



Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

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January and February can be hard months for those in need – the weather is cold, many do not have the basic essentials or they have run out after the rush of Christmas donations.

Please help us warm the hearts of those less fortunate in our community. In February we will join our Community Kitchen in giving out additional food as well as socks, hats, and gloves. We will be collecting these items during the month of January.

If you are not able to drop off the specific items but would like to support this project, you may drop off a monetary donation to the church office (on the memo line please designate it to Warming Hearts). For more information, please see Stephanie Wilson or contact the church office at 704-739-2471.

Or you can order online from our Amazon Wish List or use the list below:

FOOD:

- Canned tuna
- Canned chicken
- Vienna sausages
- Pasta noodles and jar of sauce
- Peanut butter
- Crackers
- Granola bars
- Instant potatoes
- Canned soup
- Instant rice
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned fruit cocktail
- Apple sauce
- Canned beans
- Oatmeal packets

CLOTHING:

- Socks
- Gloves
- Hats
- Scarves

The Community Kitchen is open on Thursdays from 3:00pm-4:30pm.

Happy New Year!

Thank You Notes

Dear Central UMC,
Kings Mountain High School would like to thank you for your generous donation given to our organization.

Sincerely,
Julie Rikard, Principal

Dear Central UMC Missions Committee,
On behalf of our students, staff and parents of Kings Mountain Middle School, we want to extend a sincere thank you for the kind monetary donation. Your support of public education in the Kings Mountain community does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated. Thanks again for the donation, the funds will help provide the best learning experience we can offer for our students.

Best Regards,
Dustin G. Morehead Ed.D, Principal

Dear CUMC Missions Committee,
Thank you so much for your generous donation to our student fund. As you know many of our families are in great need at this time. The donation will be put to good use.

Love,
Amy Jones
Principal Bethware Elementary School

Dear Central UMC,
Thank you so much for your generous donation to our students in need.
God Bless,
East Elementary Staff

Dear Church Family,
Thanks to all who donated food to the Blessing Box via the December Reverse Advent Calendar and to our Abba's Love Women's and Children's PJ drive!
Central UMC Staff & Volunteers

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Russell Fellowship Class News

The Russell Fellowship Sunday School Class would like to thank all of our donors, members and local business that supported our 2020 Christmas Project. We collected over **70** blankets, in addition to monetary donations. On December 7, The Russell Fellowship Class met and distributed the care packages of blankets, money, and food. Your donations helped 30 students and their families at East Elementary School.



Photo Above:
Jim Larson, Joe Patterson, Barry Brogdon and other volunteers loaded up a trailer with all of the donations.

Photo Right: Pastor Bruce Gwyn's truck was filled with blanket donations.
Photos courtesy of Jim Larson and Bruce Gwyn

our class says
"THANKS!"



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.

A History Minute by Libby Putnam



The children of Central United Methodist Church have always been the focus of many of our plans and activities. Currently, due to the current pandemic and out of caution, Kid Central activities and The Carpenter's Clubhouse classes are not being held. In this picture from the early 1950s, the nursery is full of children and parents.

The nursery pictured here was located next to the church office in the 1905 church building that was replaced with our present sanctuary. The bench in the back of the room is currently in the hallway outside the preschool classrooms and is still used by the children in those classes.



NURSERY
Parents - (left to right) Minnie Murray, Eunice Thorneburg, Bob Neill, Carolyn Dilling, Faye Goforth & Bernice Mauney

HELP GIVE A WOMAN

Words of Encouragement

TAKE A CARD, FILL IT WITH WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT THAT WILL INSPIRE, AND WILL GIVE HER HOPE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW. THEN DROP IT IN THE BOX. THESE CARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WOMEN WHO ARE CURRENTLY AT THE WOMEN'S SHELTER IN SHELBY.

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The Cards and Box are located in the CAC Hallway.



Is on temporarily on hold until the Covid Cases decrease in Cleveland County.



**CENTRAL CINEMA
PRESENTS**

★ **A CONGREGATIONAL-WIDE
SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES** ★

We will be watching movie clips
and discussing them from a
biblical point of view.

MOVIE DISCUSSION SCHEDULE

- 1/3 CHRISTOPHER ROBIN
- 1/10 REMEMBER THE TITANS
- 1/17 HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON
- 1/24 UP
- 1/31 THE WIZARD OF OZ



Pictured: Scenes from our Christmas Lessons & Carols Program on December 20, 2020 as around 60 attendees gathered to sing “Joy to the World” as they circled the church. —*Photos courtesy of Melissa Brooks.*

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