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Jerry Blanton, Jim Potter & Bobby Childers helping repair the meat slicer in the kitchen.

A History Minute by Libby Putnam

For the past almost 18 years the Community Kitchen has been staffed by volunteers from our church and other churches in Kings Mountain. During that time over 500,000 meals have been served to those in need in our community. We are most thankful for those volunteers for their dedication and service led by Jim Potter to make this ministry a success. Jim will be retiring from his work with the Community Kitchen and we thank him for his faithful service.

The idea for a food ministry actually came about while Rev. Bob Little was the minister here at Central. Plans for a new activities building were being discussed and a committee was formed to help envision how that building could be used. Of the over 50 ideas that were generated, one was a food ministry. Construction for the CAC was completed in 2002. John Plonk, John Maddox, and Jim Potter visited Shelby Presbyterian's five day a week food ministry to see how it worked. Contact was made with Second Harvest Food Bank and soon the Community Kitchen at Central was off and running. In addition to having contributions of food from Second Harvest, volunteers began picking up food donations from Food Lion seven days a week. Initially meals were cooked and served in the CAC only, but

later delivery of meals began after the pastor at Second Baptist and a helper volunteered for that duty. Soon volunteers began to deliver on regular routes as well as serve meals in the CAC.

However, finding it hard to always have enough volunteers to cook, serve, and deliver meals, the Community Kitchen will be transitioning from a ministry that serves prepared meals to a ministry where grocery items will be available for pickup beginning on Thursday, September 3 from 3:00-6:00pm. This new phase of the Community Kitchen ministry will continue as long as there is participation. Even though the nature of this ministry has changed, if you are interested in being a volunteer, you will be warmly welcomed and your service greatly appreciated. For more information, please email central@cumckm.org or call 704-739-2471.



Dear Church Family,

I wanted to drop you a note to inform you about how we will make the decision of returning to inside worship. I know many of us are trying to find the new normal that Covid 19 has caused. We have tried multiple ways to worship together and with those attempts we have settled for outdoor worship with livestreaming to Facebook. There have been issues with livestreaming, notably the internet capacity and over-whelming the Facebook platform because of the traffic load. It has caused some frustration because of the buffering and ability to post in a timely manner. I want to assure you that work is being done to fix the issues we can fix but some issues belong to our providers. For our issues I apologize.

I look forward to coming back inside for our time together. I know many of you are wondering when that time might become reality. There are certain metrics we are exercising to make the decision to come indoors. Because of our facilities we can social distance and follow safe protocols. We have purchased a

machine with a fogging chemical that destroys the corona virus to treat our facility after each use. We have created protocols that address sanitizing procedures. These are some of the things we can do to safely come back together. There is another metric that we must consider, that is the number of positive cases in the state and respecting the governors' order for groups that gather. We are looking at the school system opening in the county and if the number of covid cases do not rise significantly, we will be able to make an informed decision using that information. North Carolina is presently in a phase two operational mode with an announcement to be made about a different phase by September 11th. If there is a significant decrease in numbers, we will consider how to safely come back inside. I want to thank you for your patience and support as we have navigated this pandemic. I know there are churches that are already meeting inside but I feel our risk is too great for us to do that at this time. We have many in our congregation who have underlying conditions and I do not want to compromise their situations. I assure you that we will move inside when the majority of our metrics are met. We will eventually be through this pandemic. I don't have an exact time-line but we will be together soon. I want to thank you and say we will come through with God's help.

"Instead, in every way we demonstrate that we are God's servants by tremendous endurance in the midst of difficulties, hardships, and calamities;" (2 Corinthians 6:4)



We welcome all youth from 6th-12th grade 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.

We are now meeting Sundays after church.

**AVAILABLE JOB POSITION:
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC PART-TIME**

Purpose: Encourage growth in Christ through leading of music through worship.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for leading music at all regularly scheduled worship services Sunday mornings
- Lead, Plan and implement music for all weekly worship services, and other Special occasions
- Direct the Choral Music programs of the Church (all choirs/age groups, praise band),
- Develop, Coordinate and provide leadership to youth and children's musical experiences
- Provide support to pastor as needed

Minimum Qualifications:

- 4 year music degree or equivalent work experience
- Technical Audio/Visual skills
- Experience in performing traditional hymns, gospel and contemporary music
- Proficient in piano
- Ability to form and conduct a choir
- Commitment to the mission and vision of Central United Methodist Church

Please send resume to central@cumckm.org

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