



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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45 Years of Ministry. So Many Lives Touched. One Special Celebration!

 Tammy's Retirement Party

Sunday, October 4 | 3:00–5:00 PM

Le Chateau du Coeur

527 Whitaker Road, Shelby, NC

Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and celebration as we wish Tammy a wonderful retirement!

We are collecting a **love offering** as a special expression of our gratitude. If you would like to contribute:

- Give online: Visit cumcshelby.org/give and select "Love Offering" from the drop-down menu.
- Give in person: Drop off cash or a check at the church office.
- Give by mail: Send your gift to Central United Methodist Church, 200 E. Marion Street, Shelby, NC 28150.

Please designate your gift for Tammy Bass.



Planning Together for the Road Ahead

Thank you, Central Church family, for your understanding while the church office was closed Monday and Tuesday for our staff retreat. This time together gave us the opportunity to pause, reconnect, and thoughtfully plan for the remainder of 2026 and into 2027.

Through shared conversation, prayer, and planning, we explored exciting new directions for our church and how each staff member's work supports our shared mission. We considered the purpose behind our ministries and how we can coordinate our efforts to better support the people who lead, serve, and participate in them.

We return with renewed energy, a clearer sense of direction, and gratitude for the ministry we share with you.

We look forward to what God has in store for Central!

THE PATH: Walking the Way of Jesus

From Follow to Prayer: Bringing Our Whole Selves to God

What kind of person are you becoming, and how might daily prayer help shape that journey?

Last Sunday, we began The Path with “Follow,” an invitation to take the next step in our walk with Jesus. This Sunday, we turn to **“Prayer,”** exploring how making time to speak honestly with God can deepen our faith and shape the way we live.

Prayer gives us space to bring our whole selves to God: our gratitude, worries, questions, hopes, and needs. We don’t have to find perfect words or have everything figured out. Sometimes prayer is a quiet “thank you.” Sometimes it is “I need help” or “Thank you for always showing me the next step.” Speaking our needs to God is an act of trust, reminding us that we do not have to carry everything alone.

Like any relationship, **our relationship with God grows through regular attention.** A few moments in the morning, a pause during a busy afternoon, or a reflection before bed can help us build a daily practice of prayer. We can name what is weighing on us, lift up someone who needs care, and leave room for silence and listening. Over time, these moments can help us become more attentive to God’s presence and more responsive to the needs of others.

Prayer is one part of the path we are walking together. Through prayers, presence, service, gifts, and witness, we are exploring how everyday practices help us become **the people, and the church; God is calling us to be.**

This week, try setting aside a few minutes each day: give thanks for something, speak honestly about a need, and thank God for guiding your next step.

Join us Sunday at 10:00 AM. Wherever you are on the journey, come walk with us.



Calendar of Events

October 4th - 10th, 2026

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:00am

Worship Service - 10:00am

Tammy's Retirement Party - 3-5pm

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 October, 2026

Nursery Volunteer:

Laura Lombardi

Elementary Sunday School Teachers:

Caroline Scism

Greeters:

Che & Pat Tiernan

Coffee Time Helpers:

West Bishop & family

Coffee Maker:

Leigh Mabry

Offering Counters:

Jim Pressley & Devereaux Hunter

In Honor and Memory

In memory of John Reid

Amy Davis

Operating

Mitchell and Glenda Self

Special: Music

Marilyn Jack

Kid's Place Scholarship

In honor of Tammy Bass

2026 Stewardship

2026 Approved Budget

Amount-\$876,810.72

Needed Weekly-\$16,862.00

Received Last Week-\$14,683.00

Total Received to Date-\$612,073.00

*Includes Pre-Paid Pledges

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.



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.cumcshelby.org

Our linktree: [linktree](https://linktree.com)

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, 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-](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A4AB23A1FFC70-65411038-youth)

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The youth got together and
make homemade cookies
and learned how to pipe
frosting this past Saturday!!

happy birthday **October**

- 1 - Spencer Triplett
- 3 - Cecil Burton
- 3 - Allison Mauney
- 3 - Rebecca Hughes (Becky)
- 4 - Peyton Simpson
- 4 - Ann Morgan
- 10 - Sara Branton



Discipleship Ongoing Opportunites

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).**