



Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

June 2020

Outdoor Services Schedule

Sundays 6/7, 6/14 and 6/21

Please Note New Time 9:00am

Dear Church Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord. Our Administrative Council met last night to plan, looking forward to make plans to move back into our building for worship. From our discussions, we concluded that for the next three weeks we will continue to meet outdoors in the parking lot at 9 am weather permitting for worship. The sermon will continue to be shared on Facebook for those who cannot or do not feel comfortable meeting in person but we want them to feel a part of our worship community. We have changed the time of worship to 9 am before the heat of the day becomes unbearable. If for some reason we cannot meet outside, we will upload the sermon to view on Facebook. If weather conditions are a concern, a decision will be made early enough that each member will receive a call by 8 am on the affected day about the status of worship.

Beginning on June 28th, we are going to move inside if circumstances with the Covid epidemic have not grown worse. We plan to continue to do one service in the CAC until Labor Day. We will ask that folks continue to bring their own chairs and we will continue to do social distancing and respect the space of others. Masks are recommended.

We are also discussing possibilities for bringing some Sunday School classes back together. This may mean that classes could not meet on Sunday mornings due to spacing and distancing issues. We are trying to find creative ways that perhaps classes could meet during the day or even at

night on different days of the week. We have not made any definitive decisions about Sunday School and we would love to hear your feedback. We have different space that could allow groups to meet and follow the guidelines that are guiding our processes. We will be in touch with you as we continue to discern how best to open this process.

We are living in unprecedented times. Like you, I am experiencing Covid fatigue. It has grown in Facebook fatigue, guideline fatigue and just fatigue in general, I want our lives to be normal again. I have to reiterate here, I don't know what normal will look like when everything settles down.

There are a few things we need from you:

Be prayerful, continue to pray for your church, your pastor, your leaders and pray that God will guide our efforts. We covet the prayers of God's people for wisdom and strength as we move forward.

Be flexible, we are changing time and location, our plans are fluid subject to the circumstances we sometimes cannot control. We will adapt and hopefully learn from week to week about things we can do to enhance our worship.

Be respectful, there are many opinions about all the things we are experiencing. Some folks feel comfortable gathering, others do not. Consider how you might show love and respect for those whose opinion is different from yours. There is enough unrest all around us, "let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also the interests of others Phil. 2: 4."

Be patient, we are trying to respect our civil and ecclesiastical leadership. We may not always agree but in Romans 13, Paul encourages us to respect civil authority.

As we move forward may God use us in this time for His purposes and His presence in this community and beyond.

In Christ,

Pastor Bruce

New Enrolling

Carpenter's Club
House Preschool

704-739-2471



113 S. Piedmont Ave, Kings Mountain NC 28086

Half Day Program Ages: 18 months-5 yrs.



Class of 2020

High School Graduates:

Eli Radford, son of Nicole and Larry Radford, graduated from Kings Mountain High School and will attend Cleveland Community College in the fall.

Abbie Harris, daughter of Johnny Harris and Ashley Harris, granddaughter of Jean Harris, graduated from Kings Mountain High School.

Layla Harris, daughter of Johnny Harris and Ashley Harris, granddaughter of Jean Harris, graduated from Kings Mountain High School.

College Graduates:

Hannah McComas, daughter of Glenn & Sara McComas, graduated with a B.S. Health Systems Management, Magna Cum Laude from University of NC at Charlotte.

Kaitlyn Still, daughter of Vicky & Everett Still graduated from Western Carolina University with a B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders with a Minor in Psychology, Summa Cum Laude.

Jordan Sweezy, son of Karen Sweezy, graduated from NC State with a degree in Wildlife Biology B.S.

Destiny Jaylyn Wood, daughter of Mark & Nikki Wood, graduated with a B.S. Biomedical Engineering & Health Sciences degree from NC State University.

Meeting Schedule

Men's Bible Study, Tuesdays 7:00pm

Giving & Tithing

Give Online:

<https://cumckm.org/donate/>

Give by Mail:

113 South Piedmont Ave.
Kings Mountain NC 28086

The Community Kitchen is still continuing to serve during this time with a few modifications. Meals are take out only with a few people allowed in at a time to pick up.

