



The Central Issue

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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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God's Garden "The Power of the Flower"

After five months of glorifying God and our surroundings, a poinsettia takes an encore. It's beauty has celebrated the Holy Season of Advent through Easter. It's symbolic star-shaped flower found the manger; it's red tone matched the blood of Christ; it's white tone led us to the purity and resurrection at Easter. This flower has been a remarkable presence during our worship of Christ.

-Marilyn Jack



This Week at Central

2026 Central Scholarships

FINAL week to apply for the 2026 Central Scholarship!
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.



The WinGS Ladies assembled 100 blessing bags this week to share with our guests at Open Table on Saturday, May 2.

These bags are a small but meaningful way to offer care, comfort, and encouragement to those we serve.

We also give special thanks to Anne Wray for bringing beautiful crocheted blankets made by Wanda Sykes. Using donated yarn, Wanda lovingly creates incredible lap and baby blankets that will be a true blessing to those who receive them.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, talents, and donations to make this outreach possible!

—Judy Marsh, on behalf of the WinGS Ladies

Last Week at Central

A special thank you to Carol Maxwell from Bee Sweet Farms! Carol visited our older Kid's Place classes last week and brought along her bees for a truly unforgettable experience. As part of their study on bees, the students were able to see firsthand what they've been learning in the classroom, turning abstract ideas about nature into meaningful, hands-on discovery.

The children were especially excited to try and spot the queen bee, and many enjoyed a sweet taste of fresh honey! It was a joyful and educational visit that reminded us all—bees are our friends! 🐝 ✨

-Shelley Rempson



**Calendar of Events
May 3 - May 9, 2026**

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:00am
Worship Service - 10:00am
Hand Bells to Navion

Monday

Church Office Hours - 9am-3pm

Tuesday

Church Office Hours - 9am-3pm

Wednesday

Church Office Hours - 9am -3pm
Kid's Choirs to Navion

Thursday

Church Office Hours - 9am -3pm

Friday

Church Office Hours - Closed

Saturday

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

Service Sunday May 3, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:
Monica Noble

**Elementary Sunday School
Teachers:**
Caroline Scism

Greeters:
Elizabeth & Rocky Lutz

Coffee Time Helpers:
Monica & Sergio Noble

Coffee Maker:
Holli Clark

Children's Sermon:
Keeley Benfield

Offering Counters:
Manning Burton & Patrick
Budzinski

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget
Amount-\$876,810.72
Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00
Received Last Week-\$8,838.00
Total Received to Date-*\$297,476.00
*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges

**Memorials and
Honorariums**

Operating:

In Memory of Betty Reeves
Ann Wray

In Memory of David Swaim,
father of Devereaux Hunter

Ann Wray

In Memory of Shirley Groll
(Katie Bower's Grandmother)

Ann Wray

In Memory of Chuck Hamilton

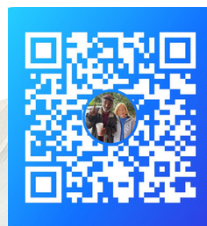
Ann Wray

In Memory of Marie Lineberger
(Gary Lineberger's Mother)

Ann Wray

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.



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 **Mac N Cheese Cups**. 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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CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS **Weekly Update**

Youth Sunday School

Pioneer Coffee Shop

Sunday Evening

Youth 5-7pm

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

BLOOD DRIVE COMING UP !!

MAY 12th, 2pm until 6:30pm.

Please plan to give blood. The upcoming summer months
are always short with donors.

You can make an appointment at redcrossblood.org.



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



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>