

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 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.

Celebrating Tammy Bass

Please join us as we celebrate the retirement of our Director of Discipleship, Tammy Bass, and honor her 45 years of impactful ministry.

A retirement party will be held on

Sunday, October 4, from 3:00–5:00 PM at

Le Chateau du Coeur, located at 527 Whitaker Road in Shelby. Come help us thank Tammy for the many lives she has touched and celebrate the beginning of her next adventure!

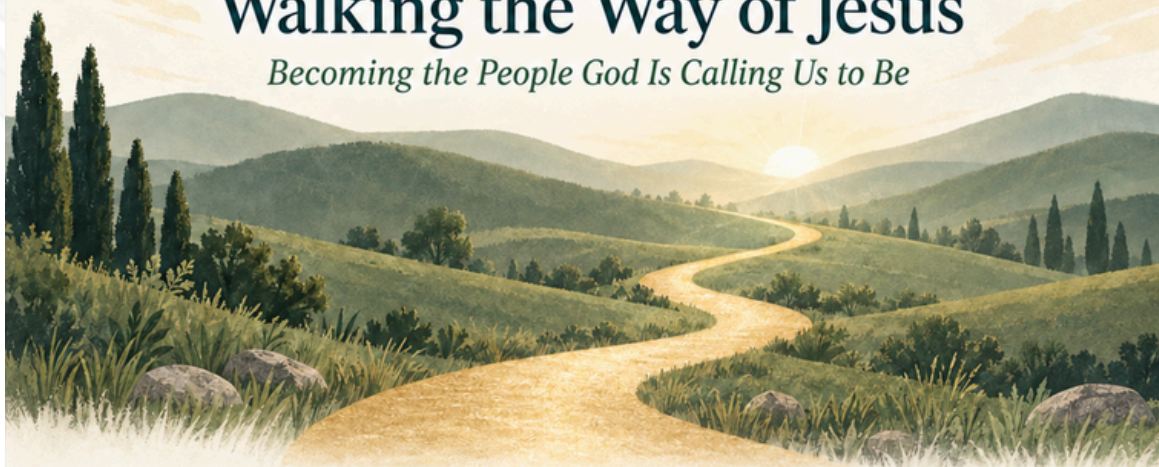
We are also collecting a love offering for Tammy. Gifts may be made online at cumcshelby.org/give by selecting "Love Offering" from the drop-down menu. Checks or cash may also be dropped off at the church office or mailed to Central United Methodist Church, 200 E. Marion Street, Shelby, NC 28150. Please designate your gift for Tammy Bass.



THE PATH

Walking the Way of Jesus

Becoming the People God Is Calling Us to Be



FOLLOW
Take the next
step with
Jesus



PRAYERS
Deepen our life
with God



PRESENCE
Show up for
one another



SERVICE
Put love
into action



GIFTS
Share what
we have



WITNESS
Carry Christ's love
into the world



BECOME
Grow into who
God calls us
to be

Come walk with us.

Central United Methodist Church
Begins September 27 • Sundays at 10 AM

THE PATH: Walking the Way of Jesus

Becoming the People God Is Calling Us to Be

What kind of person are you becoming?

Every day, our habits, relationships, and choices shape who we are. This fall, Central United Methodist Church invites us to explore how **intentionally following Jesus** can shape our everyday lives; at home, at work, in our community, and together as a church.

Beginning Sunday, September 27, our sermon series, **The Path: Walking the Way of Jesus**, will explore five practices at the heart of our faith: prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Familiar to many as the promises of church membership, these practices offer meaningful ways to grow in our relationship with God and one another.

Together, we'll consider what it means to make room for prayer, show up for others, share our resources and abilities, respond to needs with compassion, and carry Christ's love into the world. Each week will invite us to connect what we believe with how we live.

We begin with "Follow," an invitation to consider the next step in our own walk with Jesus. Throughout the fall, we'll explore how these individual steps also shape the congregation we are becoming together.

Whether you've been part of Central for years, are returning to church, or are simply curious about faith, there is a place for you on this journey. Bring your questions, your hopes, and your willingness to grow.

