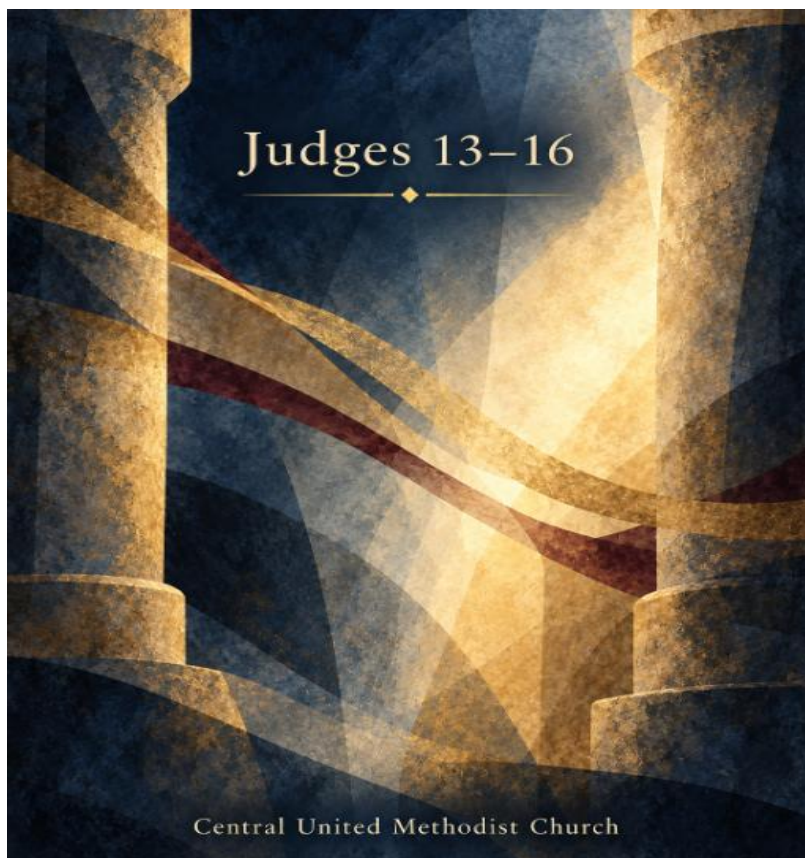




Central United Methodist Church

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



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

September 13, 2026

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Tammy Bass

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Innes

*Congregational Song

Great Are You, Lord

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

Daniel Sprinkle

Offertory

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Lowe

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

He Will Be

Praise Ensemble

Ferguson

God is faithful to his word, even when there seems no way.

Though time may pass his memory will not fade.

His promises will never fail.

Faithful he has been, faithful he will be.

Time and time again, his word returns complete.

To His truth I cling when the night is deep.

Faithful he has been, faithful he will be.

God is gracious when I doubt. He draws near though I retreat.
Though I may wander through the wilderness,
he goes with me and gives me peace.

Gracious he has been, gracious he will be.
What I don't deserve the Father gives to me.
Where he leads my feet, I shall not want or need.
Gracious he has been, gracious he will be.

God is worthy of my song. Countless are His awesome deeds.
His mighty hand has parted raging seas.
For those he loves, he has redeemed.

Worthy he has been, worthy he will be.
Crowned in endless praise, all earth and heaven sing.
Holy is the Lord who reigns in majesty.
Worthy he has been, worthy he will be.

He is my provider, covenant protector.
All my hope is in the Lord my God.
He is my sustainer, merciful redeemer.
All my hope is in the Lord my God.

Scripture

Judges 13-16

Sermon **The Squandered Blessings of Samson**

Daniel Sprinkle

*Congregational Song

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

*Benediction

*Chiming the Trinity

*Postlude

Give to Our God Immortal Praise
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Held

***Please stand if 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 the 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, Meal Train, and all other links!

