



Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

October 2020

DRIVE THRU
TRUNK
OR
TREAT

Sunday, October 25, from 3-5pm!

Central
United Methodist Church

113 South Piedmont Ave. Kings Mountain NC 28086 704-739-2471 www.cumckm.org

Stay in your car and come join us for
our Drive Thru Trunk or Treat!
This is a free event and open to the community.
Costumes & masks are encouraged.

FUN & SAFE for the whole family!

KID Central and Sunday School resume on Sunday, October 25. See back page for more details!



The **Russell Fellowship Class Christmas Project** will be collecting cash and blankets this year (no toys). They will be serving around 20 families in the community. For more information, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471.

Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,
 The Family of Grady Howard acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you so much for the deli tray from the church. Not only was it really appreciated but it was so helpful.
 Sincerely,
Geeper & Chris Howard



We are **collecting candy** for our upcoming Drive Thru Trunk or Treat. Please bring your donations to the collection bin in the CAC Hallway.

We are in need 4 volunteers to decorate their cars and hand out candy for this event. If you can help, please contact Gene Bragg at 704-739-2471.

Join us for **indoor service** in the CAC at 9:00am on Sunday Mornings! We are also livestreaming on our website at www.cumckm.org.



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 at 5:30pm.

**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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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



Save the Date!

A Blood Drive sponsored by OneBlood will be held in the parking lot of Central UMC.

**Wednesday, November 11, 2020
from 10:00 am-4:00 pm**

Walk ups welcome and appointments can be scheduled. More details on how to register for an appointment will be coming soon.



All Saints Day is November 1 where we will remember our members who have passed away since last the All Saints Day.

Charge Conference on November 9 at 7:00 pm.

The first Sunday of Advent is November 29.

We now have a **Hearing Assist System** that will allow you to connect via a belt pack that the church provides or if you have a smartphone, you can use it with your own earphones. Please see Gene Bragg for assistance.

The Community Kitchen is open on Thursdays from 3-5pm.

Plans are underway for an **Outdoor Christmas Celebration** on Sunday, December 20 at 6:30pm.



The Chancel Choir along with a few friends, have been visiting some of our church members' homes to sing! What a wonderful way to reach out to the community and to bring joy. *Photo by Stacie Rhea*



Dear Church Family,

We pray each of you is doing well. Since March, we have faced challenges, hurdles, and uncertainty like never before. We have had to adapt to new ways of doing day-to-day activities from school, work, and even church. The very things we have counted on to be routine have changed, and fears and stress have increased as we go through this season of life. We recognize this and we want you to know that you're not alone.

There are two factors that have not changed – first and foremost is God's love for each of you. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope." The second thing that has not changed is that you have not been forgotten; we miss seeing each of you and continue to pray for your well-being just as we did prior to the start of this pandemic.

During this time, we have made adjustments to how we do things and want to make you aware of some upcoming changes. First, we have moved our service back into the Christian Activities Center with a start time of 9:00 AM. For the time being, there will be one service. We will have chairs placed for you at appropriate social distances. We request masks to be worn while inside the building for the safety of others.

After the service, everything will be properly cleaned and sanitized. We have purchased equipment and materials to ensure we provide a safe environment for us to gather for service. The service will still be live-streamed through Facebook and our webpage for those who are not ready or able to return to an indoor group setting. The recorded service will be posted to our YouTube page during the week.

Starting **October 25**, we will begin holding a congregational-wide **Sunday School** in the CAC after service. From 10:15-10:45 AM, we will explore and study our Bible together in this group setting while maintaining social distancing.

Also starting on **October 25**, Kids in Discipleship, better known as **KID Central**, will return. Families will sit together in service and, after the morning prayer, KID Central volunteers will escort your children to their rooms and return them at the end of service. Volunteers will take every safety precaution that they can to keep your children as safe as possible.

Our staff will continue to monitor the guidelines from the state and local health and safety officials, and we will make any changes deemed necessary to ensure everyone's health is protected. Please let us know if you have any concerns or specific prayer requests that we can address. Together we will navigate this unknown territory to find a way to worship God within our church walls. We look forward to seeing you soon and, until then, know that you are in our prayers.

From Your Church Family at Central

