

THE PATH

Walking the Way of Jesus

FOLLOW

September 27

*Wherever you are on the journey,
come walk with us.*

Central United Methodist Church • Sundays at 10 AM

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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 27, 2026

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Tammy Bass

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Libby Alexander, piano

arr. Robertson

*Congregational Song

Gather Us In

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.**

Offertory

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Burkhardt

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

We Are Called

Scripture

Mark 1:16-20

Sermon

The Pathway: FOLLOW

Rev David Lee

*Congregational Song

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

*Benediction

*Chiming the Trinity

*Postlude

Paraphrase on "Follow"
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Landin

*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 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!



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
9/11 The family of John Reid

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
8/10 Tyler Wray - Open Table volunteer - joining marines. Left for Parris Island in Aug.
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
9/14 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

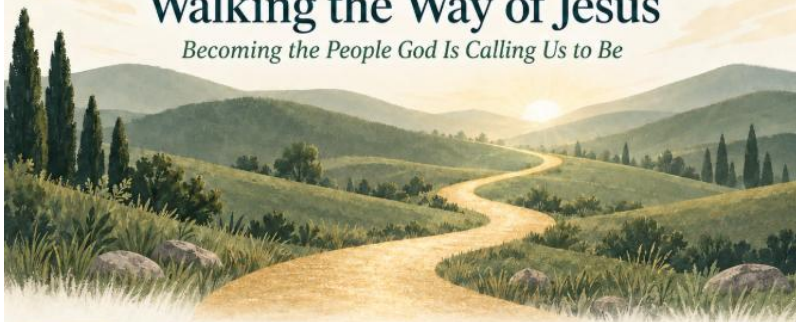
Other

Military & First Responders
Our Homeless Community

THE PATH

Walking the Way of Jesus

Becoming the People God Is Calling Us to Be



FOLLOW

Take the next step with Jesus



PRAYERS

Deepen our life with God



PRESENCE

Show up for one another



SERVICE

Put love into action



GIFTS

Share what we have



WITNESS

Carry Christ's love into the world



BECOME

Grow into who God calls us to be

Come walk with us.

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Today we begin **The Path: Walking the Way of Jesus**, our fall sermon series exploring how following Jesus shapes our everyday lives and helps us become the people God is calling us to be. Our first message, **"Follow,"** invites us to consider Jesus' call and the next step in our own walk of faith.

Throughout the series, we'll explore **prayers, presence, service, gifts, and witness**—practices that connect what we believe with how we live—before concluding with **"Become,"** a reflection on who we are becoming as individuals and as a church.

Wherever you are on your journey, there is a place for you. **What is one step you can take to follow Jesus this week?**

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**



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.

Youth Group Calendar

- Sunday, September 27th – Youth 5:30-7pm Game Night – Messy People Study – 2 **No Youth Worship
- Sunday, October 4th – Youth 5-7pm Messy People - 3
- Sunday, October 11th – Youth attending APC Workshop at Aldersgate – 5-7pm, meal provided



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>



Celebrating Tammy Bass

Please join us as we celebrate the retirement of our Director of Discipleship, Tammy Bass, and honor her 45 years of impactful ministry.

A retirement party will be held on Sunday, October 4,

from 3:00–5:00 PM at

Le Chateau du Coeur, located at 527 Whitaker Road in Shelby. Come help us thank Tammy for the many lives she has touched and celebrate the beginning of her next adventure!

We are also collecting a love offering for Tammy. Gifts may be made online at cumcshelby.org/give by selecting

"Love Offering" from the drop-down menu.

Checks or cash may also be dropped off at the church office or mailed to:

Central United Methodist Church, 200 E. Marion Street, Shelby, NC 28150.
Please designate your gift for Tammy Bass.

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!

New Signage



Please notice our new indoor signage that is on brand with our logo and outdoor signage. These signs were created to help visitors, guests (Kids Place), and all who come through our doors to more easily navigate our challenging split-level building. Take note of new levels 1-6 rather than 1E, 1S, 2E, etc

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.



The Narrative Budget - 2026

Please take a look at the Narrative Budget 2026 for CUMC -

This is a wonderful break down of how the church funds each pillar of ministry.

Central United Methodist Church 2026 NARRATIVE BUDGET



We are the body of Christ, called to mission and ministry in Shelby, NC and beyond. Central United Methodist Church equips our members to transform our community and the world through help, hope, and healing as disciples of Jesus Christ.

This brochure outlines our funding focus areas, and the many ways we can partner together to further the ministry of Christ. Below is an approximation for each priority. We invite you to prayerfully consider your commitment and participation as we grow together in mission and faith.



Worship & Welcome

Cultivating inspiring worship experiences that invite all people to express their faith, while extending God's welcoming love to everyone who walks through our doors

\$130,521
(15%)

Discipleship & Nurture

Equipping individuals for their lifelong journey of faith, and nurturing the God-given talents that lead them into works of service

\$113,985
(13%)

Mission & Outreach

Sharing the hope and love of Christ with our community and world through our presence, service, and resources that meet real needs with compassion and care

\$112,919
(13%)

Facilities

Maintaining welcoming spaces and facilities that serve our ministries and meet the needs of our congregation and community

\$263,043
(30%)

Administration

Equipping our congregation, pastors, staff, and ministries with the resources and support needed to carry out the mission of our church

\$201,667
(23%)

Apportionment

Giving faithfully to the connective mission of the United Methodist Church, extending our reach through district, conference and global ministries

\$55,225
(6%)

