



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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Vacation Bible School Begins This Sunday!

Get ready for an exciting week of faith, fun, and fellowship as Central United Methodist Church kicks off **Vacation Bible School: Operation Restoration** this Sunday!

Designed for children ages 3–11, VBS will take place Sunday, June 7 – Wednesday, June 10, from 5:15–7:30 p.m. each evening. Every night begins with a free family meal from 5:15–5:45 p.m., followed by family worship for parents, guardians, siblings, and participants before children head to their age-group activities.

This year's theme, Operation Restoration, invites children and families to discover how God calls us to help mend and restore the world around us. Throughout the week, we will explore the themes of **Feeding, Healing, Forgiving, and Praying**, learning how even small acts of love and compassion can make a meaningful difference in God's world.

Thanks to the generous support of the CUMC Legacy Grant, meals are provided free of charge for all VBS attendees, their families, and volunteers.

There is still room to participate! If you know a child who would enjoy a week of faith-filled fun, friendship, music, games, and hands-on learning, we invite them to join us. Registration is available through this link:

[REGISTRATION.](#)

Central Highlights



Supporting Students, Sharing Christ's Love

On Wednesday evening, May 27, Tammy Bass presented the Martha Porter Yelton Scholarship to LeeAnne McDowell, along with seven Pack-A-Trunk Scholarships at Shelby High School.

Each year, Central United Methodist Church awards Pack-A-Trunk Scholarships to graduating seniors at both Shelby High School and Crest High School who need assistance preparing for college life.

In addition to providing financial support for dorm room essentials, church volunteers often take students shopping to help them select the items they need. Some students choose to shop online, but the goal remains the same: helping them begin this new chapter with confidence and support.

This ministry is a unique and meaningful way for Central to extend the love of Christ beyond our church walls, investing in the lives of local students and demonstrating God's care for our community.



Soup Group: Serving Love One Meal at a Time

When someone is facing illness, recovering from surgery, grieving a loss, or simply unable to leave home easily, even preparing a meal can become a challenge. That's where Central's Soup Group steps in.

Despite the name, this dedicated group prepares far more than soup. Throughout the year, volunteers come together to cook and package a variety of homemade meals, including casseroles, meatloaves, soups, and other comforting dishes. These meals are delivered to church members, friends, and neighbors who could use a helping hand during difficult seasons of life.

Behind every meal is a generous investment of time, effort, and care. From planning and cooking to packaging and delivery, these volunteers make sure that those who may feel isolated or overwhelmed know they have not been forgotten. Their work is a beautiful expression of Christ's love in action, nourishing both body and spirit.

We give thanks for the Soup Group and the many ways they help our church and community feel seen, supported, and cared for when they need it most.



**Calendar of Events
June 7 - 13 , 2026**

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:00am
Worship Service - 10:00am
VBS Starts! - 5:15-7:30pm

Monday

Church Office Hours - 9am-3pm
VBS - 5:15-7:30pm

Tuesday

Church Office Hours - 9am-3pm
VBS - 5:15-7:30pm

Wednesday

Church Office Hours - 9am -3pm
VBS - 5:15-7:30pm

Thursday

Church Office Hours - 9am -3pm

Friday

Church Office Hours - Closed

Saturday

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

Service Sunday June 7, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:
Laura Lombardi

**Elementary Sunday School
Teachers:**
Caroline Scism

Greeters:
Manning & Meaghan Burton

Coffee Time Helpers:
Ann & Stan Anthony

Coffee Maker:
Rita Sprinkle

Children's Sermon:
Donna Boggs

Offering Counters:
Jim Morgan & Susan Tapp

Memorials and Honorariums

Anne Wray
Operating
In memory of Bob Yelton
In memory of Bob Conlon

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.

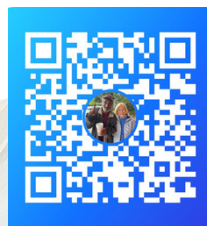
Help us continue to make this event a
huge success!

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget
Amount-\$876,810.72
Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00
Received Last Week-\$19,928.00
Total Received to Date-*\$369,636.00
*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/
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

Youth - 5:15 - Help with VBS

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

WINGS: Wrapping Our Community in Prayer and Care

One of the quiet but powerful ministries of Central United Methodist Church is WINGS, a group of women who gather each month to pray, encourage one another, and extend Christ's love to those who need it most.

This week, the WINGS group met to pray over several handmade blankets that will soon be delivered to individuals facing illness, recovery, grief, or circumstances that have made it difficult for them to remain connected to the community. Along with cards and notes of encouragement, these blankets serve as a tangible reminder that someone is thinking of them, praying for them, and walking alongside them through life's challenges.

The ministry may seem simple, a blanket, a card, a prayer, but its impact reaches far beyond what can be seen. Through every stitch and every prayer, WINGS reminds recipients that they are loved, remembered, and never alone.

We are grateful for the faithful women who continue to be the hands and feet of Christ through this meaningful ministry.

