

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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This Sunday: Kicking off The Summer Guest Speaker Series!

This Sunday, July 12, we are excited to welcome **Rev. Jonathan Brake, Eco-Missions & Creation Care Coordinator** for the Western North Carolina Conference, for a unique morning of learning and worship at Central United Methodist Church.

The morning begins at **9:00 a.m. with a special presentation, "The Community of All Creation,"** where Rev. Brake will explore the United Methodist Social Principles and discuss how our faith calls us to care for God's creation through stewardship, justice, and hope. Whether you've ever wondered what the United Methodist Church teaches about creation care or simply want to learn something new, this promises to be an engaging and thought-provoking conversation.

At **10:00 a.m., Rev. Brake will continue the morning by bringing the message, "What Are We Doing Here?"** based on **Genesis 2:4-9**, inviting us to reflect on God's purpose for humanity and our place within creation.

Please note: Both the 9:00 a.m. presentation and the 10:00 a.m. worship service will be held in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday.

We hope you'll make plans to join us for this special opportunity to learn, worship, and grow together. Invite a friend, come with questions, and be part of what promises to be a meaningful and inspiring Sunday morning.



A Special Sunday with Rev. Sally Queen

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Join us as we welcome a new voice
and a fresh perspective to our pulpit.

While Pastor David is away, we are blessed to welcome **Rev. Sally W. Queen**, District Superintendent for the Catawba Valley District, who will be leading us in worship on **Sunday, July 19**.

Rev. Queen brings years of faithful ministry, compassionate leadership, and a deep love for the Church. We're excited to hear the message God has placed on her heart and experience a meaningful morning of worship together.



- District Superintendent for the Catawba Valley District
- Serving in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference since 2003
- Wife, proud mom of 3 daughters, and passionate about faith, family, community, and encouraging others

Come expectant. Leave encouraged.
ALL ARE WELCOME HERE.

Summer Guest Speaker Series Continues – Welcome Rev. Sally Queen

Our **Summer Guest Speaker Series** continues this Sunday as we welcome **Rev. Sally W. Queen**, the second of three outstanding guest speakers joining us while Pastor David Lee is away. As District Superintendent of the Catawba Valley District, Rev.

Queen has faithfully served the Western North Carolina Conference for more than two decades and is known for her thoughtful leadership and heart for ministry. This series is a wonderful opportunity to hear from gifted leaders across our Conference and experience fresh perspectives in worship. We hope you'll join us on the 19th as we extend a warm Central welcome to Rev. Queen and share in what promises to be an inspiring morning together.

Central Highlights





BINGO NIGHT

Initiated by our own **LeeAnne McDowell**, who graduated high school this spring!

FUNDRAISER FOR KINDNESS BAGS

FREE TO ATTEND!
DONATIONS ENCOURAGED

- ★ PRIZES FOR BINGO!
- ★ POPCORN & LEMONADE PROVIDED FOR OUR GUESTS!

Monetary donations greatly appreciated!
All donations go to Kindness Bag's!

KINDNESS BAG'S – OUTFITS FOR STUDENTS AT JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHEN THEY HAVE AN ACCIDENT OR SPILL, SO THEY ARE ABLE TO CHANGE.

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH
6:30 – 7:30 PM
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

RSVP TO LEEANNE MCDOWELL
704-472-2174



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.



Join Us for Bingo Night

TOMORROW, July 9!!!

Mark your calendars for a fun evening of fellowship at our Bingo Night Fundraiser on Thursday, July 9, from 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! This free community event is being organized by one of our own youth, LeeAnne McDowell, who has a heart for serving others and is excited to help make a difference through this special project. Donations are encouraged, with all proceeds supporting Kindness Bags—bags of clothing provided to students at Jefferson Elementary School when they have an accident or spill during the school day. Enjoy an hour of bingo, great prizes, free popcorn and lemonade, and the opportunity to support a ministry that brings comfort, dignity, and kindness to local children. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful evening of fun!

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 this past Sunday. 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!

Celebrate with the Hunter Family

Join us this Sunday following worship as we celebrate **Jillian and Reid Hunter** with a **Diaper & Wipe Shower in the Parlor!** As they prepare to welcome their little one, our church family has the opportunity to surround them with love, encouragement, and practical support. **Diapers and baby wipes of any size** are greatly appreciated, and your presence is just as meaningful as your gift. We hope you'll stop by after worship to congratulate the Hunters and help us shower them with love as they begin this exciting new chapter.

Service Sunday July 12, 2026

Calendar of Events

July 12 - July 18, 2026

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:00am

"The Community of All Creation"

by Jonathan Brake - 9:00am

Worship Service

"What Are We Doing Here?"

by Jonathan Brake - 10:00am

Diaper & Wipes Shower - 11:00am

Monday

Church Office Hours - 9am-3:30pm

Tuesday

Church Office Hours - 9am-3:30pm

Blood Drive - 2:00 - 6:30pm

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 Mission Trip to KC

Nursery Volunteer:

Dorothy Hernandez

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:

Caroline Laney

Greeters:

Carol & Mike Schenck

Coffee Time Helpers:

West & Marguerite Bishop

Coffee Maker:

Leigh Mabry

Children's Sermon:

Tammy Hollifield

Offering Counters:

Evelyn Ribadeneyra & John Lattimore

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Bob Yelton

Dr. Brian and Ellen Benfield - Scholarship

Sandy Allen- Scholarship

In Memory of Bob Conlon

Sandy Allen- Operating

In Memory of Prentice Johnson

Sandy Allen - Operating

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget

Amount-\$876,810.72

Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00

Received Last Week-\$8,272.00

Total Received to Date-*\$435,365.00

*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 14 | 2:00–6:30 p.m.

CUMC Family! The American Red Cross is currently experiencing a **EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE!** 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](https://www.redcrossblood.org).**

P.S. Plus, when you come to give blood July 13–31, you'll receive a Fandango Movie Ticket by email (up to \$15 ticket price and fees)!

Pumpkin Painting at the Livermush Festival

Saturday, October 17 • 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed!

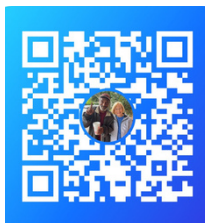
Contact Leigh Mabry

(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.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**

Saturday 7/11

Youth Trip to Sliding Rock
Leaving at 8:00am - Will Return 1:00pm
Meeting at Aldersgate parking lot to leave ** Please
be there at 7:45am to leave at 8am**

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

July 12th - 18th Birthdays

12 - Virginia Story

12 - Sadie Oliver

13 - Robert Dority

13 - Stephen Schmoutz

15 - Julia Palmer

17 - Susan Mabry

18 - Dan Boggs

18 - Charles Moore