tennessee

**Zanna Rempson** - Bachelors in Early Childhood Education – Appalachian State University

**Hattie Hensley** - Biomedical Engineering - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Rayney Maxwell** – Bachelors in Chemistry, Bachelors in Earth & Environmental Science, and a Minor Biology, Summa Cum Laude - University of North Carolina at Charlotte

## **Graduate School**

**Rebekah Bass** – Masters in Public Health - George Washington University

## **Pentecost Sunday & New Members**

Join us on **Sunday, May 24**, as we celebrate Pentecost, a powerful reminder of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. We invite everyone to wear red as a symbol of the Spirit's presence and movement among us.

This will also be a special day in the life of our church as we welcome new members into our Central family. It is always a joy to celebrate the ways God continues to grow our congregation and draw people into community.

As we reflect on Christ's ascension and the promise of the Holy Spirit, we give thanks for both the rich history of our faith and the new life unfolding here at Central. We hope you will join us for this meaningful and joy-filled Sunday!

## **CUMC Outdoor Worship Service**

Join us on **Sunday, May 31st**, for a special outdoor worship service at 10:00 AM on the Court Square. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather in the heart of our community for worship and fellowship.

Following the service, we'll enjoy a picnic meal together. The church will provide fried chicken, and we invite each family to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

Please note that there will be no Sunday School that morning. We hope you'll make plans to join us for this meaningful and joy-filled day!

## **Ministry Needs**

Below is a list of volunteer and donation needs for some of our ministries:

Backpack Ministry: For April: **Mac N Cheese Cups**

Open Table: **Paper Towels**

## **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

4/12 Hollifield Family: Dennis, Tammy's Husband, GAVE Disease; Alex, Tammy and Dennis' Daughter, GTN Cancer and chemotherapy treatment

4/25 Becky and Steve Hill

5/5 Bob Yelton(Rehab)

### **Family and Friends**

3/30 Heidi Bishop Reuschling, sister of West Bishop (Complications from Long Covid)

4/1 Cindy, Krista Stephenson's Mother (Terminal Health Concerns)

4/1 Deployment of Parker Campbell, USA Pilot of Aircraft Carrier to Middle East

4/7 Azreal is one of our Open Table volunteers. Azrael's mom, Raven, is starting chemo this week

4/19 The family of Jimmie Jolley, father of Dan Jolley (father-in-law of Holly Jolley)

4/22 The family of Shirley Groll, grandmother of Katie Bowers

4/27 Samantha Burrus, niece of Debbie Powell, breast cancer treatment

5/7 Kim Burton, Hip Surgery Recovery

### **Other**

Military & First Responders

Our Homeless Community

Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan

Our Nation, County, and City

**\*Please call the Church office if you would like to add anyone to our prayer list.**

### **Disciple Class**

Disciple IV Bible Study class will begin in a couple weeks. The course covers the Books of Ruth, 1& 2 Chronicles, Lamentations, Ezra, Haggai, Nehemiah, Esther, Daniel, Proverbs in the Old Testament.

New Testament readings will include the Gospel of John, 1-2-3 John, Jude, James, and conclude with Revelation.

Disciple meets each Tuesday afternoon from 3pm to 5-5:30pm in the conference room.

Please contact Rob Laney, 704-472-5042 if you are interested!

The class will take a break over the summer. Everyone is welcome!



### 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!



Central UMC is a *Safe Sanctuaries* church. Please be sure that your Children are always accompanied by a parent or responsible adult caregiver including if and when they need to use the restroom during service. We appreciate your assistance as we strive to ensure the safety of all.

**Restrooms** are located outside the right-hand side of the sanctuary, as you look at the chancel area.

**Childcare** is available for infants and preschool aged children. Our nursery staff awaits you in room E105.

**Hearing devices** are available for those who need them.

**Large print Bibles & Hymnals** are available for those who need them. The Ushers are at each door and will happily assist you with any of these.

Next week's newsletter will feature a special celebration of our high school and college graduates, along with a dedicated section honoring our preschool graduates, who celebrated their graduation this past Friday, May 15. Be sure to check it out!

If you are not currently receiving our newsletter and would like to stay connected, please email the church office at [central@cumcselby.org](mailto:central@cumcselby.org) to be added to our mailing list.

