

Happening today, 7/6:

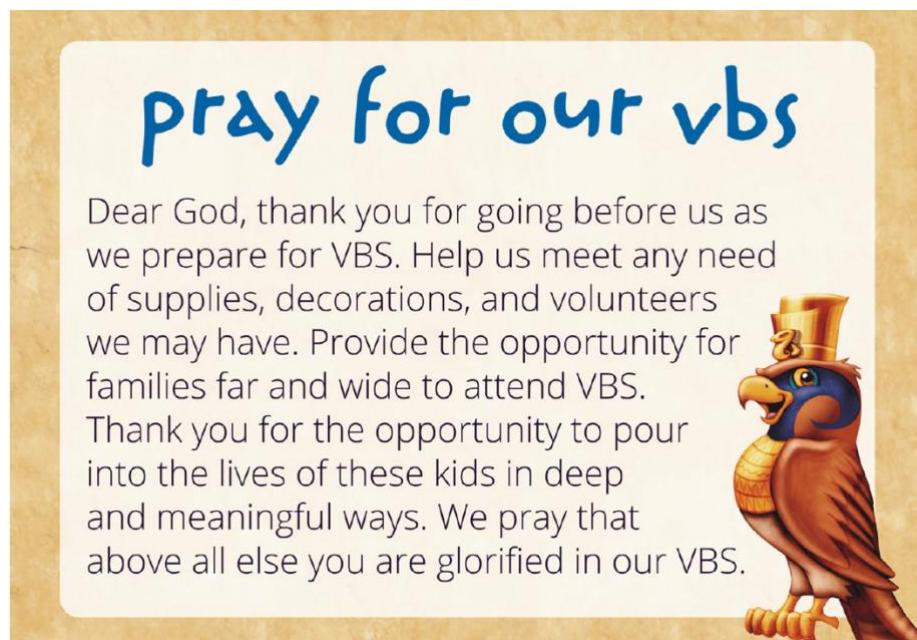
8:45 AM Sunday School – All ages
10:00 AM Worship | Sanctuary
11:15 AM Table 2 Table: Independence Day Picnic | Fellowship Hall

Happening this week, 7/7-7/13:

MON, 7/7	10:00 AM	Depart for Wilderness Trail
	5:45 PM	Theology Pub Village Pub
WED, 7/9	11:00 AM	Centering Prayer Parlor
THU, 7/10	8:00 AM	Thursday Morning Prayer Zoom
	10:00 AM	Circle of Prayer Zoom
SUN, 7/13	8:45 AM	Sunday School – All ages
	10:00 AM	Worship Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	New-ish to Central Coffee Hour Library
	11:15 AM	VBS Training & Final Set-up
	3:00 PM	Inquirer's Class Chat 'n Chew

For more information about these activities, go to CentralUMC.org/Events.

 **Eco-Tip:** Now is the perfect time to buy local produce!    Our western NC area is blessed with farms, gardens, and orchards. Express your gratitude to God  for the abundance of our home  .



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Financial Update through 5/31/25:

- Year to Date Offering: \$569,950.12
- Total Annual Budget: \$1,500,000.00

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

10:00 am

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

VOLUNTARY

“...beside the still waters”

Dan Locklair

Prayer cards and name tags are available in the attendance pad at the end of each pew. You can also find prayer cards in the pew rack in front of you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Rettew

We gather today to worship the Lord our Shepherd

Who makes us lie down in green pastures

Who leads us beside still waters

Who restores our soul

God, lead us in right paths

Lead us through our dark valleys

Lead us to dwell in your house forever.

*HYMN 181

“Ye Servants of God”

HANOVER

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

Ed Broadwell

SERMON

“Oriented, Disoriented, Re Oriented”

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

OFFERTORY

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. Kathryn K. Davis

Chancel Choir

While the choir makes their musical offering, the ushers will pass plates for those who wish to offer a financial gift or prayer request. You may also use this QR code to make a financial gift. As you pass the plate—whether or not you give—we invite you to pause and reflect on what you hope to offer God this week.



*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 94

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

SERVICE OF THE WORD AND TABLE

Hymnal 12

Rev. Lisa Rettew

Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

COMMUNION MUSIC

138 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
521 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"
128 "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"
141 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

*HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Mary Brown

*CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

*VOLUNTARY "Toccata in Seven" John Rutter

***Please stand, if you are able.**

There will be no Children's Church today. A livestream of the worship service is available in the library for families. Nursery care is available in Room 104 for children ages 0-5.

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given in loving memory of Ronnie Stewart Williams and Tracey Graham by Cecilia Williams and family.

*If you are interested in providing **flowers for the Chancel**, please contact Mary Margaret at marymargaretingle@gmail.com, especially for the weeks of July 20, September 28 and October 19.*

Plainclothes law enforcement officers are present during our services so that all may feel welcome, secure and free to worship, fellowship and experience God's grace freely. Our staff members are in direct communication with the officers should you feel the need to ask for assistance or voice a concern.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centering Prayer | WEDNESDAYS, JUN 4-JUL 30 | 11:00 AM

Find Your Center. Join Pastor Mary for an hour of "Centering Prayer," a quiet way of praying that is similar to meditation. New to this kind of prayer? We'll provide guidance to help you, as well as a chance to reflect and ask questions afterward. Expect a Scripture reading to begin, 15 minutes of silent Centering Prayer, and a time to discuss at the end.

