



# 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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## This week at Central

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# 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\*\***

## LEGACY APPLICATIONS

REMEMBER THAT IF YOU WISH TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR A LEGACY GRANT (AND HAVEN'T ATTENDED A WORKSHOP IN THE LAST TWO YEARS) YOU MUST ATTEND THE GRANT WORKSHOP SUNDAY, APRIL 12 AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE. SEE YOU THERE!

**QUESTIONS? CALL JIM MORGAN, 704-472-8759**

# 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.

## Easter Celebration at CUMC



Central UMC gathered on Easter Sunday to celebrate the joyful proclamation, “Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!” The service centered on the powerful theme of Easter as an earthquake, a reminder that the resurrection of Jesus was not a quiet moment, but a world-changing, life-altering event. Through worship, music, and message, the congregation was invited to experience the resurrection as something that shakes us, awakens us, and calls us into new life.

Just as an earthquake reshapes the ground beneath us, the resurrection transforms hearts and lives in profound ways. The message encouraged all to embrace the bold and living hope of Easter, not as something distant, but as a present and active force in our daily lives. It was a meaningful and uplifting time of worship as we celebrated the risen Christ and a beautiful display of all our amazingly talented musicians' and worship leaders.



Thank you to our acolytes, Abi Noble and Elizabeth Dellinger. They served so well during Lent and Easter Sunday. -

Message from Marilyn Jack

# Discipleship Opportunities



## 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**

Pioneer Coffee Shop

**Sunday Evening**

No Youth on April 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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>



**Safe Sanctuary Training for all Youth & Children Volunteers**

Sunday, April 19 after Worship

Please RSVP at the link below for the Safe Sanctuary Training for children & youth volunteers on April 19, 2026 in the fellowship hall after Worship Service. The meeting will last until approximately 12:30pm. We will be providing Ingles Sub Sandwiches for lunch. There is no childcare provided for this event.

If you cannot attend, please RSVP 'NO' and Caroline Scism will follow-up with an alternate weekday evening time to attend the training. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084EA9AD2FA4F85-63381442-safe>

If you are a Youth & Children Volunteer (or want to be a volunteer), please plan to attend an upcoming annual Safe Sanctuary Training. All youth and children volunteers will need to complete this training.

# Upcoming Deadlines and Events!



## 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.**

Senior Adults Lunch & Fellowship Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:central@cumcshelby.org) each week by each **Tuesday at 2pm** to insure it is in that week's issue!

## WINGS

WINGS will be meeting this coming Wednesday, April 15th. They will be hosted at the home of Dr. Mike Keeley. Dr. Keeley will be teaching the guests about the interesting process of bee keeping and honey making!



**Calendar of Events**  
**April 12 - April 18, 2026**

**Sunday**

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

**Monday**

Church Office Hours - 9am -3pm

**Tuesday**

Church Office Hours - 9am -3pm

**Wednesday**

Church Office Hours - 9am -3pm  
WINGS

**Thursday**

Church Office Hours - 9am -3pm  
Book Club

**Friday**

Church Office Hours - Closed

**Saturday**

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

**Service Sunday April 12, 2026**

**Nursery Volunteer:**  
Dorothy Hernandez

**Elementary Sunday School Teachers::**  
Ginny Hughes

**Greeters:**  
Julianne & Dave McDowell

**Coffee Time Helpers:**  
Debbie Powell & Caroline Laney

**Coffee Maker:**  
Rita Sprinkle

**Welcome Table:**  
Ginny & Alan Hughes

**Children's Sermon:**  
Tammy Bass

**Offering Counters:**  
Jessica Talbert & Allison Mauney

**Memorials and Honorariums**

**Operating:**

In Memory of David Swaim,  
father of Devereaux Hunter

Bubba and Brownie Plaster

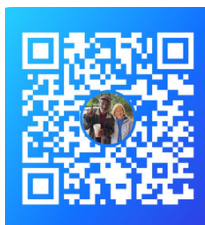


**2026 Stewardship**

2026 Approved Budget  
Amount-\$876,810.72  
Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00  
Received Last Week-\$14,422.00  
Total Received to Date-\*\$266,312.00  
\*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges

**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](http://www.cumcshelby.org)  
Our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/](http://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		