



Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

April 2022

Our **Easter Cantata** will be on Palm Sunday, April 10 at 10:00am.

Maundy Thursday Service will be held on April 14 at 7:00pm.

Our **Easter Service** will be on Sunday, April 17, 2022 at 10:00am. Please remember to bring flowers to decorate the cross.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CENTRAL UMC's

EGG FEST SUNDAY

APRIL 10

2 PM-4:30PM

Bounce houses, cotton candy, sno cones, treats and much more!

Egg Hunt, 3:00 pm
for ages 2 to 4 years old
Ages 5-12 years
Keep an eye out for hidden Easter Eggs while at the event!

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Central is going to be hosting a community Egg Fest on Sunday, April 10 from 2-4:30 pm. We are going to have bouncy houses, cotton candy, snow cones, treats, & much more!

Second Egg Fest Volunteer Meeting 4/3/22-5:00pm
12 more volunteers are needed to help with egg hunting, decorating, set up, clean up, concessions, and running different stations.

Please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or email central@cumckm.org for any questions.

SUPPORT CENTRAL'S MISSIONS COMMITTEE CHEF BOYARDEE CAN COLLECTION

Help Relay for Life & your community!

NOW THRU APRIL 18

The **Missions Committee** is hosting a church-wide collection of cans of Chef Boyardee pasta meals from now through April 18. The cans will be used at the Relay for Life luminary walk on May 14, 2022. Typically, the bags are filled with sand, however, this year they are filling the bags with cans of Chef Boyardee. After the luminary walk, Relay for Life will distribute the cans to help fight childhood hunger in Cleveland County. Please drop your Chef Boyardee cans off in the designated bin in the CAC hallway.

Join us for Worship on Sundays at 10:00am in person or online! Sunday School 8:30am

Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for the delicious deli tray and goodies that was delivered. It was so kind of you to think of us. We appreciate your thoughtfulness more than words can every express.

With Love,

Ray & Twyla Robinson and Family

Thank you for supporting Hearts for Hospice Fundraiser. Your generous gift will assist us in helping Hospice patients live with dignity, comfort and peace as well as support the general operations of Hospice Cleveland County. Thank you again for supporting our organization
Hospice Cleveland County

KIDS CENTRAL NEWS

We have had an awesome past month in Kids Central! Our kids have learned about the importance of working together and using what we have to help others. We have also seen higher numbers in our Sunday morning classrooms and had some new children come and join us for our lessons! Don't forget to check out our new Kids Central artwork bulletin board in the hallway!

KIDS Central will not meet on Easter Sunday.

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Staff:

Pastor, Bruce Gwyn

Administrative Assistant, Candy Love
Youth & Children's Director, Kayla Potter
Handbell/Drama Director, Teresa Williams

Music Minister, Justin Harper
Organist, Doug Parker

UMYF Upcoming Events

YOUTH NIGHT April 3 5:30pm - 7:30pm

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

DNOW WEEKEND April 8 6:30pm - 9:00pm Day 1

LOCATION: First Baptist Church of KM

We will meet at Central at 6:30pm and carpool for FBKM. Event will end at 9pm.

DNOW WEEKEND April 9 12:30-10:30pm Day 2

Meet at CUMC at 12:30pm for lunch and carpool to Mega Relay at 2:30pm. We will reconnect at Central at 6pm to carpool to FBCKM. Events end at 10:30pm.

EGG FEST

April 10 12:30-5:30pm

LOCATION: At the church. We need all hands on deck. We will meet to setup for this event. This will take the place of youth this night.

YOUTH NIGHT

April 24 5:30pm - 7:30pm

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

There will be no Youth meeting on April 17, 2022.

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.



KIDS Central meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am and our classroom size is growing. We are so excited about this ministry!



The UMYF came out to support Emma in her star performance in her school play "The Wizard of Oz" on March 25, 2022.

Praise, Prayer, and Paper by audrey

Why Praise? Because we should. Why Prayer? Because we Must. Why Paper? Because when we write it down, we can see more clearly our Praises and our Prayers. When we deliberately take the time to slow down and write out our "Praise" and our "Prayers" "on Paper" it helps us keep our focus on God for hopefully a longer moment than just merely saying them in our head or out loud. And YES, it can make a difference.

So, whenever you wake in the morning lay there for 3 minutes and think nothing about your day and everything about God. Focus only on him. No don't do what I do which is.... Fall back to sleep (I do that frequently) but I keep fighting to stay awake to focus only on him. He deserves so much more but, in this way, I can Praise God who made me and allowed me to wake into another day.