UPDATED New Hours:

*Mondays 11:00am-12:00am

*Thursdays 4:00pm-5:00pm

*If you would like to volunteer, please email central@cumckm.org or call the church office at 704-739-2471.

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Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am -4:30pm

Staff:

Pastor, Bruce Gwyn

Administrative Assistant, Candy Love

Director of Discipleship Development, Gene Bragg

Handbell/Drama Director, Teresa Williams

Preschool Director, Lindsay Romesberg

Organist, Doug Parker



Visit our YouTube page to see our children's ministry, Kid Central's lesson plan video! There will be one video for nursery and preschoolers and another for elementary. Please share the link found on our Facebook page and on our website www.cumckm.org with your friends and families so that their children and grandchildren will have the opportunity to learn about God and their walk with Jesus during this time.

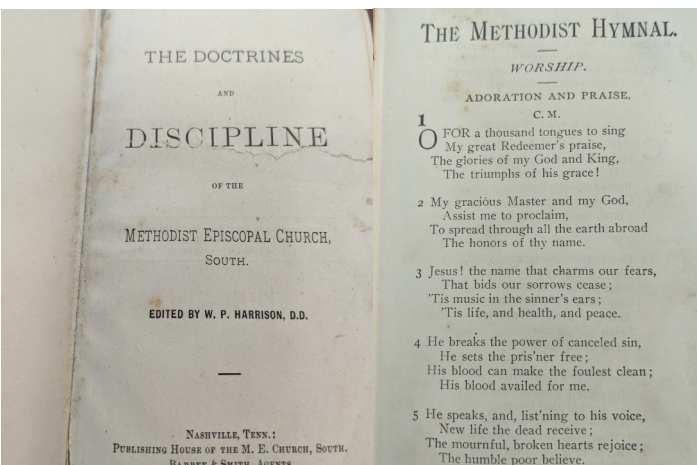
While you are there please like the videos and subscribe to the channel to be notified when new videos are posted. The current videos are live now for your viewing.

Any questions, please contact Gene Bragg at gene@cumckm.org or 336-404-8673.



We welcome all youth between from 6th-12th to come join us! We provide 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.

A History Minute by Libby Putnam



There are a number of antique books of interest to be found in our church's History Room. One of the most interesting books is an 1890 copy of the Discipline given to the church by Mr. Howard Bryant. The book had belonged to Mrs. John (Estelle) Weaver of our church. In Chapter VI there is a section on the directions for uniformity in public worship. Much emphasis is placed on singing in the worship service, when to stand or sit to sing, and suggestions are given to insure success with hymn singing. Even though this copy of the Discipline is 130 years old, the ideas presented would work today. First, do not sing too much at once; seldom more than five or six verses. Second, be sure the tune you sing is suited to the words and the congregation is aware of the message of the words. Third, use our own Methodist Hymn and Tune book. (It was only after 1878 that hymnals contained both words and tunes. In prior editions, tunes and lyrics were published separately in pocket sized books.) And finally, "exhort every person in the congregation to sing; not one in ten only." In both a circa 1850 copy of the Methodist hymnal, also found in the History Room, and our current hymnal, the first song is John Wesley's "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." Six verses, a good tune, a powerful message, and our own hymnal....suggestions easy for us to follow in 1890 and today.

Scouting News
Scout meetings now being held online until further notice.

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



Photos courtesy of Mary Lou Ware

5/31/20

Outdoor Services and Online Service News

We scheduled our first outdoor service on May 24, 2020 with several guidelines in place. Since this was during Memorial Day Weekend and the forecast was slated for rain, we figured this would be best for a soft reopening with a few attending, but instead we had a wonderful turnout! Our May 31 Outdoor Service had an even higher attendance. We are thankful that you are excited about coming back to church. **We will continue to meet outside on 6/7, 6/14, and 6/21 at 9:00am.**

To give you a better online viewing experience, services will be recorded and then uploaded later that day to Facebook and YouTube. Thank you for your viewership. We have been sharing different music videos during the week and they have been performing very well. One video recently had over a 1,000 views!

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