



# Central

United Methodist Church

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### 2019 Kings Mountain Community VBS 8/4/19-8/8/19 6:00pm-8:30pm

VBS kids get to have hands-on fun learning about our world and the Bible in an awesome hands-on way! We play exciting games, learn cool science, sing, dance, and laugh in a safe environment where your kids will have a blast every night! Ages: Preschool—5th grade. For more information, please contact: Gene Bragg at [gene@cumckm.org](mailto:gene@cumckm.org) or call 704-739-2471. You can register online at our website at [www.cumckm.org](http://www.cumckm.org).

### 2020 Costa Rica BBQ Fundraiser

August 31, 2019

TICKETS \$40 EACH  
INCLUDES SLAW  
AND SAUCE

Call 704-739-2471  
for more info

See a Costa Rica Team Member for Tickets!

### FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

Wednesday, August 14 6:15pm

Circle 8 will provide the meal



RSVP BY 8/12/19

### CENTRAL'S ANNUAL TALENT SHOW WEDNESDAY, 8/14/19 AT 6:15PM

CONTACT AUDREY BROOKS TO PARTICIPATE BY 8/7/19.

Come join us for our August Family Fellowship Night!  
Wednesday, August 14 at 6:15pm  
Featuring our Annual Talent Show!  
RSVP by August 12, 2019.

Welcome to **KID Central**  
Sunday Mornings at 8:45 am

**Sunday Morning Snack Servers Needed! If you can serve please contact the church office.**

## A History Minute by Libby Putnam

As we began to prepare for the 2019 Community Vacation Bible School, I remembered an old scrapbook I had found while organizing items in the History Room. It had been compiled and dedicated to the church by the Intermediate Class of the 1938 Vacation Bible School. The students had cut out and pasted pictures of John Wesley as a boy, his mother, and a picture of his birthplace. The scrapbook holds pictures of places Wesley preached including the famous Wesley Oak at Frederica in Georgia. Students also included pictures of Methodist missionaries in 1938 serving in Africa, India, China, Japan, Cuba, and Mexico. Evidently the VBS studies that year also recognized local church workers since the scrapbook contains pictures of Mr. B.S. Neill, Chairman of the Stewards, Rev. E.W. Fox, Pastor, and Mr. B.S. Peeler, Church School Superintendent. There is also a picture of the 1905 church building with the bit of trivia that the first couple married there was Miss Fairy Lillian Long and Mr. A. Hunter Patterson on December 27th, 1906.

You may recognize the names of the members of the Intermediate Class of 1938. Many went on to be able workers in this church. The girls were Elizabeth Falls, Ann Caldwell, Martha Walker, Elizabeth Dickey, Bessie Lee Bumgardner, Dorothy Harmon, and Lucile Hullender. The boys were Billy Throneburg, Grady Watterson, I.B. Goforth, Jr., James Throneburg, Meek Carpenter, and Wilson Griffin.

This year's Vacation Bible School is almost ready to begin. Perhaps future generations looking at the history of our church will find the 2019 VBS handiwork of our children and marvel at the ways they learned that the Bible tells us that in all situations, God is Good.

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**Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday 8:30am—12:30pm  
1:00pm—4:30pm

**Staff:**

**Pastor,** Bruce Gwyn

**Organist,** Doug Parker

**Director of Youth & Children's Ministries,**  
Gene Bragg

**Music Director,** Carlos Zamora

**Handbell/Drama Director,** Teresa Williams

**Preschool Director,** Lindsay Romesberg

**Administrative Assistant,** Candy Love



A VBS Class scrapbook from 1938, featuring familiar surnames from our congregation.

## Thank You Notes

Dear CUMC Family,  
We would like to thank you for the Ben F Beam Scholarships we received. Throughout our lives we have heard many stories from our family regarding Papa Beam and his commitment to his family, church and community. It is an honor to receive the scholarship that our great grandfather started to help the youth of Central.

I, Melissa, am pursuing a double major in Geography and International studies in hopes of giving aid to people in developing countries. I finished as salutatorian of my graduation class.

