

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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Summer Guest Speaker Series Continues This Sunday

Our Summer Guest Speaker Series continues this Sunday as we welcome Rev. Sally W. Queen, District Superintendent of the Catawba Valley District, to Central. Rev. Queen is the second of three guest speakers joining us while Pastor David Lee enjoys his summer vacation.

This week's Scripture is Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43, and Rev. Queen's message, "Dealing with Weeds," explores Jesus' Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds. In a world where goodness and brokenness often grow side by side, this timeless parable reminds us to trust God's wisdom, patience, and ultimate plan for redemption.

We hope you'll join us for worship as we continue hearing fresh voices from across our Conference. Each guest speaker brings unique gifts and perspectives, enriching our faith while reminding us of the broader ministry we share as the United Methodist Church. We look forward to welcoming Rev. Queen and invite you to be part of this meaningful morning of worship.

SUMMER GUEST SPEAKER SERIES
2 OF 3

Welcoming
Rev. Sally Queen
GUEST PREACHER
SUNDAY, JULY 19

We are honored to welcome Rev. Sally W. Queen as the second guest in our Summer Speaker Series!

A new voice. A fresh perspective. One body in Christ.

- District Superintendent for the Catawba Valley District
- Serving in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference since 2003
- Degrees from Meredith College and Duke University
- Before becoming District Superintendent, Sally spent 9 years as the Senior Pastor of Myers Memorial United Methodist Church in Gaston County.
- Married to Kevin and proud mom of 3 daughters: Ella (Freshman at UNCW), Mattie (Freshman at University of Richmond), and Kate (8th grade).
- When she's not working, you can find Sally supporting her girls on the college campus, volleyball court, soccer field, or in a musical auditorium. Their family enjoys traveling together and cheering for Duke basketball!

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Shelby, North Carolina

*Come as you are.
You are welcome here.*

Special Guest Speaker – Sunday, July 26

As Pastor David concludes his vacation, we are delighted to welcome Rev. Evan McElreath as our guest preacher on Sunday, July 26.

Rev. McElreath is a United Methodist Elder with a rich background in pastoral ministry, outreach, nonprofit leadership, and camp ministry. He and his wife, Katie, along with their daughter Rosie, recently moved to Shelby and have been worshipping with our Central family.

We hope you'll join us for this special morning of worship as we welcome Rev. McElreath to the pulpit. More about his message will be shared next week!

Central Highlights



To our church family,

Reid and I are beyond grateful for your incredible generosity and kindness. We feel so blessed by the love, prayers, thoughtful baby gifts, and encouraging words you've shared with us. Your support has meant more than we can express.

Knowing that our children will grow up at Central, surrounded by such a loving and faithful community, is an incredible blessing. Thank you for celebrating this special season with us and for showering our family with so much love.

We love each of you and can't wait for Baby Hunter to meet everyone this August!

Love,
Jillian & Reid Hunter



Thank You from LeeAnne McDowell

Thank you so much to everyone who came out to support the Kindness Bags fundraiser! This ministry would not be able to continue without the incredible support and generosity of our church family.

Kindness Bags provide a change of clothes for elementary students who experience an unexpected accident at school and may not have access to extra clothing. Being able to help these children regain their confidence and return to their day with dignity has been one of the greatest joys of this ministry.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$515 through Thursday night's fundraiser—more than halfway to the amount needed to provide Kindness Bags for one semester! If you would still like to support this ministry, donations are still being accepted. Cash or checks may be given to LeeAnne McDowell, or you can give online through the Central United Methodist Church website.

Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of children throughout our community!

Service Sunday July 19, 2026

Calendar of Events

July 19 - July 25, 2026

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:00am

Worship Service - Fellowship Hall

"Dealing with Weeds?"

by Sally Queen - 10:00am

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

Nursery Volunteer:

Dorothy Hernandez

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:

Caroline Scism

Greeters:

Monica & Sergio Noble

Coffee Time Helpers:

Ellen & Brian Benfield

Coffee Maker:

Leigh Mabry

Children's Sermon:

Ann Anthony

Offering Counters:

Will Mabry & Devereaux Hunter

Help Stock Open Table's Toiletry Shelf

Our Open Table guests frequently request basic toiletries, and our supplies are running low. You can help by donating travel-size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, soap, and feminine hygiene products. Summer travelers are especially encouraged to bring home unused hotel amenities! Donations may be placed on the shelf outside the church office or dropped off in the PAC. Thank you for helping us love and care for our neighbors!

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget

Amount-\$876,810.72

Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00

Received Last Week - \$9,828.00

Total Received to Date - 445,193.00*

*includes pre-paid pledges

Worship Continues in the Fellowship Hall

As work continues on our sanctuary renovation, we were grateful to gather together for worship in the Fellowship Hall the past two Sundays. While the maintenance team is making great progress, we anticipate meeting in the Fellowship Hall for at least one more Sunday. We will continue to keep everyone updated as the work progresses. Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and understanding during this time. Most importantly, thank you for remembering that the church is not just the building...it's the people who gather together to worship, pray, and serve in Christ's name. We look forward to returning to the sanctuary as soon as it is ready!



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

Volunteers are needed!

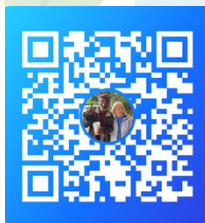
Contact Leigh Mabry
(704) 472-1110 to sign up for a 2-hour
shift.

Help us make this annual event a success!

Stay tuned!! We will be continuing shining a light on the different ministries that play a huge part in the community and the amazing members who make it happen!! Next week we will highlight another part of Open Table and what it takes to keep it moving and staying a success!

Open Table

We are asking for donations of **WATER BOTTLES**. 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/@centralunitedmethodistchurch6507>

And our App: Central UMC-Shelby on all app stores





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CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

Youth Mission Trip to KC -18th to 24th (more details to come)

Our Youth Braved Sliding Rock!

Last Saturday, our youth headed to Sliding Rock in the North Carolina mountains, where they bravely took on the chilly 55-degree water—and had an absolute blast! Afterward, they had some delicious barbecue and ice cream while enjoying a wonderful time of fellowship with the Aldersgate youth. We're grateful for a day filled with adventure, laughter, and new memories together. Next up: their trip to KC this Saturday! Let's send some extra prayers their way for these busy summer plans!



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



July 19th - 25th Birthdays

20 - Eleanor McIntyre

20 - Joseph Morgan(Hill)

22 - Sallie Craig

24 - Thad Lutz (Rocky)

25 - Joseph Reeves (Carter)