Join us Sundays at 10:00 AM.

Wherever you are on the journey, come walk with us.



Beautiful Things Grow When We Create Together

Our community mural has been revealed, and what a joyful reflection of Central! With colorful flowers and a garden full of life, this shared work of art celebrates the creativity and connection that grew throughout our Beautiful Things summer sermon series.

Thank you to everyone who helped bring this project to life. Whether you picked up a brush, offered encouragement, or helped along the way, you were part of making something special. We are so grateful that you shared your time, creativity, and willingness to participate in the process. Each contribution became part of a larger picture; a beautiful reminder of what we can create when we work together.

The mural's journey is just beginning! Designed to be moved and shared, it can brighten different spaces around the church and travel with us to festivals and community events. Wherever it goes, it will offer a colorful welcome and a glimpse of the spirit of Central United Methodist Church.

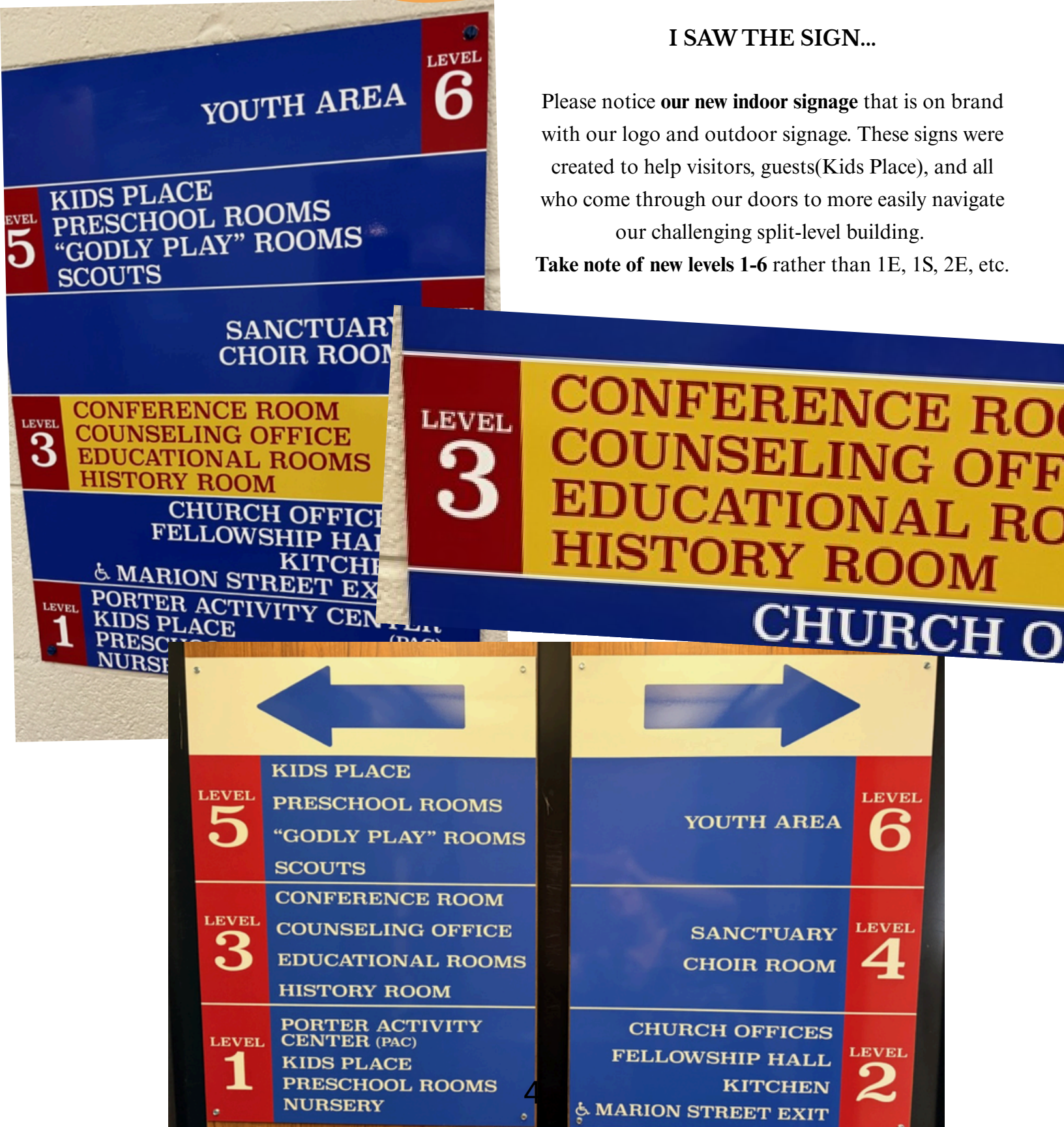
We hope you'll take a moment to enjoy the finished mural and look closely at the many details that make it unique. This garden grew through many hands, and its beauty belongs to all of us. Thank you for helping it bloom!

