



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.

Rev. David Lee, Pastor

Dr. Tammy Bass, Director of Discipleship

Caroline Scism, Director of Children Ministries

Danny Buckner, Director of Music Ministries

Katie Bowers, Director of Youth Ministries

200 East Marion Street

Shelby, NC 28150

704-487-6336

<http://cumcshelby.org>



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

March 29, 2026

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Who Will Wave the Palms
Butterfly Choir

Eernisse

Hosanna We Sing
Sonshine Choir

Eernisse

Palm Sunday Reading

Matt. 21: 1-11

John Greene

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. He said to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them." He sent them off right away. Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, *Say to Daughter Zion, "Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's offspring."* The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*" And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this?" they asked. The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Processional Song

All Glory Laud and Honor

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

Gale Greene

Offertory

What Wondrous Love Is This
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Hebble

*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

O Love
Chancel Choir

Hagenberg

O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer fuller be.
O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.
O Love, that will not let me go.

Sermon

"Invitation to Passion Week"

Rev. David Lee

*Congregational Song

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Benediction

*Chiming the Trinity

*Postlude

Were You There
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Johnson

*Please stand if able

Our Palms glorify Christ and honor Libby Alexander and Doug Lowery who perform at two different keyboards and bless us weekly with beautiful sounds and visuals. - Marolyn Jack

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!



Connect with us!

Use this QR Code for a direct link to all things CUMC. Get easy access to online giving options, connect cards letting us know you were in worship (in person or online), updated bulletins, newsletters and more!

Ministry Needs

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

Backpack Ministry: For March: **Canned Pasta**

Open Table: **Bottled Water**

		COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHTIME WORSHIP		FEB 18 TO APRIL 1	
WORSHIP: WEDNESDAYS AT NOON ALDERSGATE SANCTUARY LUNCH TO FOLLOW IN THE EPWORTH GYM					
FEB 18 ASH WEDNESDAY	REV. CURTIS GOFORTH ALDERSGATE UMC	CREAMY TORTELLINI SOUP WITH BBQ SLIDERS, CRUNGY ROMAINE SALAD, AND A COOKIE	MARCH 18 LENT 4-A	REV. DREW MANGIONE SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	CHICKEN CHILI WITH CORNBREAD, WALDORF SALAD, AND A COOKIE
FEB 25 LENT 1-A	REV. WADE WALLACE GREEN BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH	CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP WITH CHEESE TOAST, BERRY SPINACH SALAD WITH RASPBERRY VINAIGRETTE, AND A COOKIE	MARCH 25 LENT 5-A	REV. SALLY QUEEN CATAWBA VALLEY DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	PASTA E FAGIOLI WITH GARLIC MONKEY BREAD, CAESAR SALAD, AND A COOKIE
MARCH 4 LENT 2-A	REV. EDDIE PADGETT KISTLER'S UMC & MUNDY'S CHAPEL UMC	TOMATO LENTIL AND SAUSAGE SOUP WITH PIMENTO CHEESE, WATERGATE SALAD, AND A COOKIE	APRIL 1 WED OF HOLY WEEK-A	REV. CAROLYN BRIGGS LIVING WATERS CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES & NAACP	LOADED POTATO SOUP WITH CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH, BROCCOLI SALAD, AND A COOKIE
MARCH 11 LENT 3-A	REV. DAVID LEE CENTRAL UMC, SHELBY	BROCCOLI CHEDDAR SOUP WITH EGG SALAD SANDWICH, GRAPE SALAD, AND A COOKIE	 SCAN HERE TO DONATE SUGGESTED DONATION - \$10		 

Prayer Concerns

For this week please pray for the following:

*All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional.

CUMC Family

- 12/30 Bob Conlon (Cancer)
- 1/16 Ollie Anthony
- 1/16 Jo Marsh
- 1/16 Frank Richardson
- 2/8 John Reid
- 2/14 Family of Chuck Hamilton
- 3/3 Margaret Ellis (Cancer)

Other

- Military & First Responders
- Our Homeless Community
- Wars in Iran, Ukraine, Gaza & Sudan
- Our Nation, County, and City

Family and Friends

- 2/6 Sandra Raynor & Family
- 2/6 Kimberlyn Floyd
- 2/10 Roger Davis (double lung transplant recovery)
- 2/13 Family of Parker Earl

- 2/18 Samantha Burrus (cancer)
- 3/16 Family of Wendell Bressler (brother of Dorothy Hernandez)
- 3/16 Family of Kathy Emmert (Former Member of CUMC)
- 3/17 Family of Dale Eaker (Jessica Talbert's mother)
- 3/18 Joyce Pruett (friend of Lattimore's, recovery from heart attack)
- 3/19 Family of Mary Johnson (Emily Parker's mother)
- 3/22 Bettie Winslow (Jan Contrell's mother)

Discipleship Opportunities

New Lenten Study

Join the Women's Bible Study, "An Unlikely Lent," in the conference room on Thursdays at 9:30 am, February 25 through April 2. Call or text Jessica Talbert with questions, (704) 692-3441.

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

8am, Saturday Mornings before Open Table.

CUMC Room E210

Meets the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

The Book of **Matthew**. Have you wondered about the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven? Good thing to wonder! Matthew's gospel pulls back the curtain and says, "Thanks for asking, here it is." Taught by Dr. Tim Sieges, retired Director of Wycliffe Counseling Ministries. For more information, contact Tim at 704-207-5593.

Disciple Class

Disciple is an in-depth four-year Bible Study that meets every Tuesday afternoon in the conference room from 3-5PM. We will resume meeting some time in February. Please contact Rob Laney (704-472-5042) if you are interested in joining!

2026 Legacy Grants

The Legacy grant application season is upon us. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, March 23 Legacy applications available in the church office
- Sunday, April 12 Legacy Sunday worship service & workshop to follow
- Monday, April 27 Grant applications are due in church office
- Friday, May 8 Awards are announced

The Legacy endowment is a wonderful blessing to the church that funds projects that you wish to undertake to further the mission of the mission.

Holy Week at Central

Holy Week invites us to walk step-by-step through the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry—from celebration, to sacrifice, to resurrection. It is a sacred journey that moves us from the joy of Palm Sunday, through the solemn remembrance of the cross, and into the hope and victory of Easter morning.

We invite you to join us as a church family for worship throughout the week. Each service offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect, pray, and prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ. Whether you attend one service or the full journey, we hope you will make space to be present during this holy time.



2026
HOLY WEEK
SERVICES



MARCH 29	PALM SUNDAY 10 AM AT CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL 2	MAUNDY THURSDAY 7PM AT CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL 3	GOOD FRIDAY 7PM AT ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL 5	EASTER SUNDAY 10 AM AT CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



 **CENTRAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

JOIN US FOR
VBS

JUNE 7-10, 2026
5:15PM - 7:30PM

AGES 3 - 11

**OPERATION
RESTORATION**
MENDING GOD'S WORLD

VISIT CUMCSHELBY.ORG TO REGISTER

VBS Volunteer sign-up TODAY behind the South Pasture area.

'Upcoming Office Closures for the Easter Holiday:

Friday, April 3rd – Closed for Good Friday

Monday, April 6th – Closed for Easter Monday

Central UMC Ministry Opportunity

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.

