



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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Peter Rogers - The ascension, 1963

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Graduation Sunday THIS Sunday!

As we prepare to celebrate our graduates, we invite you to help us honor this special milestone. If you would like to bring a card for our high school graduates, they are: Brooke Bolin, Ethan Ledford, Mitchell Maxwell, LeeAnne McDowell, and Zoe Rempson.

We also want to recognize our college and graduate school graduates.

If you or someone in your family is graduating, please send the following information to the church office: the graduate's full name, university name, and degree earned. You can email the office at central@cumcshelby.org or call 704-487-6336.

Let's come together as a church family to celebrate and encourage these graduates as they take their next steps!

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Upcoming Events at Central

Pentecost Sunday & New Members

Join us on Sunday, May 24, as we celebrate Pentecost, a powerful reminder of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. We invite everyone to wear red as a symbol of the Spirit's presence and movement among us.

This will also be a special day in the life of our church as we welcome new members into our Central family. It is always a joy to celebrate the ways God continues to grow our congregation and draw people into community.

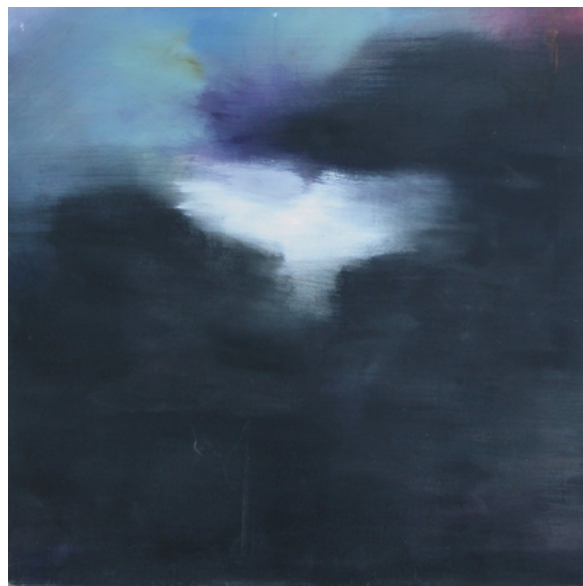
As we reflect on Christ's ascension and the promise of the Holy Spirit, we give thanks for both the rich history of our faith and the new life unfolding here at Central. We hope you will join us for this meaningful and joy-filled Sunday! 🔥

CUMC Outdoor Worship Service

Join us on Sunday, May 31st, for a special outdoor worship service at 10:00 AM on the Court Square. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather together in the heart of our community for worship and fellowship.

Following the service, we'll enjoy a picnic meal together. The church will provide fried chicken, and we invite each family to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

Please note that there will be no Sunday School that morning. We hope you'll make plans to join us for this meaningful and joy-filled day!



John Brokenshire, Untitled/Pentecost, 2003
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WINGS

WINGS will be meeting May 27th at Devereaux Hunter's House at 11am.

Please make sure to save that date on you calendar!



Calendar of Events
May 17 - May 23, 2026

Sunday

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

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 May 17, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:
Denise Segis

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:
Rocky Lutz

Greeters:
Holli & Matt Clark

Coffee Time Helpers:
Jessica & Daniel Talbert

Coffee Maker:
Mike Schenck

Children's Sermon:
Emily Ousley

Offering Counters:
Rita Chen & Rocky Lutz

Memorials and Honorariums

Mike and Carol Schenck

Operating

In memory of Shirley Groll and David Swaim

Stan and Ann Anthony

Operating

In memory of: Chuck Hamilton, David Swaim, and Betty Reeves

Robert Laney

Operating

In memory of Bob Conlon

Marilyn Jack

Operating

In memory of: Bob Conlon, Mary Johnson, and Betty Reeves

In honor of: Carol McPhail and Jo Marsh

June Miller

Operating

In honor of High School and College graduates

Barbara McLarty

Operating

In memory of Oakley White

Anne Wray

Operating

In memory of Bob Conlon

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget

Amount-\$876,810.72

Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00

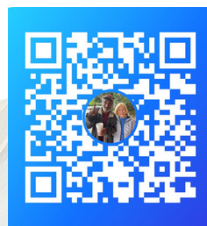
Received Last Week-\$17,275.00

Total Received to Date-*\$324,018.00

*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.



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

9am - Meet in Sanctuary for Rehearsal

Sunday Evening

Youth 5-6:30pm

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>

Kid's Place Graduation!

Our preschool, Kid's Place, has graduation on
Friday May 15th. Class of 2026 graduation ceremony
will be at 11:30 on Friday!



Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication

We are excited to announce the
Home Dedication for

603 E Warren Street will be on
Friday, May 15th at 5:30 pm.

This is one of the two houses we built in
partnership with four area churches.