The Central Issue

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mission: To make disciples of Christ who **WORSHIP** God, **GROW** in their faith, and **SERVE** in the church and world.

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Looking Ahead with Faith: 2027 Stewardship & Town Hall

Our stewardship mailing includes a **2027 Faith Estimate of Giving** card to help us plan next year's budget and ministries. Please prayerfully consider your giving and bring your completed card on **Stewardship Sunday, October 25** or any of the other methods of return.

This Sunday is the Town Hall Meeting, s**tay after worship** to hear updates on what **Central Forward** has been working on, ask questions, and join the conversation. Thank you for helping Central **worship, grow, and serve!**

Trunk or Treat Sunday
October 25, 5:00pm
Central UMC parking lot

Come in costume for some family fun to our Trunk or Treat! Youth will be serving hot chocolate.

If you'd like to decorate a trunk, please sign up by contacting Caroline Scism and arrive in the parking lot by 4:45pm on that day.

Livermush Festival Was a BLAST!

What a perfect fall day for pumpkin painting and sharing God's love right here on the square! Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, community members painted 615 pumpkins this year. This beloved Central tradition has been a big hit in years past, and this year certainly did not disappoint!

To everyone who helped plan, prepare, set up, welcome families, assist with painting, and clean up afterward: thank you! Your time, energy, and willing hearts made this wonderful turnout possible.

Each pumpkin represented an opportunity to connect with our neighbors and help someone feel welcome. Pumpkin painting is more than a fun festival activity. It is a chance to bring our church's love for the community beyond our walls, creating space for creativity, conversation, and joy.

Serving Together, Celebrating Together!

Central's youth did a fantastic job volunteering with pay-to-park at the Livermush Festival! Their teamwork, willingness to lend a hand, and joyful energy were a wonderful example of putting faith into action and supporting our church community.

After helping with parking, the youth enjoyed the absolutely beautiful weather and explored the many festivities the festival had to offer. It was a great opportunity to serve together, spend time with friends, and enjoy a fun day in Mush & Mutts.

Thank you to our youth for their hard work and enthusiasm. We are grateful for the many ways you contribute to life at Central!

Habitat for Humanity® in Cleveland County

JOIN US FOR OUR

Ground Breaking

CELEBRATION!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
AT 1 PM

1710 DAVID DRIVE, SHELBY

We're excited to share our mission as we break ground on two new houses to seek to put God's love into action. Habitat brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Shelby Pride Fest

Saturday, November 7, 3-7pm

Bobby Bell Pavillion

Central UMC will have a table at the Shelby Pride Fest! We will be giving out free stickers and pens. If you would like to greet people our table for any amount of time, please let Caroline Scism know.

Calling all Young(-ish) Adults!

Join us for dinner in the **Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 30th** at 5:30 PM. Let's share a meal, get to know one another, and start the conversation about ways that the young adults of Central can build a community together! Children are welcome. No need to bring a thing, but **if you're planning on coming, please let Devereaux know at (704) 798-0949.**

Calendar of Events

October 25th - 31st , 2026

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:00am

Stewardship Sunday - 10:00am

Town Hall - Directly After Service

Monday

Church Office Hours - 9:00am-3:30pm

Tuesday

Church Office Hours - 9:00am-3:30pm

Wednesday

Church Office Hours - 9:00am-3:30pm

Thursday

Church Office Hours - 9:00am-3:30pm

Friday

Church Office Hours - Closed

Young(-ish) Adults - 5:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Saturday

Open Table Hot Lunch (PAC) - 10:30am

Service Sunday Ocotber 25, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:
Monica Noble

