



# 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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## June Birthdays - 6/10-6/20

6/10 - Liam Richardson

6/12 - Laura Wilson

6/13 - Kendrick Rucker (KC)

6/15 - Barbara Pressley

6/15 - Mary Graham Sigmon

6/16 - Daniel Keggan (Dan)

6/16 - Mike Kidder

## Father's Day Worship & Guest Preacher

This Sunday, June 21, we invite you to join us as we celebrate Father's Day together at Central United Methodist Church. Father's Day is a special opportunity to give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, mentors, and father figures who have helped shape our lives through their love, guidance, and faith. We look forward to gathering in worship as we honor these important individuals and celebrate the blessings they bring to our families and community.

We are also pleased to welcome Daniel Sprinkle as our guest preacher for the morning. Pastor David Lee will be away attending the Annual Conference, and we are grateful to Daniel for sharing God's Word with us during his absence. We hope you will join us for this meaningful time of worship, fellowship, and celebration as we come together on Father's Day.

# Central Highlights



## Operation Restoration VBS 2026

Last week, children and families from Central UMC, Aldersgate UMC, and the community experienced a fun and faith-filled week at Operation Restoration Vacation Bible School.

Thirty-one children, twenty-five parent/guardians, twenty-five volunteers, and seven youth helpers ate a family meal and attended family worship each night.

Through moments of wonder and exploration, the children made connections between Bible stories and mending actions to discover how they can live out faith in daily life. Over four days, the daily themes included "Feed" - the story of God feeding the Hebrew people with manna, "Heal" - the story of Jesus healing the bend-over woman, "Forgive" - the story of Jesus telling his disciples how often to forgive, "Pray" - learning the Lord's Prayer. The theme of "Rest" was presented this past Sunday by Pastor David emphasizing how God directed the Hebrew people in the wilderness to rest on the seventh day and how we too can honor God by following this commandment.

During VBS, our preschoolers packed thirty-six meal kits for Open Table and our families donated approximately 80 canned good items to stock the Open Table shelves. Through their actions, these children are already learning how they can mend the world with love and care.

Thank you to the many volunteers who made VBS special for the kids and families - it was a special time for all. - Caroline Scism



## Calendar of Events

June 21 - 27 , 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 21, 2026

### Nursery Volunteer:

Laura Lombardi

### Elementary Sunday School Teachers:

Ginny Hughes

### Greeters:

Kelly & Wes Dellinger

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

### Coffee Maker:

Rita Sprinkle

### Children's Sermon:

Daniel Sprinkle

### Offering Counters:

John Lattimore & Casey Young

## Memorials and Honorariums

### In Memory of Bob Conlon

Will and Tina Rucker- Operating

Mitchell and Glenda Self - Operating

### In Memory of Prentice Johnson

Frank and Mary Beam - Operating

### In Memory of Bob Yelton

Frank and Florence Bonner - Operating

Sara Branton - Operating

Leslie and Cheryl Farfour - Scholarship Fund

Jim and Page Morgan - Scholarship Fund

Will and Tina Rucker - Scholarship Fund

WH and Carole Hudson - Scholarship Fund

Vance Suttle and Nathalie Lavigne - Scholarship Fund

## 2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget

Amount-\$876,810.72

Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00

Received Last Week-\$10,631.00

Total Received to Date-\*\$401,476.00

\*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges

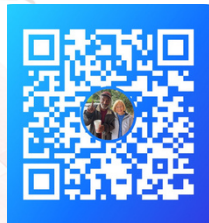
Pumpkin painting at the Livermush Festival will be here before too long. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 17th from 9 am to 4 pm in Uptown Shelby.**

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!

## 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 June 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](mailto: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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## CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

### Youth Sunday School

Pioneer Coffee Shop - 9am

### Sunday Evening

No Youth - Father's Day

## Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

**TONIGHT:** 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

**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

A few photos of the youth at this past weeks cook out. It was such a great time with unique games and fellowship! **Guess the game!?**

