



Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

July 2021

Family Fellowship Night

Returning July 14, 2021 to Lake Montonia

Dinner Time 6:15pm
Please RSVP to the
Church Office
By July 12, 2021



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We are so excited to welcome Justin Harper as our new Music Director! He is a teacher at Crest Middle School and lives in Shelby with his wife, Tracy and daughter, Harmony.

Justin has hit the ground running working with the worship team while exploring new music arrangements and songs. We are so excited to see what the future holds.

Pictured Left: The Worship Team at Wednesday night rehearsal.

Photo courtesy of Kalin Brooks

Join us for Worship on Sundays at 10:00am in person or online!



United Methodist Youth Fellowship
 First Row: Junior B., Eli O., Gene Bragg, Edward V., Declan S.
 Second Row: Emma S., Melissa B., Kalin B., Ruby O.



Central UMC says Farewell to Gene Bragg, Director of Discipleship

The Staff Parish planned a going away luncheon on June 27 with fried chicken and homemade desserts. The Youth later surprised us all with a musical performance of "You've Got a Friend in Me" in honor of Gene. A love offering was collected and presented during worship service. We wish Gene all the best as he begins his new journey as the pastor to Rhyne Heights United Methodist Church and will be in the pulpit starting on July 11, 2021.

UMYF June 2021 Visit to Forest City, NC



The UMYF visited Forest City on June 19 for an adventure packed day. They watched a Forest City Owls baseball game and later visited the Carolina Arcade Museum where they got to play some old favorites like Ms. Pac Man and pinball machines. They had lunch at the Copper Penny followed by dessert at the Pie Safe Baking Company. All in all, a good time was had by all and the UMYF is looking forward to visiting Todd, NC this month.

Photos courtesy of Gene Bragg

UMYF SUMMER PLANS

July 9 & 10 UMYF Youth Retreat Day

The Youth will be visiting Todd, NC for reconnecting and growing their spiritual faith.

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 the church at central@cumckm.org or 704-739-2471.

A History Minute by Libby Putnam *Symbolism in Our Church Sanctuary

Upon completion of our present sanctuary in 1967, members were certainly impressed with the beauty of the interior of the church. The beauty of the sanctuary was secondary, however, to the symbolism to be found in the construction. Following is a listing of the symbolism to be found inside of our sanctuary.

(1) There are twelve pillars supporting the beams in the sanctuary. They are representative of the twelve disciples and the twelve tribes of Israel.

(2) The beams, which give the interior of the Nave, the seating area, the appearance of an upside down ark, do not appear to touch the ceiling. That is symbolic of the fact that Jesus is the foundation of the church, and He will support the church.

(3) The eight chandeliers are encircled with thorns representing the crown of thorns worn by Christ. The fact that there are eight chandeliers is representative of the eight beatitudes.

(4) The church is built in the shape of a cross with "parts" in the North, South, East, and West.

(a) The Altar is in the East (as Jerusalem is in the East, the sun rises in the East, and Jesus will return in the East).

(b) The Nave, seating a large group of people, is in the West. The congregation faces the East and the rising sun, symbolic of the presence of Christ, the Light of the World.

(c) The Pulpit is in the North and used by clergy for gospel readings and sermons.

(d) The Lectern is in the South and is where scriptures are read, often by lay readers.

(5) The Narthex is at the West end of the church and is a place of setting aside.

**Compiled by Linda Dixon, Lisa Howell, Teresa Williams, Libby Putnam, and Dru White with information from various resources and recollections of information compiled and related to the congregation by the late B.S. "Sonny" Peeler, Jr.*

**Wishing You a Happy
and safe July 4 Weekend!**
The church office will be
closed in observance on
Monday, July 5.

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.



Altar Flowers

We are now resuming altar flowers in the sanctuary and the cost is now \$90. The calendar is being updated and the Administrative Assistant, Candy Love will be in touch with you if you had a prior date to see if you would still like to place flowers. If you are interested in getting a date, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cumckm.org.

Updated Facilities Use Policy Fee

Members will pay a \$50 cleaning fee for all events (parties, showers etc.) held at Central.

**KID Central
Sundays
10:00am**