



Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

March 2020

Dear Church Family,

Many of you are aware of the Long Range Planning Committee's work regarding the needs of our church. The committee identified several areas of concern. Some of those concerns have been addressed such as the addition of a Children/Youth /Discipleship Director. We will be working to address other concerns raised by the survey but we need your help with a particular need that was raised. A concern that was raised by the survey was the physical church, sanctuary and the CAC. There have been discussions about our facility for several years. A Study Committee was formed by Charge Conference in December of 2019 to conduct a study how to best utilize our facilities. This committee's purpose is to look at the needs of the church, present and future and decide how to best plan before we proceed thinking about physical changes, that is why we need your help. How can we best utilize and maximize our resources? Our buildings have some age on them. They need some upgrades that are both necessary and responsible stewardship. The Study Committee has met since first of the year and included with this cover letter are some ideas that we have generated.

As you look at our findings please comment to any of the members on the committee with concerns you might have. The committee will compile your responses and meet again on April 19th to discuss your responses.

Please see **PAGE 3** for more information about the Study Committee.

David "Big Mac" McDaniel, Study Committee Chair
Pastor Bruce Gwyn

CHILDREN'S EASTER CELEBRATION CENTRAL UMC OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 2:00 PM

FREE Egg Hunt

Join us for our
Children's Easter Celebration
on Sunday, March 29
at 2:00 pm in the CAC.

We will have an egg decorating
station, face painting, cookies,
egg hunting, stories and more!

Don't forget your
Easter Basket.

*This event will take place rain
or shine. Please bring your
friends and neighbors.*

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

**2020 Kings Mountain
Community Lenten
Service Schedule
Wednesdays at Noon**

*Theme: The 'I Am' Sayings of Jesus
from the Gospel of John*

March 4, 2020

Location: First Presbyterian Church
Topic: "I Am the Light of the World"
John 8:12-20

Speaker: Dr. Steve Taylor,
Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church

March 11, 2020

Location: Boyce Memorial ARP Church
Topic: "I Am the Door" John 10:1-10
Speaker: Rev. Ron Caulder,
Pastor of Eastside Baptist Church

March 18, 2020

Location: East Gold Wesleyan Church
Topic: "I Am the Good Shepherd"
John 10:11-18
Speaker: Dr. Moses Nueman,
Executive Director of World Care Ministries

March 25, 2020

Location: First Church of the Nazarene
Topic: "I Am the Resurrection and the Life"
John 11:17-27
Speaker: Rev. Danyale Patterson, Evangelist,
Engage First Wesleyan Church

April 1, 2020

Location: Bethlehem Baptist Church
Topic: "I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life"
John 14:1-6
Speaker: TBA

*These are short services followed by a light luncheon
and a collection for local charities.*

Thank You Notes

Dear Central,
The faculty, staff and students of West Elementary would like to thank you for your generous donation to help our underprivileged children.
With gratitude,
West Elementary

Dear Members of Central,
Thank you so very much for all of the good food and help during the recent tornado. It was very thoughtful of you to remember us. Take care, may God bless, and thanks again for your kind thoughts.
Sincerely,
The Bridges and Dickinson Families

March Family Fellowship Night

Join us on Wednesday, March 11
at 6:15 pm. The program will feature
Dennis Long, the guitar player from
The Golden Valley Crusaders. Food
catered by Keith Falls. **RSVP** to the
church office by Monday, March 9
704-739-2471 or central@cumckm.org

Sunday School News

One of the greatest things about Sunday schools are the building of relationships. In church, we have two main relationships that we grow in Sunday school -- those among church members and our relationship with God. With those in mind, I want to explore ways in which we can extend open arms to others and make building relationships easier.

Sunday school is for everyone, regardless of age or walk of life. Another part of growing these relationships is to address possible hurdles we may encounter. I encourage everyone to pray for people that you know who are not attending Sunday school. Pray that they would be moved by the Spirit to attend and that any things preventing them from doing so are removed from their way. Encourage those who have children to attend Sunday school.

