



The Central Issue

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

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Easter Celebration at Central

Walk with Christ from the cross to the resurrection.

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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

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 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 or download a copy with the following [link](#).
- 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 church and our discipleship. The Legacy committee looks forward to receiving your applications.

****LEGACY SUNDAY - APRIL 12TH****

2026 Central Scholarships

The 2026 Central Scholarship applications are now OPEN! We encourage all eligible students to apply.

Applications can be picked up in the church office or accessed and printed using this [link](#). Completed applications must be submitted to the church office no later than **Sunday, May 3**. Scholarship recipients will be announced on Graduation Sunday, May 17.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office for more information.



Kid's Place Art Show

The Kid's Place Art Show is a cherished annual event that beautifully highlights the creativity and hard work of both our students and teachers. We are so grateful to everyone who came out to support and celebrate the children and their artistic achievements this year. A heartfelt thank you also goes to the Kid's Place team and the many volunteers whose time and dedication made this special event possible.

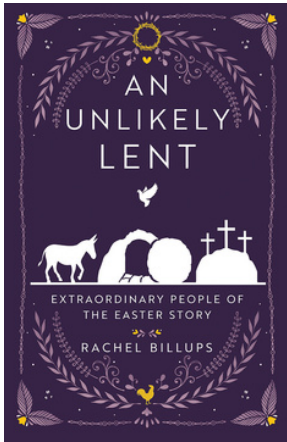
Easter Egg Hunt Celebration

Central UMC had a wonderful turnout for this year's Easter Egg Hunt in Uptown Shelby! With over 100 participants from the community, the afternoon was filled with laughter, energy, and joy. Families enjoyed a variety of games, snacks, and activities as children eagerly searched for eggs and celebrated the season together.

We are so grateful for everyone who helped make this event such a success, from volunteers who planned, to families who came out to be part of the fun. Events like this are a beautiful reminder of the joy of community and the excitement of sharing in the Easter season together.



Discipleship Opportunities



Lenten Study

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

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study The Book of Matthew

Have you wondered about the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven?
Taught by Tim Sieges, retired Director of Wycliffe Counseling Ministries
Saturday, 8am before Open Table
CUMC, Room E210
meets the first and third Saturdays of the month

Disciple Class

Disciple IV Bible Study class will begin in the next 2-3 weeks. The course covers the Books of Ruth, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Lamentations, Ezra, Haggai, Nehemiah, Esther, Daniel, Proverbs in the Old Testament. New Testament readings will include the Gospel of John, 1-2-3 John, Jude, James, and conclude with Revelation.

Disciple meets each Tuesday afternoon from 3pm to 5-5:30pm in the conference room.

Please contact Rob Laney, 704-472-5042 if you are interested in attending so he can order the correct number of workbooks(cost \$45). The class will take a break over the summer.

Everyone is welcome!

Discovery Class

The Discovery Class will be offered on **Sunday, April 26**, immediately following the morning worship service. This class is open to anyone interested in joining Central United Methodist Church and provides an overview of key aspects of faith and membership.

Topics covered include:

- What does it mean to be a Christian?
- What does it mean to be a United Methodist?
- What does it mean to be a member of Central United Methodist Church?
- How do I use my gifts to serve in Christ's church?

A light lunch will be provided. If you have questions or would like to reserve a spot for lunch, please contact Tammy or the church office to let us know you plan to attend. The class will be until approximately 2pm.

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS
Weekly Update

Youth Sunday School

No Sunday School on April, 5th.

Sunday Evening

No Youth on April, 5th & 12th



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).**

Elementary Sunday School

Sundays 9-9:45am

Infants- Nursery Room E104

Preschool age- Nursery Room E105

K-5th Grade- Godly Play Room E309

**Interested in Feeding
Our Youth in 2026?**

Sign up to provide a meal Sunday evening at 5pm in the fellowship hall. Please reach out to Katie with questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A>

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Coming

Summer 2026!

Central UMC 2026 VBS is
Operation Restoration:
Mending God's World!

During this exciting 4-day program, kids learn to be menders of the universe as they explore the daily themes of Feed, Heal, Forgive, and Pray.

Family meal will be 5:15-5:45pm

Please register at

<https://form.jotform.com/260134988250156>



Spaghetti Fundraiser - Note from Mitchell Maxwell to CUMC-

"Dear church family, I was blown away by the support at my Eagle Scout project fundraiser. I even exceeded my goal, so I will be able to make my project even more meaningful. Thank you so much for your continued support."



