



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 Continues

Our summer worship journey, **Beautiful Things: A Summer of Pentecost Parables**, continues this Sunday as we begin exploring the first of Jesus' parables in the series. Inspired by Diana Butler Bass's *A Beautiful Year*, these messages invite us to notice God's presence in everyday life and discover the beauty of God's kingdom unfolding in ordinary places.

Our guiding theme throughout the summer is:

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

Each parable offers a glimpse of how God is at work; planting seeds of hope, cultivating faith, and transforming lives in ways we may not always expect.

Following this Sunday's message, the series will pause for three weeks while Pastor David is away. During that time, we look forward to welcoming several guest speakers who will lead us in worship and offer fresh perspectives on our faith. When Pastor David returns, we'll pick back up with our journey through the parables—and you'll begin to see one of the meaningful ways this series will come to life beyond the sermon each week. We can't wait to share more.

Whether you've been with us from the beginning or are joining us for the first time, we hope you'll worship with us this summer as we discover **the beautiful things God is creating in and through our community.**

July 1st - 11th Birthdays

1 - Mikaela Mitchell

3 - William Plaster

(Miller)

5 - Catherine Simpson

(Courtney)

6 - Barbara McLarty

6 - Ethan Richardson

7 - Karin Cook

7 - Lauren Burton

8 - Larry Baxter

11 - Jennifer Arey

11 - Grady Morgan



Central Highlights



Special Guest Speaker – Sunday, July 12

We are excited to welcome Rev. Jonathan Brake, Eco-Missions & Creation Care Coordinator for the Western North Carolina Conference, on Sunday, July 12.

At 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall,

Rev. Brake will lead a special presentation on the United Methodist Social Principles, updated at the 2024 General Conference in Charlotte.

He will share a brief history of the Social Principles before exploring the section titled **"The Community of All Creation."** Everyone from middle school age and up is invited to attend the presentation.

Many United Methodists are unaware of the church's official teachings on topics such as creation care, climate change, sustainable practices, food justice, environmental stewardship, and our responsibility toward all of God's creation. This presentation offers a unique opportunity to learn more about how our faith speaks to these important issues.

Rev. Brake will also be our guest preacher during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, bringing the message "What Are We Doing Here?" based on Genesis 2:4-9.

This promises to be an educational, thought-provoking, and inspiring morning.

Calendar of Events

July 5 - July 11, 2026

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:00am

Worship Service - 10:00am

NO Youth - 4th of July Weekend

Monday

Church Office Hours - 9am-3:30pm

Tuesday

Church Office Hours - 9am-3:30pm

Wednesday

Church Office Hours - 9am-3:30pm

Thursday

Church Office Hours - 9am-3:30pm

Friday

Church Office Hours - Closed

Saturday

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

Youth Trip - Sliding Rock

Service Sunday July 5, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:

Abbie Ribadeneyra

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:

Rocky Lutz

Greeters:

Julianne & Dave McDowell

Coffee Time Helpers:

Carrie & Brad Richardson

Coffee Maker:

Holli Clark

Children's Sermon:

Caroline Laney

Offering Counters:

Caroline Laney & Will Mabry

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget

Amount-\$876,810.72

Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00

Received Last Week-\$5,102.00

Total Received to Date-*\$427,093.00

*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Bob Yelton

Hogewood Family - Scholarship

In Memory of Terry Brown

Becky Brown - Donated to both Music and Teaching/Preaching in memory of her mother

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.

Blessing Bag Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE

We will be having a fundraiser on **July 9th in the Fellowship Hall.**

More information will be sent out in the next few days!



Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 14 |

2:00-6:30 p.m.

American Red Cross

Beat the heat and help save lives!

Join us for our next Red Cross Blood Drive.

Our last drive exceeded our goal!

♥ 37 units collected (goal: 29)

🎉 3 first-time donors

Let's do it again! **Schedule your**

appointment today at

redcrossblood.org.

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.

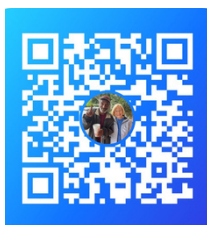
Help us make this annual event a success!

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 July we are requesting **cheese/peanut butter crackers**.



Be sure to check out our website: www.cumshelby.org

Our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/cumshelby/

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**

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-5th Grade- Godly Play Room E309



Central UMC was invited to participate in a School Supply Giveaway this past Saturday with Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and other vendors. We gave away many crayons and shared the love of Christ with the community.

Thanks to Sergio and Abi for their help!

- Caroline Scism