



Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

November 2019

UMW ANNUAL

BAKE SALE

Saturday, 11/2/19

10AM-1:00PM

**UNITED METHODIST
MEN ANNUAL
SOUP SALE**

Saturday, 11/2/19

11:00AM-2:00PM

Wednesday 11/13/19

Thanksgiving style meal hosted by Circle 4

FAMILY NIGHT

RSVP by 11/11/19

November Family Fellowship Night
 Come join us for our next Family Fellowship Night 11/13/19 at 6:15 pm. The Thanksgiving style meal will be presented by Circle 4. Please RSVP to the church office by 11/11/19. The program will be about Small Groups and will be presented by the Discipleship Committee.

All Saints Sunday
 We will invite family members to a special service to remember our church members who we lost from 11/4/18—11/1/19
 Sunday, November 3, 2019 8:45 am and 10:50am

United Methodist Men Thanksgiving Breakfast
Thursday, November 28
7:00am-9:00am (CAC)

KID Central—Sunday Mornings (Birth-5th grade) at 8:45 am

A Thank You Note

Dear Central UMC,
Thank you for your kind and generous donation in support of education for our Orphan Transition student, Maria. She is living in a dorm at University of North Florida and is making A's in her classes. She is extremely grateful for this opportunity and blessing. Maria has lived a difficult life, but has found peace, love, and Christ through Manos De Fe, and through supporters like you. Thank you for investing in Maria. She is grateful for your generosity.

In Christ,

Julie Procter and Manos de Fe

Central's Upcoming Events!



**November Meeting
Notice of Date Change**

Tuesday, November 12

Finance, 6:00pm

**Administrative
Council, 7:00pm**

**Our Charge
Conference will
be on Monday,
November 4 at 6:00pm.**

**Kings Mountain
Community Choir Concert**
Tuesday, December 3 at 7:30pm
Location: Joy Performance Center
We have 33 participants!

The Story of the Chrismon Tree

The Chrismon tree began as an offering to God. God blessed the offering and it became a song of praise and thanksgiving to Him. It continues as witness to His love and His glory, as a proclamation of His holy Name through His Son, Jesus, the Christ, our Lord.

The story of the Chrismon tree began at The Lutheran Church of Ascension in Danville, Virginia in 1957 when Mrs. Frances Spencer volunteered to decorate the church's Christmas tree. She envisioned a tree different from the one with colored lights and balls that had previously adorned her church. Two important ideas soon emerged as she considered what would be the best way to decorate a Christmas tree that honored the birth of the Christ Child. First the decorations should bring out the real person for whom we celebrate this day of the year and second that this Christmas tree would be worthy of being placed in the Lord's house and would contribute to the spirit of worship during this holy season.

Over the years these ornaments have developed so that now a Chrismon may be a monogram, a sign, a symbol, a type, or a combination of any of these. Early Christians used these monograms to designate meeting places of the church, and, sometimes, to show unbelievers where they stood. These symbols of the early church have served to spread the faith and beliefs of Christians as they are shared and passed on.

All Chrismons are made in combinations of white and gold. White, the liturgical color for Christmas, refers to our Lord's purity and perfection; gold, to His majesty and glory. The tiny white lights on the tree point to the Christ as the Light of the world. Therefore, all symbols on the Chrismon tree must, first of all, point to our Lord and God.

It is our hope at Central United Methodist Church that this ministry will lay the foundation for the understanding of Chrismons for each of us since ***THE CHRISMON TREE IS COMPLETE ONLY WHEN THOSE WHO SEE IT UNDERSTAND ITS MEANING.***

The Chrismon trees and Christmas decorations will be going up soon!

Central United Methodist Church of Kings Mountain
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Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 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

**Candlelight Communion
Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 24, 2019
7:00pm Sanctuary**
(Child Care will be available)



We welcome all youth between from 6th-12th to come join us on Sunday nights from 5:30pm-7:30pm provides a time of gathering for youth to support one another, to have fun, to develop service projects, and to grow deeper in Christ. Any questions, please contact Gene Bragg at gene@cumckm.org or 336-404-8673.

UMYF Meeting Dates:
11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals will be on Wednesday Nights from 7:00-7:30pm in the Choir room now through December 11. If you would like be a part of the Christmas Cantata, please contact Carlos Zamora, Director of Music.

The **Youth Chorale** meets on Mondays at 5pm. For more information, please contact the Director of Music, Carlos Zamora at 704-739-2471.

The Costa Rica Mission Trip Team Members are gearing up for their upcoming trip from January 14—23, 2020.

They are currently accepting donations for the Costa Rica Mission Trip Uniform Fund of \$75.

The children of Costa Rica must have a uniform to attend school and this fund helps provide this need.

Small Groups Presentation

A Small Group interest meeting will be held during the November Family Fellowship Night. We will discuss how small groups help build relationships with each other, grow in our faith, and discover new and interesting things about our church family. For more information, please contact Gene Bragg.

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**

Please contact Audrey Brooks
at 404-274-1758 for more information.



UMW'S

ANNUAL PARADE

OF TABLES 1/25/20

If you would like to decorate a table, please contact Marie Brinkley or the church office.

Scouting News

Girl Scouts

Meeting Dates:

11/1/19 and 11/15 at 6:00pm

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.

★ ★ ★ VETERANS DAY ★ ★ ★
THANK YOU
for **YOUR SERVICE**
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We will recognize our veterans during our Sunday, November 10 Services.

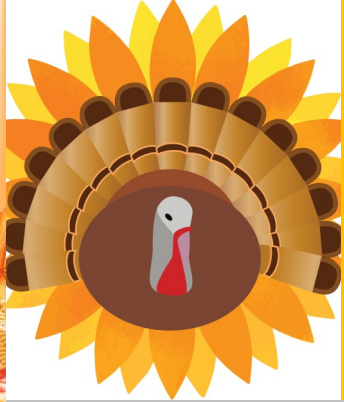
The Bridge

Come join us as we discuss issues relating to this stage of life and how Christ sees us through them.

20s and 30s Sunday School Class
Classroom B



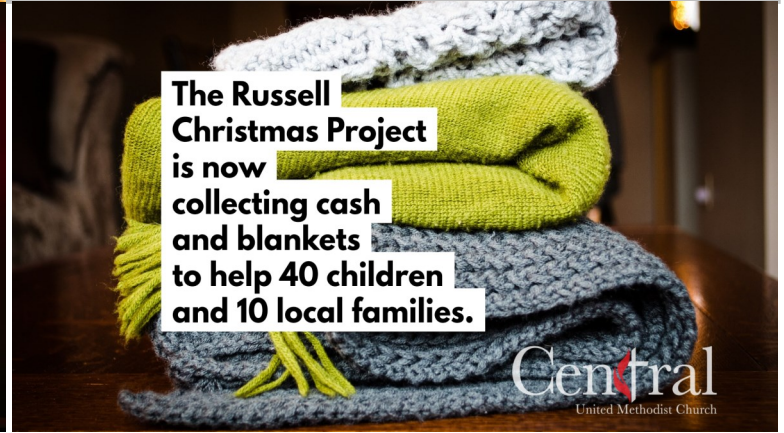
KM Community Thanksgiving Service
First Baptist Church KM 6:00pm
Sunday, November 24
 Pastor Bruce Gwyn is preaching and the music is by Central UMC



Happy Thanksgiving!
The Community Kitchen will be closed on Thursday, November 28. The church office will be closed Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29.



Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 15, 2019
10:00AM
 Central United Methodist Church



The Russell Christmas Project is now collecting cash and blankets to help 40 children and 10 local families.
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