Senior Adults Lunch & Fellowship Monday, April 13th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please join the **Just Older Youth** in April!

Newsletter Entries

If you need anything in the newsletter please send to Ila at central@cumcshelby.org each week by each **Tuesday at 2pm** to insure it is in that week's issue!



Thanks to our youth group for getting out with Habitat for Humanity this past weekend!!

CENTRAL T-SHIRTS Order Info

If you would like to order one of the CENTRAL t-shirts, we are gathering an order for short-sleeved t-shirts. Please follow this link to order and pay online: [link](#)

If you would like to order a long-sleeved t-shirt, please see Tammy. The deadline to order and pay is **April 12.**

Calendar of Events
April 5 - April 11, 2026

Sunday

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

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

Church Office Hours - 9am -3pm

Wednesday

Church Office Hours - 9am -3pm

Thursday

Church Office Hours - 9am -3pm

Friday

Church Office Hours - Closed

Saturday

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

Serving Sunday, April 5, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:

Dorothy Hernandez &
Lelia Lattimore

Elementary Sunday School

Teachers:
Caroline Scism

Greeters:

Mary Ann & Al Rogers

Coffee Time Helpers:

Debbie Powell & Caroline Laney

Coffee Maker:

Rita Sprinkle

Welcome Table:

Ginny & Alan Hughes

Children's Sermon:

Gale Greene

Offering Counters:

Susan Tapp & Devereaux Hunter

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget

Amount-\$876,810.72

Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00

Received Last Week-\$13,534.00

Total Received to Date-*\$251,890.00

*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Betty Reeves

Bubba and Brownie Plaster

Lynn and Rachael Carpenter

Rebecca and Gene Cook

Mike and Carol Schenck

Sandy Allen

In Memory of Chuck Hamilton

June Miller

Brian and Ellen Benfield

Mike and Carol Schenck

Jim and Beverly Putnum

Sandy Allen

Special: Soup Group

In Memory of Betty Reeves

Robert and Caroline Laney

Special: Music Ministry

In Memory of Chuck Hamilton

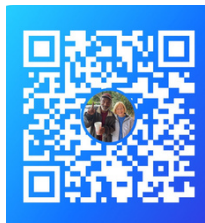
Michael and Libby Alexander

Robert and Caroline Laney

Open Table

We are asking for donations of **BOTTLED WATER (any size)**. We'll always take donations of grocery bags. We invite you every Saturday from 8am-noon to help us provide a free hot meal to our community. Join our **Open**

Table volunteer communication by using the QR code here.



Backpack Ministry

We need your help in filling our closet with food for the backpacks we deliver to North Shelby and Shelby Middle each week during the school year. For March we are requesting **CANNED PASTA**. You may drop them off at the office Monday-Friday. 9AM-2 PM. For more info about how to serve, contact Ellen Benfield at benfield@med.unc.edu.

Coffee and Donuts

Join us every Sunday **OUTSIDE** on Washington Street (or in the Fellowship Hall depending on weather) from 9:30-9:55am each Sunday. We hope you'll make plans to join us for food and fellowship.

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

Our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/

Our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@centralunitedmethodistchur6507>

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





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April Birthdays

April 1	Rebecca Wray	April 15	Jim Putnam
April 2	Diane Underwood	April 18	Shannon King
April 2	Terri Reid	April 19	Jane McDaniel
April 3	Aron Gross	April 19	Jennifer Rose-Cook
April 3	Bailey Strickland	April 20	Tracy Szymborski
April 4	Clint Cook	April 20	Avalina Richardson
April 5	Emerson Bishop	April 20	Carrie Richardson
April 6	Gene Cook	April 21	Gavin Richardson
April 6	Mack Wright	April 21	Mariel Camp
April 6	Mary Jane Buckner	April 22	Ty Grenier
April 7	Holly Mabry	April 25	Jeff Rupprecht
April 8	June Miller	April 28	Libby Alexander
April 8	Laney Triplett	April 28	Lilly Triplett
April 9	Shelley Rempson	April 29	Frank Cloyd
April 12	Ella Hensley	April 29	Dorothy Hernandez
April 12	Sandy Allen	April 29	Jim Rucker
April 12	Rob Laney	April 30	Page Morgan
April 13	Steven Hill	April 30	Annabella Schmoutz
April 14	Chloe Reeves	April 30	Donna Moyer
April 14	Catherine Dellinger		