



Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

December 2021



**Join us on
Friday,
December 24**
for our
**Christmas Eve
Service at
6:30pm.**

Special Announcements

Sunday School will begin at 8:45am starting on Sunday, December 12, 2021 in the CAC. **Fellowship Time** is back beginning **Sunday, December 12, 2021**. Come join us for coffee and snacks after Sunday School. If you would like to volunteer to bring snacks, please contact the church office to select a date. A snack provider list will be created and reminders will be sent.



This year for Operation Christmas Child help Central build shoeboxes online! Join us in reaching 150 children this year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! For a donation of just \$25, we will pack it and send it for you in Jesus' Name. Be sure to share this opportunity with others and let's see what God will do!



Make out your check to Central and designate in the memo line Operation Christmas Child and the donation is \$25 per box. Or you can scan the QR Code and pay online and choose your shoebox items on the CUMC Goal

Page. For more information, contact: the church office at 704-739-2471.



Merry Christmas!

**Join us on Sunday,
December 5**
for our **Christmas Cantata**
during our **10:00am service.**

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

Thank You Notes

Dear Central UMC/Missions,
Thank you is a simple phrase, but still, it's meant to show that we appreciate your help more than you could know.

East Elementary School Students and Staff

Dear Central UMC/Missions,
On behalf of Kings Mountain Middle school I want to thank you for gracious donation. The administrative team and support staff will ensure these funds are allocated to help students who at this time have the greatest needs. Thank you for being a vital part of our stake holder community that continues to provide for students at a critical time in their life.

Sincerely,

Matt Tipton, Principal
Kings Mountain Middle School

Dear Central UMC Church/Missions,
On behalf of Grover Elementary staff I want to thank you for your generous donation., which will be placed in our Student Need Account. The funds will be used wisely to meet our students' needs. We appreciate your thoughtfulness for our school community.

Sincerely,

Lisa W. Cash
School Social Worker

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the kind donation for the students of our school. We often find ourselves in the need of clothing, shoes or supplies for students. We appreciate your support of North Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Amy Allen

Dear Central UMC,
We write this letter to truly express our gratitude to you for your prayers and support for our ministry in Costa Rica.

God Bless You,

John and Bessie Ott

Dear CUMC,

On behalf of Kings Mountain High School we would like to thank you for your generous donation given to us. We appreciate your support.

Dr. Dustin Morehead, Principal

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Handbell/Drama Director, Teresa Williams

Music Minister, Justin Harper

Organist, Doug Parker

UMYF Upcoming Events



YOUTH NIGHT:

WARMING HEARTS PACKAGING

December 5th 5:30pm 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the church

The youth will be meeting per normal. We will be packaging bags for our Warming Hearts Ministry for our Kings Mountain Middle and High school students who are in need!



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY! December 11

5:45pm - 9:30pm

LOCATION: See Kayla for location

Wear your favorite or ugliest Christmas sweater! We will be meeting at one of our volunteer's houses for dinner and then moving over to the church CAC for dessert, games, and a movie! Message us if you need an address. Bring a \$5 to \$10 gift to participate in our White Elephant game! If you would like to participate and need assistance covering any expenses please let us know.

YOUTH NIGHT

December 19th 5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the church. The youth will be meeting per normal.

Please note: There will be no youth on December 12th or December 26th.

If you have any questions or would like to join/volunteer for youth events, please contact Kayla Potter at kayla@cumckm.org or 704-739-2471.



KID Central Christmas
Singing Sunday

On Sunday, December 19th, during the 10 am service, our KID Central children (ages 3-12) will give a mini song performance to celebrate Christmas.

To prepare for their performance we will have two more rehearsal Sundays: 12/5, 12/12 at 4:30 pm in the Choir Room. These are expected to last about 50 minutes. We ask that you would be able to commit to a minimum of 3 rehearsals.

Our Music Minister, Justin Harper, and Kayla Potter will be leading the practices. If you would like for your child to participate or if you have any questions, please contact our Youth and Children's Ministries Director Kayla Potter at kayla@cumckm.org. Please note that a sign up sheet will also be made available each Sunday in our KID Central rooms.



United Methodist Youth Fellowship
Thanksgiving Dessert Party 11.21.21

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Our youth had the best time at their Thanksgiving Dessert Party on November 21! If you're in 6th-12th grade we would love to have you come join us on Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30pm!

A History Minute by Libby Putnam



It is wonderful to see the return of our Chrismon trees to our sanctuary. We are truly thankful to be able to enjoy the trees this year and appreciate the symbolism of the Chrismon. For well over 20 years our church has enjoyed their beauty. Thanks to all who helped decorate inside and out to get our church ready for the Christmas season.

—Photo by Kalin Brooks and Candy Love

SMALL GROUPS

We are excited to announce that we are planning to relaunch small groups again in 2022. We are currently in the development stage and will be asking you to fill out a survey on 12/12/21 to find out what kind of groups you would be interested in and looking for leaders. If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Potter at kayla@cumckm.org or the church office.

November 2021 Community Kitchen Report

This month we distributed food and goods to **109 households** with a grand total of **349 people** served.

Statistics of age groups who visited:

0-18=**45**; 19-64 =**139**; 65+ =**165**

Food Lion donated over 2700lbs of food and other items. Central's Mission Committee Warming Heart Project also gave winter supplies to 50 people in need. The Community Kitchen is in partnership with Second Harvest and we serve on Thursdays from 3:00-4:30pm. Thanks to all those who help to keep this ministry running!