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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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.

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 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.

Partnering Together for a Stronger Community

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SHIRT PRICING

Youth S – Adult XL	$20
2XL	$23
3XL	$24
4XL/5XL	$25

Shirt proceeds support the shelter.

The SALI Project (Small Acts, Lasting Impact) is a community initiative that raises awareness about homelessness and food insecurity in Shelby through Facebook, sharing information and local and national resources.

ORDER DEADLINE:
November 15, 2026

EXPECTED ARRIVAL:
December 2026

SIGN UP:
After worship service on Sundays through November 15.
Sign-up sheets will be available at the back of the church.

Let's see how far the ripple can go!
Small Acts. Lasting Impact.

Your Purchase Supports

Chosen Generation House of Hope is a nonprofit ministry of Royal Priesthood Biker Church for All People in Shelby, North Carolina. Its Winter Family Emergency Shelter provides unhoused men, women, and children with dinner, showers, breakfast, and a warm, safe place to sleep.

During the 2025–2026 season, the shelter provided:

- **3,600** meals
- **120** individuals sheltered
- **50 men, 60 women, and 10 children** received service
- **Ages 2 to 67** guests received care

The ministry also helped guests connect with resources and opportunities toward greater stability.

- **18** guests found temporary or permanent housing
- **10** guests secured jobs

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Parents, enjoy an evening to yourselves while the kids settle in for dinner and a cozy movie night with Central's Children's Ministry!

📅 **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**



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.

Come make sweet memories with us this Christmas season!

November Red Cross Blood Drive

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. Additionally, the month of November is free A1C testing at the drive, results sent after processing.
Bring a Friend and go out for coffee or cocoa after.
Please Consider donating Power Red.
Visit www.redcrossblood.org use sponsor code centralUMCshelby, call 1-800-redcross to make your appointment or, download the American Red Cross APP, this keeps you up to date, let's you make appointments, you also get to "Follow" your blood and learn when it gets used, complete your Rapid Pass the day of the drive, and other cool features.

Through November 1, we have **39 Estimate of Giving** cards turned in. The estimated giving for **2027 so far is $382,720.** This is nearly half of what we budgeted for 2026. Thanks to all who have generously completed their estimates.

As our Finance Committee approaches budget setting for 2027 we need as many estimates as possible. If you have not yet completed your card, you can do it through one of these ways:

1. Taking a photo of your completed card and emailing to finance@cumcshelby.org,
2. Mailing your card to the church office.
3. Dropping your card by the office.
4. Completing a blank card found at the entrances to the sanctuary and placing it in one of marked boxes on Sunday.

Links to the Stewardship letter and Estimate of Giving cards are here!

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

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Check out this amazing plastic bag sleeping mat! Many thanks to Azral who led the weavers through instructions and gave insight on how useful the mat is for those living outside. Keep an eye out for more opportunities to learn and create these sleeping mat

Our next sleeping mat class will be Monday, November 9 at 11:00-1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Calendar of Events

November 8th to 14th 2026

Sunday
Sunday School - 9:00am
Sunday Worship - 10:00am

Monday
Church Office Hours - 9:00am-3:30pm
Sleeping Mat Weaving - 11am-1pm

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

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

Service Sunday November 8, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:
Diana Snyder

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:
Caroline Scism

Greeters:
Mary Ann & Al Rogers

Coffee Time Helpers:
Carrie/Brad Richardson

Coffee Maker:
Mike Schenck

Offering Counters:
Jim Pressley & Casey Young

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget Amount-$876,810.72
Needed Weekly-$16,862.00
Received Last Week-$5,645.00
Total Received to Date-*$707,380.00
*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges



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

Feeding Kids LINK.

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

200 East Marion St.
Shelby, NC 28150

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

- **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

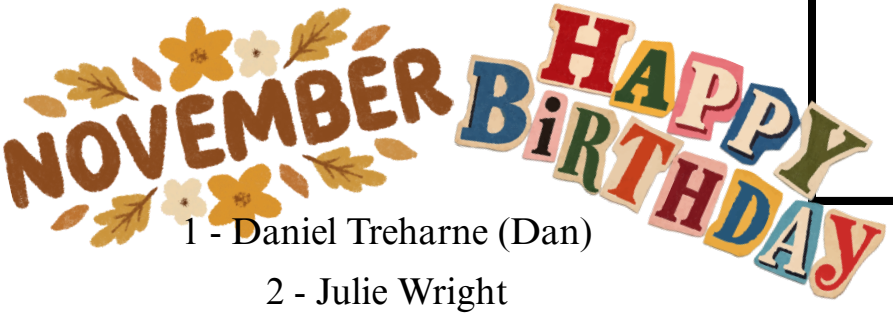
Discipleship Ongoing Opportunites

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



1 - Daniel Treharne (Dan)
2 - Julie Wright
2 - Jessie Rucker
3 - Carol Maxwell
3 - Caleb Goss
4 - Mary Dilling
5 - Carole Arey
6 - Suzanne Hensley

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).**