I, Kathleen, am obtaining a degree in Elementary Education while minoring in American studies. I plan on becoming an elementary school teacher. We are both excited to take the next step in our lives and help others as the church has taught us to do. Once again, we thank you for the generosity, support and prayers.

Also thank you for the Target gift card!

**Melissa Harmon and Kathleen Harmon**



## Central's School Supply Collection

We are now collecting school supplies for our local elementary schools.

Please see list below:

- Pencils
- Lysol Wipes
- folders
- glue sticks
- 1 inch notebook paper
- 24 ct. crayons
- Crayola Markers
- tissues
- sandwich bags
- baby wipes
- dry erase markers
- scissors
- cap erasers

*Please bring your donations and put in the collection bin in the CAC Hallway.*



Fall is almost here!

Plans are in the works for UMYF which will include a special outing and missions work dates. Any questions, please contact Gene Bragg at [gene@cumckm.org](mailto:gene@cumckm.org) or 336-404-8673.

**UMYF Meeting Dates:**  
8/18 and 8/25

### Carpenter's Clubhouse News

We are excited to be adding a new two year old preschool room class! We look forward to welcoming our new teacher, Melissa Biddix to our staff. We are continuing to enroll for the 2019-2020 year. For questions about enrollment, please call 704-739-2471 to speak to our Preschool Director, Lindsay Romesberg.

### Scouting News

#### Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts are on break for the summer. They will resume meeting after school starts.

**Boy Scouts** meet Mondays at 6:00pm  
**Cub Scouts** meet Tuesdays at 6:30pm

For more information about the Scouts, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471.



We are currently collecting items for Samaritan's Purse!

#### Ideas for Donations:

Toothbrushes, washcloths, soap, adhesive bandages, pencils, notebooks, glue sticks, colored pencils, hair bows, Matchbox cars, scissors, Play-doh, flashlights, or yo-yos.

*The collection bin in the CAC Hallway  
Collection week of shoe boxes is  
November 18-25, 2019*



**Catawba Valley District**

Western North Carolina Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Catawba Valley Lay Servant Training Sunday afternoons:**

September 8, 15, 22, 29 from 3:00 – 5:30 pm

First UMC (Morganton)

200 N King Street, Morganton, NC

Cost for each Lay Speaking course is \$25 per student.

Payment is due by September 1, 2019.

Call Church Office for more information or visit

[www.cvdistrictumc.org](http://www.cvdistrictumc.org)



**Pastor Bruce Gwyn**

## From the Pastor

I am not a person who likes change. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy a good challenge but I also enjoy getting into a rhythm. As Deborah and I are moving to a new charge we are on a steep learning curve, new faces and names. These are not the only changes we face.

Every church we have served has distinct cultural and practice traditions. These traditions have developed over time and they are sacred because the church has experienced God through each event. I think the distinction is important because sometimes we confuse the sacred with the personal preferences we often develop. I want to thank Central church for the welcome we have received. We have been welcomed and included. Those two things are very important, welcomed and included.

We often get into our rhythms and become so comfortable that we fail to grasp opportunities. We become so comfortable with the events that are occurring around us and fail to be aware of the opportunities that are presenting before our eyes. We take for granted that we don't have to work on the familiar. This happens in relationships. I want to become a part of your lives. I am well aware of the privilege and honor to be invited to share in the lives and struggles of a church. I don't want to squander this opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel with you, both in word and deed. I want to share those words with this community.

We are facing some difficult days in the church but I want to remind us of the words of John Wesley when he said, "In the essentials we must have unity, in the non-essentials, liberty, in all things, charity." Wesley was more than aware that we will not agree on every thought but in the unity of Christ we must be the church. Let me say again, It is our honor and privilege to be your pastor and parsonage family. I look forward to our time together. Central Church has an important role to fill where people are looking for hope and relationship. Join us as we offer Christ to the world around us.

**Pastor Bruce Gwyn**



***Our Newest Ministry!***  
The Central Outdoors group had a great time at the Emerald Village Gem Mine Adventure. We had 23 people attend. Thanks to all who joined us this summer and plans are in works for future fall events!