



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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VBS: Operation Restoration

This week, our church has been filled with energy, laughter, and faith during Vacation Bible School, Operation Restoration! Families and children from both our church, Aldersgate UMC, and the community have gathered each evening for worship, music, crafts, games, and Bible lessons centered on God's power to restore and renew. Each night begins with a shared meal and family worship, creating meaningful opportunities for connection and fellowship. Thanks to the generosity of the CUMC Legacy Grant, meals have been provided free of charge, helping make this special week accessible to all. As we prepare for our final evening together, we give thanks for the many volunteers, leaders, and families who have helped make this week so meaningful. The photos included in this newsletter capture some of the excitement and joy from our opening night as we continue celebrating God's love and faithfulness through VBS.

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Central Highlights



Butterfly and Sonshine Choir Visited Navion in May

In May, the Butterfly Choir and Sonshine Choir concluded their Spring 2026 season with a special performance for the residents of Navion Assisted Living Center. The children shared many of the songs they had learned throughout the semester, bringing joy, encouragement, and fellowship to those in attendance. Music has a unique way of connecting generations, and this final performance provided a meaningful opportunity for our young singers to share their gifts while spreading God's love through song. We are grateful for the dedication of our choir leaders, the support of families, and the warm welcome extended by the residents and staff at Navion. It was a wonderful way to celebrate a successful choir season and end the spring on a high note.

Legacy Announcement Note from Jim Morgan

Central received the following distributions from the Legacy Funds this year:

Operating, \$8,351.00; Building, \$6,113.00; Music, \$635.00; Preaching and Teaching, \$6,761.00 and General Endowment, \$114,521.00.

From the General Endowment distribution, the Legacy Committee made the following grants:

VBS dinners, \$2,400.00; Listening Community, \$3,750.00; Musicians, \$8,000.00; Blessing Bags (Open Table), \$945.00; Christmas decorations refurbishment, \$5,190.00; ADA compliant ramp for PAC, \$7,000.00; Central Forward, \$30,000.00; Lighting rehab for fellowship hall, \$19,665.00; and, Sanctuary wall repair, \$25,000.00.

Calendar of Events June 14 - 20 , 2026

Sunday

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

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 June 14, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:

Dorothy Hernandez
Karin Cook

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:

Ginny Hughes

Greeters:

Reid & Jillian Hunter

Coffee Time Helpers:

Page & Jim Morgan

Coffee Maker:

Rita Sprinkle

Children's Sermon:

Caroline Scism

Offering Counters:

Manning Burton & Rocky Lutz

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Bob Conlon

Bubba and Brownie Plaster - Operating

In Memory of Prentice Johnson

Bubba and Brownie Plaster - Operating

In Memory of Bob Yelton

Robert Laney - Yelton Scholarship Fund
Bubba and Brownie Plaster - Yelton
Scholarship Fund

Mark Your Calendars!!

Pumpkin painting at the Livermush
Festival will be here before too long.
Mark your calendars for **Saturday,
October 17th from 9 am to 4 pm in
Uptown Shelby.**

Please call Leigh Mabry at
(704) 472-1110 if you would like to
volunteer. We will have 2 hour shifts
with set-up before 9:00 am and clean
up after 4:00 pm.

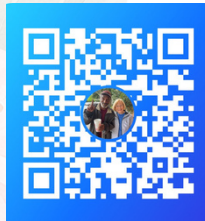
Help us continue to make this event a
huge success!

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget
Amount-\$876,810.72
Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00
Received Last Week-\$21,210.00
Total Received to Date-*\$390,846.00
*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 May we are requesting **cheese/peanut
butter crackers**. 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/
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CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

Youth Sunday School

Pioneer Coffee Shop - 9am

Sunday Evening

Youth - Youth Cookout

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

Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 14 - 🍷🍌 Youth Cookout

Wednesday, June 17 - 🍌 Dinner at Mi Pueblito & Harmony Trail Walk Meet at 6:30 PM for dinner, then join Aldersgate for a walk on the Harmony Trail. Please bring money for dinner.

Sunday, June 21 - ☕ Sunday School at Pioneer Coffee – 9:00 🧑 No Youth Gathering – Father's Day

Thursday, June 25 - 🎬 Movie Night at the Don Gibson Theater - 6:45 PM – Featuring Coco

🍿 Admission is \$3 and includes popcorn and a drink.

Saturday, June 27

📦🚚 Feeding Kids Cleveland County Food Delivery

8:30 AM–1:00 PM

After deliveries, we'll enjoy lunch together. Drivers are needed! Please let Katie know if you can help transport food.

Sunday, June 28

☕ Sunday School at Pioneer Coffee – 9:00 AM

No Youth Gathering



Youth having a blast last Wednesday!! Nothing like a pool noodle and a cool summer evening for some ice breakers with youth from Aldersgate!