Table 2 Table: Independence Day Picnic | TODAY | 11:15 AM

Join us for a relaxed and festive Table 2 Table meal as we celebrate Independence Day together! We'll enjoy classic picnic favorites—including hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, and chips. There's no cost to attend, and donations are welcome. Let's gather in gratitude with good food, and great company. We hope to see you there!

Wilderness Trail | JUL 7-12

Our group leaves **tomorrow!** Be in prayer for them as they set out on a week in the wilderness to discover what God has for them!

Vacation Bible School | MON-FRI, JUL 14-18 | 9 AM to 12 NOON



Join us for another year of Bible adventures as we go back to ancient *Egypt*! Each day, your child will step into Bible times—and learn the story of Joseph and watch God's word come to life through music, crafts, games and storytelling. For 3 years old up to 5th grade. Students 6th-12th grade are invited to volunteer! To register your kids, email ChildrensMinistry@CentralUMC.org, go to CentralUMC.org/Events, or scan the QR Code.



No fee. Snacks provided.

VBS Volunteers Needed: We are still looking for volunteers as this year's VBS will be entirely run by volunteers. Eleanor Campbell is the VBS Director this year. To volunteer or if you have questions, please contact her at eivey@mindspring.com.

Habitat Build | FRI, JUL 25 | 8:30 AM

Join Pastor Mary and Robin Smith for another Friday morning Habitat build! We'll meet at 8:30 AM and finish around noon. Stay for lunch if you can! No skill needed - just come ready to pitch in however you can. Register at CentralUMC.org/Events or scan the QR code.



Youth Ushers Needed This Summer! 🙌

We're looking for middle and high school youth to serve as ushers during Sunday worship services this summer. This is a great opportunity to get involved, and serve the church. If your youth is interested or would like more information, please contact Perry Fisher at perry@fisherstark.com.

Be At Sunday School This Summer | SUNDAYS | 8:45 AM

Youth and Children (anyone under 21) will meet together in the **Youth Arena (4th Floor)** this summer for a study of the Beatitudes. Beginning June 8, a team of volunteers will offer engaging discussions, refreshments, crafts, and games for all ages, beginning at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. Parents are invited to join in!

Braver Angels - "A Red & Blue Workshop" | SAT, AUG 16 | 9:00 AM

The purpose of this workshop is to learn about the experiences, feelings, and beliefs of people on both sides of the political divide. Participants will explore areas of commonality as well as difference. The goal is to gain insights that may help participants—and others—contribute to the depolarization of our communities and nation. This is not a time to challenge values or attempt to change someone's opinion. Instead, listening and seeking understanding are key to the success of Braver Angels workshops. The workshop will be facilitated by two trained volunteers experienced in the *Braver Angels Way*. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Peter Barrett at peterbarrett@comcast.net.



To register go to CentralUMC.org/Events or scan the QR Code:

Asheville Tourists Game | TUE, AUG 19 | 6:30 PM

Let's go out to the ballgame! Join your Central UMC friends at the Tuesday 8/19 Asheville Tourists game. Our group tickets are \$13/person. Game starts at 6:30pm; gates open at 5:30pm. Register and pay online by Monday 8/11/25. Let's see how many people we can get to fill the stands, wear our Central UMC t-shirts (if you have one), and root, root, root for the home team!!! Register at CentralUMC.org/Events or scan the QR code.



Donations for Homeward Bound! | NOW! | Fellowship Hall

Looking for a way to make a real difference in someone's life? You can help individuals and families transition out of homelessness by donating gently used household goods. Items are being collected now in the Fellowship Hall.

Requested Donations Include:

- *Kitchen Items:* Dishes, pots, pans, toasters, coffee makers, microwaves
- *Furniture:* Love seats, chairs, small dining tables, side tables, coffee tables, lamps
- *Linens & Toiletries:* Towels, wash cloths, hand towels, sheets, blankets, shampoo, body wash, deodorant
- *Cleaning Supplies & Paper Goods:* Cleaning supplies, dish detergent, paper towels, bathroom tissue

These essential items help furnish new homes for those moving forward from homelessness. Can't bring your items in? Homeward Bound will even pick them up! Contact Terry, Donation Center Coordinator, (828) 412-5322, terry@homewardboundwnc.org.

Thank you for being a part of this life-changing mission! ❤️

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Do you have these thoughts?

- I just don't have the energy to reach out for help.
- I don't know who I could ask for help.
- I'm not sure who I could trust with my private struggles.
- I know others have it worse than me.
- I don't want to get my hopes up only to get hurt again.
- Who really cares about me and my "troubles"?

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We understand. Let us be your safe place.

Contact Pastor Lisa for more information.

You are needed!

- Nursery Volunteers during Sunday School and Worship hours to care for our sweet little ones! For details, contact Pastor Mary, mbrown@centralumc.org
- Homebound Volunteers to visit our folks who can no longer get out and about! For details, contact Kim Everette, Kimeverette525@gmail.com
- Supplies for our Prayer Shawl Care Ministry. For details, contact Pat Page, page.patricia@gmail.com or Paula Boyles, boylesrp@gmail.com