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

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This Week at Central

Legacy Grants are due on Monday, April 27th to the office. Please see our linktree QR code to access the application. Please reach out to the office or Jim Morgan if you have any questions! More details on page 4.



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 last until approximately 2pm.

Last Week at Central

Central had the privilege to host the Gardner-Webb Choir last Thursday. It was such a beautiful celebration of the local talent and youth in our area. We enjoyed experiencing a variety of skill sets.

These concerts are amazing experiences for the college level Choir to get out and showcase the work they have been diligent mastering this semester.



Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, April 19th Central UMC joyfully celebrated five youth as they confirmed their faith. The youth are Emmerson Bishop, Celia Hensley, Avalina Richardson, Edmund Sprinkle, and Micah Talbert. Katie Bowers, Central's Director of Youth Ministries, gave the congregation an overview of the shared experiences the group had as they studied, went on a retreat, and worked together in service projects. As a culmination of their journey through the confirmation experience, the confirmands helped lead the service of worship in praying, reading scripture, collecting tithes and offerings, and sharing reflections on their confirmation journey. It was a wonderful day of worship as each person reconfirmed their own faith and committed to encourage these new members in their faith, growth, and service as members of Central United Methodist Church.



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.

QUESTIONS? CALL JIM MORGAN, 704-472-8759

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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.

Grow in Your Faith

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 a couple of 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!

CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS
Weekly Update

Youth Sunday School

Pioneer Coffee Shop

Sunday Evening

Youth 5-7pm



**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/10C0B49A4AB23A1FFC70-61391068-meal#/>



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



Coming

Summer 2026!

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

During this exciting four-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>



Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week | May 4-8

During Teacher Appreciation Week, we would love to show our gratitude to the amazing staff of our Kid's Place Preschool. We are collecting donations to provide Chick-fil-A gift cards as a small token of appreciation for all they do each day.

If you would like to contribute, donations can be dropped off at the church office or given to Shelley in the preschool office.

Thank you for helping us celebrate and support these wonderful teachers!

- Shelley Rempson

Calendar of Events
April 26 - May 2, 2026

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:00am
Worship Service - 10:00am
Discovery Class

Monday

Church Office Hours - 9am-3pm

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

Service Sunday April 26, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:
Dorothy Hernandez

Elementary Sunday School Teachers::
Caroline Scism

Greeters:
Manning & Meaghan Burton

Coffee Time Helpers:
Kelly & Wes Dellinger

Coffee Maker:
Rita Chen Sprinkle

Welcome Table:
Ginny & Alan Hughes

Children's Sermon:
Elizabeth Lutz

Offering Counters:
Rita Chen & Will Mabry

Memorials and Honorariums

Operating:

In Memory of Betty Reeves
Bobby McDaniel
In Memory of Margaret Ellis
Bobby McDaniel
Robert Laney
In Memory of David Swaim,
father of Devereaux Hunter
Bubba and Brownie Plaster
Robert Laney

Special: Music Ministry

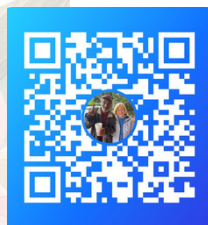
In Memory of Betty Reeves
Carol McPhail
In Memory of Margaret Ellis
Carol McPhail

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget
Amount-\$876,810.72
Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00
Received Last Week-\$9,851.00
Total Received to Date-*\$288,638.00
*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges

Open Table

We are asking for donations of **PAPER TOWELS**. 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.



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.

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.

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 14	Chloe Reeves	April 30	Annabella Schmoutz
April 14	Catherine Dellinger	April 30	Donna Moyer