Nicole Radford and I are here to continue our children & ministry program, held during our contemporary service, during Sunday school times. We have biblically-based lessons and materials tailored for children to help them draw closer to God and know Him better.

It is an honor and privilege to serve you all. Let me know any way in which we can partner to make Sunday school an amazing, loving, and educational experience for everyone.

Gene Bragg
Director of Discipleship Development

Join us for Palm Sunday on April 5.

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Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30am—12:30pm; 1:00pm—4:30pm
Staff:

Pastor, Bruce Gwyn
Administrative Assistant, Candy Love
Director of Discipleship Development, Gene Bragg
Music Director, Carlos Zamora
Handbell/Drama Director, Teresa Williams
Preschool Director, Lindsay Romesberg
Organist, Doug Parker

Study Committee 2020

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Purpose: The Study Committee was formed from a Church Charge Conference in December of 2019 with the sole purpose of studying the needs and utilization of our buildings. During the study, the committee will give updates to the Administrative Council. Once the Study Committee has finished the review, we will make a recommendation to the Administrative Council. Any further actions would come from a new Church Charge Conference.

Scope: To review the current and long-term needs of the Church, inclusive of all property the Church owns with the exception of the Church Parsonage.

Current Study Committee members: Larry Hamrick Jr, Tom Bennett, Marie Brinkley, Todd Wilson, Greg Dixon, Clay Kerns, Kathy Livsie, Stacie Rhea, Hogan Sellers, David (Big Mac) McDaniel and Pastor Bruce Gwyn is serving as an advisor to the committee.

- This committee is a continuation of the results from the Long Range Planning Committee.
- The Study Committee is not a build or remodel team. It is a committee to study the needs and ask questions of current church members for their ideas of how they see Central church facilities going forward.
- We will be looking for input on how we can have a better worship experience for everyone. Sound improvements, special lighting, and ways to help with special seating needs so all our congregants' worship more safely and comfortably will be considered.
- Current condition of our church will be taken into consideration by the Study Committee. In our Education Building and sanctuary, we have wiring and controls that are beyond repair. The main breakers have to be manually adjusted just to get the lights to go off and stay off. Heating / cooling system are at various stages of their useful life. We will also look at what ways we can become more energy efficient in all areas.
- The current sanctuary is more than 52 years old and is currently valued at \$5.9 million dollars. Combined with our other facilities, the overall church value is \$7.9 million dollars. We need to ensure we are taking care of the properties for future generations. Are we currently protecting our investments for the future?

- Other potential needs include the church property all the way to Kings Street. Should we add Church signage or add new access to the church parking lot from Kings Street?
- CAC Lighting improvements
- Acoustics for CAC
- We have a rendering of our sanctuary that was generated for us from a team that worked on the possible upgrades assembled 3 to 4 years ago. This team did a tremendous amount of work, and the study committee will share this with all that are interested. It gives a beautiful rendition of future upgrades that would be utilized by all congregants.

It is not our job to tell anyone how to worship or where to worship. It is our job to study the utilization of the buildings/facilities.



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:

3/1, 3/8, 3/15 & 3/22

No meeting on 3/29

Scouting News

Girl Scouts

Meeting Dates: 3/13/20, 3/27/20 at 6:00pm

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

Save the Date!
March 8, 2020
for Boy Scout Sunday

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

Celebrate **EASTER**

CENTRAL UMC

APRIL 12 • 8:45 & 10:50 AM



We are currently collecting Easter candy and plastic Easter Eggs for this event. Please bring your donations and put them in the collection bin in front of Gene Bragg's office.



EASTER
Lilies

It's time to order your **2020 Easter Lilies!** Help make our church beautiful again this Easter! Order a Lily to be placed at the Altar for those special people in your life. Lilies may be taken home Easter Sunday morning immediately following the Worship Service.

Cost: \$11.00

**Absolute Deadline for orders -
Monday, April 6, 2020**



**Boy Scout Sunday
March 8, 2020**

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