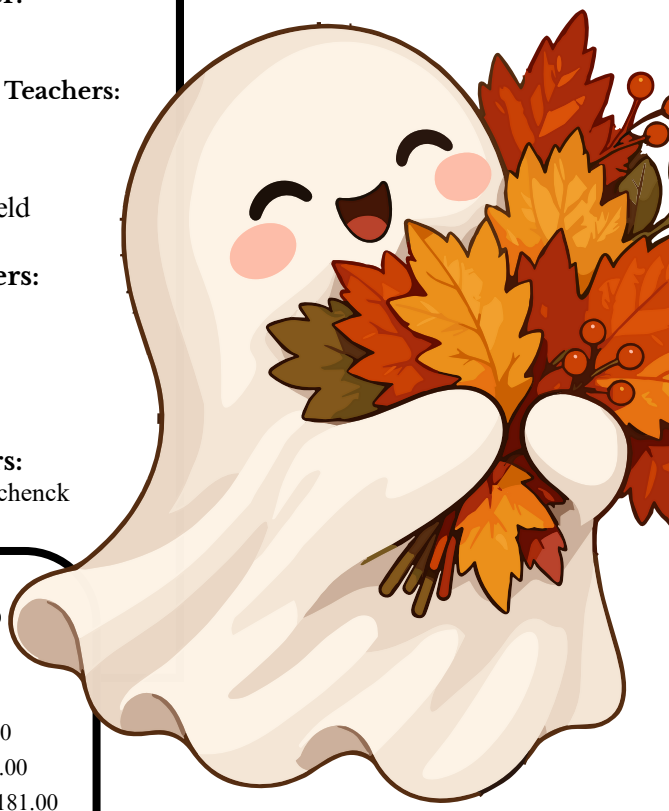
Elementary Sunday School Teachers:
Ann Anthony

Greeters:
Ellen & Brian Benfield

Coffee Time Helpers:
Jessica Talbert

Coffee Maker:
Rita Sprinkle

Offering Counters:
Allison Mauney & Carol Schenck



2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget Amount-$876,810.72

Needed Weekly-$16,862.00

Received Last Week-$9,682.00

Total Received to Date-*$693,181.00

*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges

You're Invited!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME AND ENJOY THIS THANKSGIVING MEAL. IT'S SO MUCH MORE THAN FOOD, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW AS A COMMUNITY!

COMMUNITY TABLE THANKSGIVING MEAL

FREE!

Saturday

November 21, 2026 at 4 PM

Bobby Bell Pavilion

126 W. Marion Street

Shelby, NC

Join us as we come together to share a free Thanksgiving meal and a time of fellowship!

***Upon inclement weather we will move inside**

www.feedingkidscc.org

FEEDING KIDS CLEVELAND COUNTY FOOD PROGRAM

Please **contact Denise Sieges 704-609-6184 for more info.** The sign up genius for serving and bringing desserts will go live online Nov 1

Backpack Ministry

For October we are requesting **fruit cups.**

Open Table

We are asking for donations of **WATER BOTTLES.** Join our **Open Table volunteer communication** by using the QR code here.

Be sure to check out our website: www.cumcshelby.org

Our linktree: linktree

Our YouTube Channel: CENTRAL YOUTUBE CHANNEL

And our App: Central UMC-Shelby on all app stores

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CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

- **Sunday, October 25th** – Youth help w/Trunk-or-Treat 5-6:30pm *Serving Hot Chocolate, Family has a Trunk
- **Sunday, November 1st** - Youth 5-7pm Messy People Study - 4
- **Sunday, November 8th** - Youth 5-7pm Messy People Study - 5
- **Sunday, November 15th** - Youth 5-7pm Messy People Study - 6

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

happy birthday October

19 - Lewis Telle
20 - Carol Schenck
22 - Hanson Mabry
22 - Ron Moyer
22 - McCall Cox
22 - Emma Richardson
23 - John Lattimore
24 - Rocky Lutz

Discipleship Ongoing Opportunites

Tuesday - Disciple IV Bible Study class
Class meets every Tuesday from 3:00 until 5:30
Conference Room

Wednesday - Night Book Study: Field Notes for the Wilderness:
Wednesdays | 5:15–6:00 PM
Conference Room
Facilitated by Tammy Hollifield

Thursday - Morning Ladies Bible Study
September 10 - October 15
Thursdays | 9:30 - 10:30 am
Conference Room
Facilitated by Jessica Talbert,

Saturday - Men's Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount
First and Third Saturdays | 8:00 AM
Room E210, Education Building
Taught by Tim Sieges

Elementary Sunday School

Sundays 9-9:45am
Infants- Nursery Room E104
Preschool age- Nursery Room E105
K-5th Grade- Godly Play Room E309

Nursery is open to all **Babies-PreK kids**. Nursery is offered **Sundays, 9-11 AM in Room E105 (pre-school age) and Room E104 (infants).**