WELCOME

I SAW THE SIGN...

Please notice **our new indoor signage** that is on brand with our logo and outdoor signage. These signs were created to help visitors, guests (Kids Place), and all who come through our doors to more easily navigate our challenging split-level building.

Take note of new levels 1-6 rather than 1E, 1S, 2E, etc.



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. Below is an approximation for each priority. We invite you to prayerfully consider your commitment and participation as we grow together in mission and faith.



Worship & Welcome	Discipleship & Nurture	Mission & Outreach	Facilities	Administration	Apportionment
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	Equipping individuals for their lifelong journey of faith, and nurturing the God-given talents that lead them into works of service	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	Maintaining welcoming spaces and facilities that serve our ministries and meet the needs of our congregation and community	Equipping our congregation, pastors, staff, and ministries with the resources and support needed to carry out the mission of our church	Giving faithfully to the connectional mission of the United Methodist Church, extending our reach through district, conference and global ministries
\$130,521 (15%)	\$113,985 (13%)	\$112,919 (13%)	\$263,043 (30%)	\$201,667 (23%)	\$55,225 (6%)



NEVER boring at CENTRAL :)



Calendar of Events

September 27th- October 3rd 2026

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:00am

Worship Service - 10:00am

Discovery Class - Following Service

Monday

Staff Retreat

Church Office Hours - CLOSED

Tuesday

Staff Retreat

Church Office Hours - CLOSED

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 27th, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:

Laura Lombardi

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:

Rocky Lutz

Greeters:

Julianne & Dave McDowell

Coffee Time Helpers:

Carol & Mike Schenck

Coffee Maker:

Rita Sprinkle

Offering Counters:

Jim Pressley & Devereaux Hunter

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget

Amount-\$876,810.72

Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00

Received Last Week-\$18,612.00

Total Received to Date-\$597,390.00

*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges

In Honor and Memory

In memory of John Reid

Brian and Ellen Benfield

Operating

Bubba and Brownie Plaster
Operating and Special: Music

Jim and Page Morgan

Operating

Sandra Taylor and Dianne Chou

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!

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.



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

Our linktree: [linktree](#)

Our YouTube Channel:

CENTRAL YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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



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.



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CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

- **Saturday, September 26th** – 12pm in the PAC Youth Cookie Baking
- **Sunday, September 27th** – Youth 5:30-7pm Game Night Messy People Study – 2 **No Youth Worship
- **Sunday, October 4th** – Youth 5-7pm Messy People - 3
- **Sunday, October 11th** – Youth attending APC Workshop at Aldersgate – 5-7pm, meal provided

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!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A4AB23A1FFC70-65411038-youth>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY September

- 23 - Brooke Bolin
- 23 - Victoria Hunter
- 24 - Sarah Nestlerode
- 24 - Marilyn Jack
- 24 - Joseph Whisnant (Joe)
- 25 - Carol Rose
- 26 - Virginia Hughes (Ginny)
- 28 - William McDaniel (Billy)
- 28 - Dorothy Strickland
- 28 - Elizabeth McDowell (Wray)
- 29 - Sarah Johnson

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).**