

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 22, 2026 10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Karg-Elert/Bock
Libby Alexander, organ

Call to Worship Kids Place Choir
Shelley Rempson, director

*Congregational Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Stewardship Moment Jim Wilson

Offertory *Trio on "Coronation"* arr. Lasky
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 *Build My Life* Redman
Praise Ensemble

Worthy of every song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe,
we live for you, oh, we live for you.

Jesus, the name above every other name.
Jesus, the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe,
we live for you, Oh, we live for you.

Holy, there is no one like you, there is none beside you,
open up my eyes in wonder.
Show me who you are and fill me with your heart
and lead me in your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon your love, it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in you alone, and I will not be shaken.

Scripture	Ephesians 4:1-16	
Sermon	**The Path – Together - BECOMING**	Rev. David Lee
*Congregational Hymn	*O Church of God United*	
*Benediction		
*Chiming the Trinity		
*Postlude	*St. George's Windsor* Libby Alexander, organ	arr. Payne

*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!

From The Path to Coming Home for Christmas

Today, we conclude The Path: Walking the Way of Jesus and look ahead to a new season of hope and belonging. Beginning with Advent, our theme, Coming Home for Christmas, invites us to revisit the stories that shaped our faith. Through Mary, Elizabeth, John, Jesus, the Magi, and the Holy Family, we'll explore how God meets us along the journey and calls us to make room for one another.

Whether you've been at Central every week, have been away for a while, or are joining us for the first time, we invite you to share this season with us. Bring your questions, your memories, and your hopes. Wherever you've been, there's room for you here.



Please pick up preorders in the south pasture before or after church today. We also have baked good available for sale today. Please stop by and grab some sweets for the Holidays!

Christmas Decorating at Central

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!! We are having a celebration potluck brunch afterwards. Please contact Jessica Talbert if you can attend for a head count.

Youth Group Calendar

- **Sunday, November 22nd**

9-9:30am Youth Worship w/Danny (In place of Sunday School)
No Youth Group

- **Sunday, November 29th**

9-9:30am Youth Worship w/Danny (In place of Sunday School)
No Youth Group

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
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 Azral Perry, mental health and courage
11/14 Dennis McBride - Sarah Nestlerode father - complication from bone infection - trouble walking
11/12 Willma - Jan Murray's sister passed away
11/17 Frank Ledford - blood cancer is back, starting back chemo
11/18 The family of Nancy Beam, Carol Maxwells mother

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.

Ministry Needs

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

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

SONrise

SONrise is a new hospitality and welcome initiative that started last Sunday. SONrise is a casual coffee time for early arrivers on Sundays 8:00am until worship starts.

The SONrise location is in the rear of the "South Pasture" and will soon have some comfortable couches. The Washington St Sanctuary door will be open to enter and volunteer "hosts" will be there to greet you. So come, enjoy a cup of coffee before worship service and be in community with one another.

Stewardship Update

2027 Faith Estimates of Giving

Thank you, Central! So far, we've **received 53 cards totaling $465,000** in estimated giving for 2027. **Last year's final total was 68 cards and $574,000** in estimated giving for 2026. Each card helps us plan for ministry in the coming year.

You may place yours in the collection plate or in **a box at a sanctuary entrance, mail or deliver it to the church office, or email a photo of your completed card to finance@cumcshelby.org.**



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.



Coming Home for Christmas

Advent & Christmas at Central

NOV 29	**John the Baptist** *Mark 1:1–8*
DEC 6	**Mary** *Luke 1:26–38*
DEC 13	**Christmas at Central**
DEC 20	**Elizabeth Welcomes Mary** *Luke 1:39–56*
DEC 24	**Christmas Eve Worship** The Birth of Jesus · *Luke 2:1–20*
DEC 27	**The Magi** *Matthew 2:1–12*
JAN 3	**The Holy Family Flees to Egypt**
JAN 10	**The Baptism of Jesus** *Mark 1:4–11*

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