



# 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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## Beautiful Things: A Summer of Pentecost Parables

This Sunday we begin a new worship journey called Beautiful Things: A Summer of Pentecost Parables. Inspired by reflections from Diana Butler Bass's A Beautiful Year, this series invites us to notice God's presence in everyday life and discover the beauty woven throughout Jesus' parables.

Our guiding theme for the summer is:

**"The Spirit has been poured out, and God is making beautiful things"**

Like a garden nurtured through the seasons, our faith is shaped through grace, wonder, and the steady work of God's Spirit. Throughout the series, we will explore how God's kingdom takes root, grows, and flourishes in ways both ordinary and extraordinary.

We will introduce the series over the next two Sundays before taking a brief pause while Pastor David is away. When the series resumes later this summer, the congregation will be invited to take part in a special creative experience that reflects our shared journey of faith, growth, and transformation. We hope you'll join us as we discover the beautiful things God is cultivating among us and blooming within us.

## June Birthdays - 6/21-6/30

23 - Mitchell Maxwell

23 - Ellen Benfield

23 - James Mabry

24 - Brian Benfield

25 - Laura Smith

25 - Tim Sieges

26 - Manning Burton

27 - Cindy Cox

28 - Bradley Ellis

29 - Rita Hamrick

29 - Patricia Schmoutz

30 - James Rose



# Central Highlights



“The Annual Conference was very inspiring! The Catawba Valley District is doing some great work! I am proud to be a United Methodist!!” - Anne Wray

This past week, Pastor Lee and several members of our congregation attended the Western North Carolina Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska. Annual Conference is a time when clergy and laity from across the conference gather for worship, learning, fellowship, and discernment as they seek God's direction for the future of the church. This year's theme, "Rebuild My Church," invited participants to reflect on how God is renewing and strengthening congregations for ministry in a changing world.

A central focus of the conference was The United Methodist Church's new vision statement: Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously. Through worship, teaching, and conversation, attendees were encouraged to consider how these values can shape the life and mission of the church both locally and globally. As we continue our own ministry at Central, we look forward to exploring what it means to embrace this vision and participate in the rebuilding work God is doing among us and through us.

## Youth & Family Movie Night at the Don Gibson Theater

Join us tomorrow **Thursday, June 25,** at **6:45 PM** for a fun evening at the historic Don Gibson Theater as our youth groups from Central UMC and Aldersgate Methodist come together for a special showing of **Coco**. Families with younger children are also welcome to join us for this family-friendly event.

Admission is just \$3 and includes popcorn and a drink. We hope you'll come enjoy a great movie, fellowship, and one of Shelby's most unique community venues!

**Calendar of Events**  
**June 28 - July 4, 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  
 JULY 4<sup>th</sup>!!

**Service Sunday June 28, 2026**

**Nursery Volunteer:**  
 Laura Lombardi

**Elementary Sunday School Teachers:**  
 Rocky Lutz

**Greeters:**  
 Mary Ann & Al Rogers

**Coffee Time Helpers:**  
 Allison & Rod Mauney

**Coffee Maker:**  
 Rita Sprinkle

**Children's Sermon:**  
 Lynn Carter

**Offering Counters:**  
 Patrick Budzinski & Jim Pressley

**Memorials and Honorariums**

**In Memory of Bob Yelton**  
 Pat and Che Tiernan - Scholarship  
 Donald Bryant - Scholarship  
 Reinhilde Norville - Scholarship  
 Don and Emily Yelton - Scholarship  
 John and Stuart Schweppe -  
 Scholarship  
 James and Beverly Putnam -  
 Operating  
 Stan and Ann Anthony- Operating

**2026 Stewardship**

2026 Approved Budget  
 Amount-\$876,810.72  
 Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00  
 Received Last Week-\$20,515.00  
 Total Received to Date-\$421,991.00  
 \*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges

 **Pumpkin Painting at  
 the Livermush Festival**  
**Saturday, October 17 •**  
**9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**  
 Volunteers are needed!

Contact Leigh Mabry  
 (704) 472-1110 to sign up for a  
 2-hour shift.

Help us make this annual event a  
 success!

**Save the Date – July 12**

Join us on Sunday, July 12, as we  
 welcome **Rev. Jonathan Brake**, Eco-  
 Missions & Creation Care  
 Coordinator for the Western North  
 Carolina Conference. Rev. Brake will  
 lead a special presentation at 9:00 a.m.  
 on the United Methodist Social  
 Principles, followed by sharing a  
 message during the 10:00 a.m.  
 worship service. **More details will be  
 shared in the coming weeks.**

*A Sweet Little Shower*   
**Diaper & Wipe Shower**  
 for **Jillian & Reid Hunter**  
 Help us shower the growing Hunter family  
 with love and support as they prepare  
 to welcome their baby!

**Sunday, July 12**  
**The Parlor**  
 Following Worship

*Diapers and baby wipes are appreciated.*



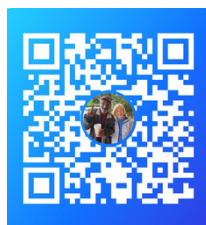
**SAVE THE DATE**



**Red Cross Blood  
 Drive : July 14th**

**Open Table**

We are asking for donations of **PAPER  
 TOWELS**. Join our **Open Table volunteer  
 communication** by using the QR code here.



**Backpack Ministry**

For June we are requesting **cheese/peanut butter  
 crackers**.

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

### Thursday 6/25

🕒 6:45 Don Gibson Theater

Watching the movie Coco

\$3 includes popcorn and drink 🍿

(Bring the whole family!)

### Saturday 6/27

8:30-1pm

Feeding Kids Cleveland Co. Food Delivery 📦 🚚

We will grab lunch afterwards. We will need drivers. Please let Katie know if you are interested in helping drive

### Sunday 6/28

☕ Sunday School 9am Pioneer Coffee

No Youth in evening

### Sunday 7/5

☕ Sunday School 9am Pioneer Coffee

No Youth (4th of July weekend 🇺🇸)

### Saturday 7/11

Youth Trip to Sliding Rock

\*leaving around 9:30am - details to come

### Sunday 7/12

Sunday School in FELLOWSHIP HALL -

GUEST Speaker!!

No youth in evening

### Youth Mission Trip to KC

July 18-25th

(no youth for those not going)

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



The CUMC and Aldersgate youth have been making the most of their summer break! Last week, they enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship, sharing a delicious Mexican meal and taking a stroll along the Harmony Trail together.

And they're just getting started! Thanks to the dedication and creativity of our amazing youth leaders, the summer calendar is filled with fun activities, service opportunities, and memorable experiences. We look forward to sharing many more photos and stories from our youth's summer adventures in the weeks ahead!