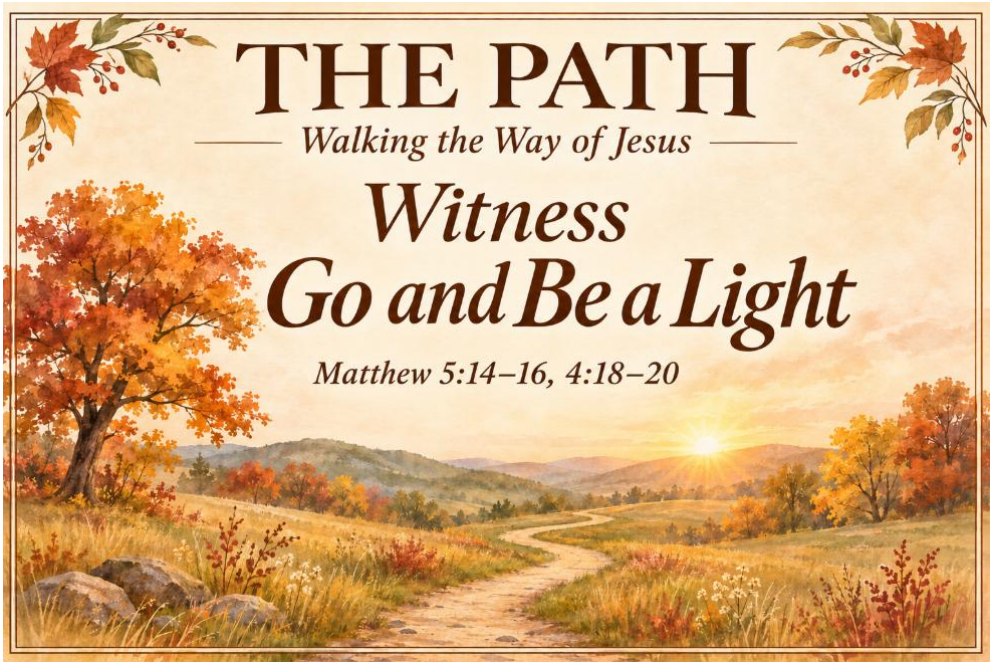


Central United Methodist Church

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 8, 2026 10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Eithun
Central Ringers

*Congregational Hymn *Mighty to Save*

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory *Lift High the Cross* arr. Linker
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.

Congregational Song *This Little Light of Mine*

Scripture Matthew 5:14-16, 4:18-20

Sermon **THE PATH: Witness – Go and Be the Light** Rev. David Lee

*Congregational Hymn TFWS #2235 *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

*Benediction

*Chiming the Trinity

*Postlude *Rise Up, O Men of God* arr. Gadd
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!

Ministry Needs

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

Looking Ahead with Faith: 2027 Stewardship

Our stewardship mailings included a **2027 Faith Estimate of Giving** card to help us plan our 2027 yearly budget and ministries. Please prayerfully consider your giving and turn in your complete card.

You also have the option to mail it in to the office, email a picture to finance@cumcshelby.org, or drop by the office during the week.
Thanks to each of you we will be able to continue worshiping, growing, and serving in 2027.

Youth Group Calendar

- **Sunday, November 8th**

Sunday School – 9am Pioneer Coffee
Youth 5-7pm Making Bed Kits for the Goodnight Ministry

- **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)

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 – moving home
10/13 Marilyn Henshaw - recovery from a fall

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
6/9 Matt Arey - Cancer
6/14 Turner Morris - rodeo accident, is currently doing outpatient therapy at Shepards House in Georgia
7/19 Joyce Jackson, long-time Open Table guest - recovering from a stroke
8/10 Tyler Wray - Open Table volunteer - joining marines. Left for Parris Island in Aug.
8/22 Rick Mann, brother of Elaine Mann recovery from fall
8/30 Asher Sherfinski's Aunt, who is very sick and her husband who is also her caretaker
9/3 Connie Daman, eyesight recovery
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 Shirley Eaker's newborn great-grandchild (in Wake Forest hospital with severe health issues)
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 Sandy Allen's sister Judy. You should have notes from Judy Marsh last week who received the full name of Sandy's sister who is in the hospital.

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

Fall Discipleship Opportunities

This fall, grow in faith and community through one of these discipleship opportunities at Central. All are welcome! Stay tuned for start dates

Wednesday Night Book Study: September 2 – November 11
Field Notes for the Wilderness
Wednesdays | 5:15–6:00 PM
Facilitated by Tammy Hollifield

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study – September 10 - October 22
Thursdays | 9:30 AM
"Messy People" by Jennifer Coward
Facilitated by Jessica Talbert,
for more info call Jessica at 704-692-3441.

Men's Saturday Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount
First and Third Saturdays | 8:00 AM
All men are invited to join this in-depth study of Matthew 5–7.

Disciple IV Bible Study class
Disciple IV Bible Study class will begin on Tuesday afternoon September 15th at 3:00 in the conference room. Class meets every Tuesday from 3:00 until 5:30. The Disciple IV series will begin with 1st Chronicles and cover a number of chapters. The cost of a Disciple IV workbook is $45.

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.

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.



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



🗓️ **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**

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.



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.