



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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Little Hands, Big Hearts at Open Table

Our Children's Ministry had a great time helping serve 248 meals at Open Table on Saturday. They helped serve, stock canned goods, and decorated paper bags for the guests receiving food. Even children coming to receive food contributed to our service day.

From Beautiful Things to The Path

Join us on Sunday, September 20, for the long-awaited reveal of our Beautiful Things community mural!

Together, we'll celebrate what our congregation created and reflect on the conclusion of this meaningful summer series.

We'll also look ahead to what **comes next: The Path: Walking the Way of Jesus**. Drawing on teachings from Adam Hamilton's The Walk, this new series will explore practical ways we can live out our faith through prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, both individually and together as a church family. Come celebrate where we've been and discover where God is leading us next!

JOY Fall Gathering

Monday, September 21 | 11:45 AM

Showmars in Shelby

Join us for our first JOY gathering of the fall season as we honor Tammy at her final meeting as Director of Discipleship!

Bring your favorite tips and tricks for retirement as we share a meal, enjoy fellowship, and celebrate Tammy. We look forward to seeing all our Just Older Youth there!

Kids Place Celebrates a Bright Beginning!

The hallways are buzzing, the classrooms are filled with laughter, and a new adventure has officially begun!

Kids Place is off to a wonderful start for the 2026–2027 school year.

We are delighted to welcome back our returning students and families—and especially excited to greet those joining the Kids Place family for the first time. Each child brings something unique and special to our preschool community, and we look forward to watching them learn, grow, and form new friendships throughout the year.

During these first few weeks, our students have been exploring themes that help them become comfortable in their classrooms and get to know one another. Through lessons about “All About Me,” friends and families, and pets, the children are celebrating what makes each person special while learning about love, kindness, and caring for others.

Preschool is about so much more than learning letters and numbers. It is also where children begin developing lifelong social and emotional skills. Our dedicated teachers are helping students learn to share, take turns, express their feelings, and become part of a caring classroom community.

Nothing warms our hearts more than seeing smiling faces come through our doors each morning. We are grateful for the trust our families place in Kids Place and look forward to a year filled with learning, friendship, meaningful milestones, and plenty of fun!



Help Open the Door for Another Child

As we celebrate this joyful beginning, we also hope to make the Kids Place experience possible for families who need financial assistance. The Kids Place Scholarship Fund helps ensure that more children in our community can benefit from a nurturing preschool environment where they are known, loved, and encouraged to grow.

We have currently raised only 4% of our scholarship goal, so every gift—no matter the amount—can make a meaningful difference. Please scan the QR code to contribute and help give a child the opportunity for a bright beginning at Kids Place.



The Narrative Budget - 2026

Please take a look at the Narrative Budget 2026 for CUMC -
This is a wonderful break down of how the church funds each pillar of ministry.

Central United Methodist Church 2026 NARRATIVE BUDGET



We are the body of Christ, called to mission and ministry in Shelby, NC and beyond. Central United Methodist Church equips our members to transform our community and the world through help, hope, and healing as disciples of Jesus Christ.

This brochure outlines our funding focus areas and the many ways we can partner together to further the ministry of Christ. We invite you to prayerfully consider your commitment and participation as we grow together in mission and faith.



Worship & Welcome

Cultivating inspiring worship experiences that invite all people to express their faith, while extending God's welcoming love to everyone who walks through our doors

\$130,521
(15%)

Discipleship & Nurture

Equipping individuals for their lifelong journey of faith, and nurturing the God-given talents that lead them into works of service

\$113,985
(13%)

Mission & Outreach

Sharing the hope and love of Christ with our community and world through our presence, service, and resources that meet real needs with compassion and care

\$112,919
(13%)

Facilities

Maintaining welcoming spaces and facilities that serve our ministries and meet the needs of our congregation and community

\$263,043
(30%)

Administration

Equipping our congregation, pastors, staff, and ministries with the resources and support needed to carry out the mission of our church

\$201,667
(23%)

Apportionment

Giving faithfully to the connectional mission of the United Methodist Church, extending our reach through district, conference and global ministries

\$55,225
(6%)



Calendar of Events September 20th- 26th, 2026

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:00am
Worship Service - 10:00am

Monday

Church Office Hours - 9:00am-3:30pm
JOY - 11:45 - Showmars

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 September 20th, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:

Laura Lombardi

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:

Rocky Lutz

Greeters:

Mary Ann & Al Rogers

Coffee Time Helpers:
Carrie & Brad Richardson

Coffee Maker:

Rita Sprinkle

Children's Sermon:

Monica Noble

Offering Counters:
Rita Chen & Jim Morgan

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget
Amount-\$876,810.72
Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00
Received Last Week-\$16,945.00
Total Received to Date-*\$578,777.00
*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges

In Honor and Memory

In memory of John Reid

Robert Laney
Operating

 **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!

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.

Backpack Ministry

For August we are requesting
granola bars.

Open Table

We are asking for donations of
WATER BOTTLES. Join our
**Open Table volunteer
communication** by using the QR
code here.



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

Our linktree: [linktree](#)

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 9/20
 - Sunday School 9am – Pioneer Coffee
 - Youth 5-7pm
- Saturday 9/26 – Cookie Baking – 11:30am
- Sunday 9/27
 - Sunday School 9am – Pioneer Coffee
 - Youth 5-7pm

Please see the link and QR code to sign up to feed our youth this fall.

Thank you for your support going into this fall season!!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY September

- 16 - Greer Dalton
- 16 - Daniel Talbert
- 17 - David McDowell (Dave)
- 17 - John Gallagher (Jake)
- 17 - Elizabeth Rempson (Zee)
- 19 - Rebecca Cook (Becky)
- 20 - Rachel Fowler
- 22 - Naushaba Samuel
- 22 - Ellen Warlick
- 22 - Thomas Rempson (Tommy)

Discipleship Ongoing Opportunities

Tuesday - Disciple IV Bible Study class
Class meets every Tuesday from 3:00 until 5:30
Conference Room

Wednesday - Night Book Study: Field Notes for the Wilderness:

Wednesdays | 5:15–6:00 PM
Conference Room
Facilitated by Tammy Hollifield

Thursday - Morning Ladies Bible Study

September 10 - October 15
Thursdays | 9:30 - 10:30 am
Conference Room
Facilitated by Jessica Talbert,

Saturday - Men's Bible Study:

The Sermon on the Mount
First and Third Saturdays | 8:00 AM
Room E210, Education Building
Taught by Tim Sieges

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).**