



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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Rev. Evan
McElreath

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026



10:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

in the Fellowship Hall



SCRIPTURE:

ROMANS 8:26-39 (NRSVUE)



SERMON TITLE:

"Too Tired to Believe"



We look forward to welcoming
Rev. McElreath and worshipping
together as a church family!



Next Sunday: A Message for Every Weary Heart

Join us on Sunday, July 26 as we welcome Rev. Evan McElreath to the pulpit.

Rev. McElreath will be preaching
from Romans 8:26-39 (NRSVUE)
with the sermon title,
"Too Tired to Believe."

Life can leave us exhausted. We pray,
we hope, we try to hold on—yet doubt
and discouragement can creep in.
Paul's powerful words in Romans
remind us that even in our weakness,
God's Spirit intercedes for us, and
nothing can separate us from the love
of Christ.

**Come be encouraged, renewed,
and reminded: you are not alone.**

About Rev. McElreath



Rev. Evan McElreath is a United
Methodist Elder whose clergy
membership is held in the New
England Annual Conference.

A native of Asheboro, he is a graduate of
Appalachian State University and the
Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Evan has served congregations in Connecticut,
Massachusetts, and Vermont and has also
worked with churches and community ministries
in Georgia. His experience includes pastoral
ministry, outreach, nonprofit leadership, and
camp and retreat ministry.

He most recently served as Executive Director
of Wanakee, a United Methodist camp in
New Hampshire. Evan, his wife Katie, and their

Central Highlights



Youth Mission Trip Update: Serving and Growing in Kansas City

Our youth are having a wonderful week in Kansas City! Since arriving Saturday, they have explored the area, learned about their host church, worshiped together, shared morning devotions, and enjoyed plenty of games, laughter, and karaoke. It has been especially meaningful to watch new friendships form as youth who may not have interacted before begin **building genuine connections**.

Yesterday, the group served at The HUB, a community market where neighbors can shop for clothing and groceries at no cost. The HUB serves people from nearly 30 countries, and it is common to hear five different languages spoken there in a single day. Located in one of the poorest counties in the nation—directly beside one of the wealthiest—the ministry provides vital support during its limited weekly hours. Recent immigration-enforcement activity in the neighborhood has caused some families to fear seeking resources, making **The HUB's commitment to offering a secure and welcoming space especially important**.

The group is also adding another opportunity to serve on Friday evening at Healing House. They will share a meal and worship alongside people in recovery who have faced addiction and other difficult circumstances, with youth from Resurrection helping lead worship. **Please continue praying for our youth and leaders as they serve, grow closer to one another, and experience how God is already at work in the Kansas City community.**

We cannot wait to hear the stories they bring home!



Central Supper Clubs Return This Fall!

One of Central's newest traditions is back!

After a wonderful first year filled with laughter, meaningful conversation, and new friendships, **Central Supper Clubs is returning this fall**. Last year, nearly 80 people gathered in small groups throughout the year to share meals, build relationships, and enjoy fellowship beyond Sunday mornings and we're excited to do it again!

Each Supper Club is made up of approximately 5–6 couples (or a similar-sized group of adults) who meet once a month for dinner, taking turns hosting or choosing a local restaurant. Whether you've been part of Central for years or are looking to connect with new friends, **Supper Clubs is a fun and relaxed way to grow in community**.

Sign-ups open August 2 and continue through August 23.

New groups will be released on August 30th.

Be watching for more information next week on how to join!

"Where friends gather around food and faith."



Calendar of Events

July 26th - August 1st, 2026

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:00am

Worship Service - Fellowship Hall
"Too Tired to Believe"

by Rev. Evan McElreath - 10:00am

Monday

Church Office Hours - 9:00am-3:30pm

Tuesday

Church Office Hours - 9:00am-3:30pm

Wednesday

Church Office Hours - 9:00am-3:30pm

Thursday

Church Office Hours - 9:00am-3:30pm

Friday

Church Office Hours - Closed

Saturday

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

Service Sunday July 26, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:

Dorothy Hernandez

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:

Ginny Hughes

Greeters:

Che & Pat Tiernan

Coffee Time Helpers:

Holli & Matt Clark

Coffee Maker:

Leigh Mabry

Children's Sermon:

Tammy Bass

Offering Counters:

John Lattimore & Susan Tapp

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget

Amount-\$876,810.72

Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00

Received Last Week-\$11,180.00

Total Received to Date-\$456,373.00

*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges

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
- 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!

 **Pumpkin Painting at the
Livermush Festival
Saturday, October 17 •
9:00 am-4:00 pm**

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 **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**.

Elementary Sunday School

Sundays 9-9:45am

Infants- Nursery Room E104

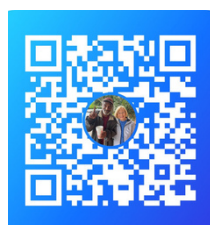
Preschool age-

Nursery Room E105

K-5th Grade-

Godly Play Room E309

**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).**



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website: www.cumcshelby.org

Our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/cumcshelby/

Our YouTube Channel:

CENTRAL YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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





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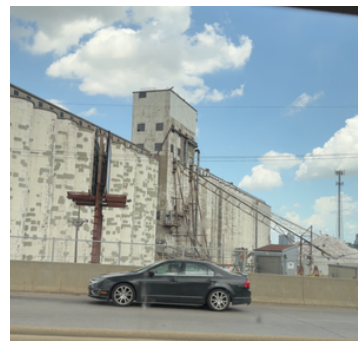
CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

Youth Back to School Pool Party And Potluck
Sunday, August 2nd - 3:00pm to 6:00pm with Aldersgate
at Shannon King's House

Bring the whole family for a fun morning of mini golf and fellowship on Saturday, August 8th,
from 11:00 am–12:30 pm at Hangtime Golf Shelby,
formerly Challenger 3, located at 1650 N. Post Road.
Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children.
Please bring your own lunch and drinks to enjoy
during our family picnic.
Concessions will also be available for purchase.
We hope you'll join us!



Youth Mission Pictures Continued!!



July 26th
to 31st

28th - Ann Anthony
29th - Sidney Smith
30th - Olin Hunter
(Will)

30th - Elizabeth Plaster
(Carter)

