



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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Special 5th Sunday Combined Adult Sunday School

Everyone is Invited at 9am in the Fellowship Hall

Creative and Prioritized Giving

A panel of Central folks will present several angles to creative and prioritized giving.

Tim Sieges will help us answer - If Exodus 23 commands the ancient Israelites to bring the first fruits of their fields to God, how does this apply to us non-farmers today?

Sallie Craig will address - IRA, QCD, RMD, oh my!!!

How can these terms be a part of your stewardship to Central?

Will Rucker will address our Legacy Fund, The United Methodist Foundation of Western NC, and answer - Is there any help for me and how much does it cost!?!?

Come be a part of the learning and discussion!

A Sacred Space in the Heart of Central: The Story of Our Prayer Garden and Columbarium

Approximately twenty-five years ago, several dedicated members of Central recognized a need within our church and congregation. They envisioned creating a Prayer Garden and Columbarium—a peaceful, sacred space where members could honor and remember loved ones. With the blessing of the Trustees, Kitty Williams, Marilyn Henshaw, and Bill Henshaw began exploring the possibilities for such a project.

In 2005, the Trustees and Church Council approved the construction of the Prayer Garden and Columbarium in the area between the Education Building and the Sanctuary Building. Today, this space has become a beautiful, peaceful, and sacred place for reflection, remembrance, and prayer.

Members or their family may choose to inurn their loved ones in one of the Columbarium niches or place a memorial plaque on the Memorial Wall.

The Columbarium and Prayer Garden are lovingly maintained by volunteers who care for the plants, place fresh flowers or greenery in the vase each week, and keep the area beautiful and tidy.

Our Columbarium is self supportive from the sale of niches and memorial plaques, as well as memorials and honorariums.

This special place is one of the many meaningful and vital areas of Central. If you are interested in purchasing a niche or memorial plaque for yourself or a loved one, please contact the church secretary for more information.

Fall Discipleship Opportunities

This fall, grow in faith and community through one of these discipleship opportunities at Central. All are welcome!

Thursday Morning Ladies

Bible Study

September 10 - October 15

Thursdays | 9:30 - 10:30 am

Conference Room

"Messy People" by Jennifer Coward

Facilitated by Jessica Talbert,

for more info call Jessica at 704-692-3441.

Men's Saturday Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount

First and Third Saturdays | 8:00 AM

Room E210, Education Building

Taught by Tim Sieges

All men are invited to join this in-depth study of Matthew 5–7. The group meets on the first and third Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM, before Open Table.

For questions, contact Tim Sieges at
tim_sieges@wycliffe.org.

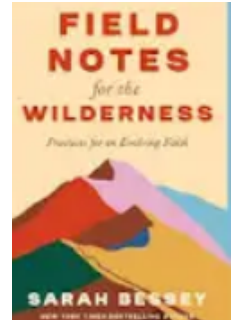
Wednesday Night Book Study: Field Notes for the Wilderness

September 2

Wednesdays | 5:15–6:00 PM

Conference Room

Facilitated by Tammy Hollifield



Field Notes for the Wilderness: Practices for an Evolving Faith by Sarah Bessey is a nurturing and hopeful book that helps Christians reconnect with their faith, pursue inner healing, and build spiritual community.

Join us for an inclusive conversation where everyone is encouraged to bring their questions and doubts to the table.

• This class is open to everyone.

For questions, contact Tammy Hollifield at
thollifield65@gmail.com.

Upcoming Discovery Class

Sunday, September 27th | After Service

Location - Fellowship Hall

Taught by Pastor David Lee

The Discovery Class is an opportunity to learn more about the United Methodist Church and particularly, Central UMC. Anyone interested in joining Central should attend the class. Our next Discovery Class will be offered on Sunday, September 27th, in the Fellowship Hall right after the church service. A light lunch is served, so please let Tammy Bass know if you are planning to attend. It will last about 2 hours. A nursery is available upon request.

Calendar of Events

August 30th- September 5th, 2026

Sunday

5th Sunday Combined Adult
Sunday School - Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Worship Service - 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 August 30th, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:

Dorothy Hernandez

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:

Caroline Scism

Greeters:

Meaghan & Manning Burton

Coffee Time Helpers:

Kelly & Wes Dellinger

Coffee Maker:

Holli Clark

Children's Sermon:

Keeley Benfield

Offering Counters:

Evelyn Ribadeneyra & Allison Mauney

Memorials

In Honor Bob Conlon

Barbara McLarty

Operating

In Honor Bob Yelton

Barbara McLarty

Operating

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget

Amount-\$876,810.72

Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00

Received Last Week-\$8,499.00

Total Received to Date-*\$539,369.00

*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!

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 August we are requesting **granola bars**.

 **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!

Be sure to check out our

website: www.cumcshelby.org

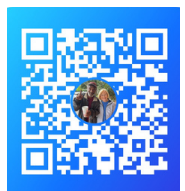
Our Facebook page:

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

Sunday 8/30 -

Sunday School - Pioneer Coffee - 9am

Youth Group - Youth Pool Party with
Aldersgate at Shannon King's - Time TBA



Kids Place Preschool is preparing for another wonderful school year! You can support this special ministry by purchasing classroom supplies from our **Amazon Wish List** or contributing toward **scholarships for two families in need**. Every gift—large or small—helps create a welcoming place where **children can learn, grow, and experience God's love**. Scan the QR code or link to visit the wishlist!

Wish List Information: <https://a.co/08QSTjOe>



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).**

Supporting Shelley Rempson During Her Recovery

Shelley Rempson underwent major surgery on July 31st and is expected to return home this week. A **Meal Train** has been organized to support Shelley and her family during her recovery. If you would like to provide a meal, please visit [**Shelley's Meal Train**](#). Please continue to keep Shelley and her family in your **prayers** during this time.