

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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Please scan the QR code to the left and fill out the connect card to let us know you are worshipping with us and how we can connect you to our ministries.

The Worship of God

November 15, 2026 10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* arr. Gehring
Libby Alexander, organ

*Congregational Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story*

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory *I Love to Tell the Story* arr. Farrell
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 *Let Your Little Light Shine* arr. Warrick-Smith
Chancel Choir

Let your little light shine, shine, shine.
Let your little light shine, O my Lord.
There might be someone down in the valley trying to get home.

Sermon "**Almost"** John Greene

*Congregational Hymn TFWS #2158 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

*Benediction

*Chiming the Trinity

*Postlude *Proclaim the Glory of the Lord* arr. Kellner
Libby Alexander, organ

*Please stand as you are 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. The restrooms are through the doors to the right of Chancel Stage. 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.

Central UMC Linktree QR Code: Please use this QR Code for Connect Card, Online Giving, Wish List, and all other links!

Youth Group Calendar

- **Sunday, November 15th**

Sunday School – 9am at the Sprinkles
Youth 1-5pm Hanging Flyers for Scouting for Food, Dairy Queen afterwards

- **Saturday, November 21st**

Scouting for Food: Collect donations/canned goods & sort in PAC afterwards 8am-2pm
Community Thanksgiving 4pm at Bobby Bell Pavilion (Optional)

- **Sunday, November 22nd**

9-9:30 Youth Worship with Danny – No Youth

- **Sunday, November 29th**

9-9:30am Youth Worship with Danny – No Youth - Thanksgiving

Please see the link and QR code to sign up to feed our youth this fall. Thank you for your support going into this fall season!!
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A4AB23A1FFC70-65411038-youth

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
4/25 Becky and Steve Hill (Becky recently hospitalized)
8/16 John Juba, healing - cancer diagnosis
9/30 Anne Wray
10/13 Marilyn Henshaw - recovery from a fall

Family and Friends

4/1 Parker Campbell deployment, Pilot on Aircraft Carrier to Middle East
6/9 Matt Arey - Cancer
8/30 Asher Sherfinski's Aunt, who is very sick and her husband who is also her caretaker

9/14 Monica Noble's cousin's husband Joshua (started an 82-day chemo journey on 9/14) and her cousin Samantha and their three children Joshua Jr., Maddie and Sophie, all affected by this journey
9/27 Mrs. Louise Frazier, Bradley Ellis grandmother, who is widowed and struggling with loneliness and cognitive decline.
10/5 Sympathy to the Family of Lynn Luce (Cassie Plaster's mother)
10/5 Sandy Carlton, beginning cancer treatment
10/23 Sympathy to the family of Melinda Tessener
10/23 Kathy Tessener, hospice (mother of Melinda)
11/1 Judy, Sandy Allen's sister, is in the hospital
11/10 Parker Campbell deployment, Pilot on Aircraft Carrier to Middle East, deployed until February
11/11 Nancy Beam, Carol Maxwell's mother, in hospice care and praying for a peaceful transition
11/11 Azral Perry, mental health and courage

Scouting for Food: Help Us Feed Our Neighbors!

Our Scouts are kicking off our yearly community service event to support the "Open Table" program here at Central Church! Every bag of groceries collected stays right here in our community to help provide meals and comfort to families who need it most.
Last year was an incredible success, and this year we are aiming even higher. Our goal is to increase our total collection by 25%, aiming for a milestone of 2,500 lbs of food products!
We need the help of our entire church family and neighborhood to smash this goal.
Items for Open Table:

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, potted meat)
- Saltine crackers
- Peanut butter
- Canned soups, stews, and chili
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Pasta and rice

We have a box outside the church office where we can accept donations. Feel free to reach out to one of the church staff if you have any questions on where or when to drop off donations! 704-487-6336 or email at central@cumcshelby.org

Early Advent Study

Join our women's Bible study group for an early Advent study by Dr. AJ Levine entitled "Light of the World". We'll be meeting on Thursdays at 9:30 am on 11/12, 11/19,12/3 and 12/10. Please contact Jessica Talbert (704) 692-3441 for more information.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Come Join us at **Central UMC, American Red Cross Blood Drive, November 17th, 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm,** Those who come to give blood, give a gift, get a gift. We'd be so grateful (and so will patients in need) if you could donate blood at this drive. Help save a life. Come give blood for a $10 Amazon eGift Card, plus, 500 points on the ARC APP.

visit www.redcrossblood.org use sponsor code centralUMCshelby, call 1-800-redcross to make your appointment or, download the American Red Cross APP.



Gingerbread Christmas Family Event: A Sweet Celebration for All!

Get ready for a little sugar and a whole lot of Christmas cheer! **Join us on Friday, December 4, from 5:30–7:30 PM in the Central UMC Fellowship Hall** for a festive evening of family fun! Enjoy holiday snacks, create your very own cookie house craft, and celebrate the joy of the Christmas season together. This event is FREE, open to all ages, and everyone is welcome!

Want to help spread some Christmas cheer? We are looking for volunteers to assist with setup, kitchen duties, crafts, and snacks. Whether you can lend a hand for a little while or throughout the evening, we'd love your help! Visit our Central UMC Linktree to sign up to volunteer, or contact Caroline Scism for more information.

Advent Decorating

Advent decorating date of **Monday 11/23 at 9:00am**. This year we have new decorations that will need to be fluffled. Please come on the 23rd to help get the church decorated this year!!

Come Join us at **Central UMC, American Red Cross Blood Drive, November 17th, 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm,** Those who come to give blood, give a gift, get a gift. We'd be so grateful (and so will patients in need) if you could donate blood at this drive. Help save a life. Come give blood for a $10 Amazon eGift Card, plus, 500 points on the ARC APP.

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WINGS - Wednesday, November 18th

The WINGs Ladies will be meeting next **Wennesday the 18th in the Fellowship Hall at 10am.** Please join in as we start preparing for our holiday bake sale! All Ladies are welcome!! We would love for you to join us in fellowship next Wednesday!



Please contact Denise Sieges 704-609-6184 for more info. The sign up genius for serving and bringing desserts, Feeding Kids LINK.

Ministry Needs

Below is a list of volunteer and donation needs for some of our ministries:
Backpack Ministry: For November: **grits/oatmeal packs** Open Table: **Water Bottles**

Online Survey Email

Please be on the look out for an email on Monday the 16th. . This email will outline the capitol campaign feasiblity study and additional details about the campaign. Please reach out to the office if you have any questions on how to complete the survey



🗓️ **Friday, November 20 | 5:30–8:00 p.m.**
📍 **Central UMC Fellowship Hall**
👦 **Ages 3–11 | $12 per child**
We'll serve chicken nuggets, carrots, chips, and cookies, then enjoy a **VeggieTales movie on "vintage" DVD!** Bring a pillow and blanket for extra movie-night comfort.
Please register online in advance. Payment can be made online or in cash.
👉 **Register for Parents' Night Out**

Partnering Together for a Stronger Community!

Open Table and the SALI Project are partnering to sell T-shirts to support Chosen Generation House of Hope's Winter Family Emergency Shelter in Shelby. **Order Deadline:** November 15, 2026. **Expected Arrival:** December 2026 **Sign up:** After worship services on Sundays through November 15. Sign-up sheets will be available at the back of the church.