Central's Soup Group would like **to honor Carol McPhail** with this donation to Soup Group for the many years that she has **faithfully given her time, energy, and heart to this food ministry.**

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
7/31 Shelley Rempson - recovery from surgery
8/16 John Juba, healing - cancer diagnosis

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
4/27 Samantha Burrus, niece of Debbie Powell - breast cancer treatment
6/9 Matt Arey - Cancer
6/14 Turner Morris - rodeo accident, is currently in the hospital
7/15 Tracey Henderson - in the hospital with heart complications
7/19 Joyce Jackson, long-time Open Table guest - recovering from a stroke
8/16 Dominic(16) and Angelo Pasour(19), loss of their father
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
8/30 Azral Perry's mother and father, mother has cancer, going through chemo
9/3 Connie Daman, eyesight recovery
9/11 The family of John Reid

Other

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

Ministry Needs

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

Backpack Ministry: For September: **Granola Bars** Open Table: **Water Bottles**

Youth Group Calendar

Youth Council Meeting Sunday 9/13 after church in the conference room

❖ **Sunday 9/13**

Sunday School 9am – HIVE

Youth Council Meeting – after church service

Youth 5-7pm (Youth worship at 5, Meal at 5:30, Youth 6-7)- meal provided

❖ **Sunday 9/20**

Sunday School 9am – Pioneer Coffee

Youth 5-7pm

❖ **Saturday 9/26** – Cookie Baking – 11:30am

❖ **Sunday 9/27**

Sunday School 9am – Pioneer Coffee

Youth 5-7pm



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>

Help Support Kids Place Preschool!

Kids Place is preparing for the 2026–2027 school year, beginning August 31! Our Open House will be held on August 26.

Here are three ways you can support this important ministry:

- Pray for our students, families, and teachers.
- Purchase classroom supplies needed from our Amazon Wish List.
- **Donate to the Kids Place Scholarship Fund, which is helping two families with tuition assistance. Please mark donations "Kids Place Scholarship."**
 - We need a total of \$2400 for the school year – that is \$135 per student per month. We are currently 4.17% to that goal. Please choose Kids Place Scholarship when giving online.



Scan the QR code for linktree. Thank you for helping Kids Place provide children with a strong academic and faith-filled foundation!

 Pumpkin Painting at the Livermush Festival
Saturday, October 17 • 9:00 am–4:00 pm
Volunteers are needed!

Contact Leigh Mabry
(704) 472-1110 to sign up
for a 2-hour shift.

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

Field Notes for the Wilderness

Wednesdays | 5:15–6:00 PM

Facilitated by Tammy Hollifield

Field Notes for the Wilderness: Practices for an Evolving Faith by Sarah Bessey is a nurturing and hopeful book that helps Christians reconnect with their faith, pursue inner healing, and build spiritual community.

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study – September 10 - October 15

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. The group meets on the first and third Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM, before Open Table.

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 2nd Chronicles, Nehemiah, Esther, Daniel, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job, Song of Solomon, and Psalms in the Old Testament. In the New Testament, we will cover the gospel of John; 1,2,3 John; Jude; James; and end with a study of Revelation. The class is open to anyone interested in attending.

The cost of a Disciple IV workbook is \$45.

Upcoming Discovery Class

Sunday, September 27th | After Service

Location - Fellowship Hall

Taught by Pastor David Lee

The Discovery Class is an opportunity to learn more about the United Methodist Church and particularly, Central UMC. Anyone interested in joining Central should attend the class. Our next Discovery Class will be offered on Sunday, September 27th, in the Fellowship Hall right after the church service. A light lunch is served, so please let Tammy Bass know if you are planning to attend. It will last about 2 hours. A nursery is available upon request.



September Special Blood Drive!!

Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 15 at 2-630 pm in the fellowship hall. Go to redcrossblood.org and make your online appointment. Come give the gift of life and receive a gift yourself.

We will be giving away a Red Cross x Hello Kitty bag, while supplies last. Inside the bag is a one-of-a-kind Red Cross x Hello Kitty plush mascot clip and three mystery stickers.

See you on the 15th!

The Ladies of WinGs had a great summer break, but we are looking forward to our **SEPTEMBER MEETING!** Please join us as we gather for caring and inviting fellowship, information galore and plans for service to our church and this community.

See YOU there!

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH @ 10:00am in the church
Fellowship Hall.**



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