As I walk through the day I pray as people come to mind, I write prayers down on pieces of Paper, I sing or hum prayers and best yet I pray reading the scriptures. Using God's Words when I talk with him can deliver so much peace.

So, the other day I started laughing at myself. I realized I am forever writing on anything available around me because I can't find where I put my book that I place Praises and Prayers. I had scrapes of Paper scattered everywhere with notes on it that were meaningful or a praise or a prayer. Oh, and to add to that Candy, our Administrative Assistant and I were texting back and forth about something else and thus was borne this title.

So yes, as long as God supplies the words, I will place on Paper my thoughts about Praise and Prayer. Maybe it will bring you clarity or peace or hope or laughter but remember it is all from God using this Pilgrim to share the love of Christ with you. I will end with a thought on Praise.

Maybe when you think you should lest Praise God is actually the moment you should Praise him. Paul writes in Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" We rejoice in Christ not our circumstances.

In Christ, audrey

Central News & Notes

Upcoming Meetings

4/3/22 Informational Meeting
following 10am worship service (CAC)

4/3/22 Egg Fest Volunteer Meeting, 5:00pm

4/4/22 Trustees, 6:00pm

4/7/22 Circle 8, 7:00pm

4/11/22 Administrative Council, 7:00pm



Small Groups for the first semester are coming to an end on April 3. We had a total of 7 groups and a good number of people who participated. Thanks to all who supported our Small Groups and we look forward to starting the second semester in May 2022.

On Sunday, April 24, 2022 we will be having a Small Group Leaders meeting in the CAC immediately following our Sunday morning service. Please come prepared with an idea of what type of group you would like to lead as well as the official name of your group, and your group meeting schedule. **This is a meeting for leaders** who would like to host a small group. We will hold a **Recruitment Sunday** meeting on **May 1** after service where people can learn more about the available Small Groups.

If you are wanting to lead a group but are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Kayla Potter at kayla@cumckm.org or 704-739-2471 to let her know asap so that we can work out another time to meet with you.

2022 Kings Mountain Community Lenten Service Schedule

The services will begin at 12 noon (*no meals will be served*)
Theme: Personalities Around the Cross

April 6, 2022

Location: Bethlehem Baptist Church

Topic: "Joseph of Arimathea:

Giving our Service for Christ"

Mark 15:42-48 Speaker: Dr. Robert Patrick,
Boyce Memorial ARP Church

March 2022 Community Kitchen Report

This month we distributed food and goods to **83 households** with a grand total of **220 people** served.

Statistics of age groups who visited:

0-18= **48**; 19-64 = **117**; 65+ = **55**

Food Lion donated food and other items. The needs are still great, but the donations through Food Lion and Second Harvest have declined due to inventory. 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!

History Minute by Libby Putnam

In 1992, the ladies of our church compiled a cookbook of favorite recipes of the women of our church. A dedication written by members of the Cookbook Committee states, "Because it contains recipes for dishes that we, our mothers and our grandmothers routinely feed our families and bring to covered dish suppers, this book, which contains recipes submitted in 1950, 1970, and 1992, is meant to help us feed not only our bodies, but also our souls. When we use recipes from this book, prayers rise on behalf of those who submitted each recipe that we use. This type of prayer draws us together in a closer fellowship, vital parts of the Lord's business." Many of us in our church have well used cookbooks that look like the one pictured. If you are not one of the lucky ones to have a copy, you may search through the copy in the History Room the next time you need a special recipe. If you are expecting a crowd, perhaps **Elephant Stew** is just the recipe you need:

Elephant Stew

1 elephant 2 rabbits (optional)

Seasoned brown gravy

Cut elephant into bite-size pieces. This should take about 2 months. combine with brown gravy to cover in very large kettle. Cook on kerosene stove at 465 degrees for 4 weeks. Add rabbits only if more people are expected; most people do not like to find hare in their stew.

Yields: 3,800 servings.

Johnny R. Reavis



Central United Methodist Church Cookbook
Kings Mountain, North Carolina

CENTRAL UMC



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT
APRIL 13 6:15PM

Our next Family Fellowship Night will be on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:15pm. We will have Easter theme decorated tables and will be serving a fried chicken dinner with all the fixings along with various desserts. Our program for the evening will be a Hymn Sing with our Music Director, Justin Harper. Please let the church office or Justin know of any special hymn requests you have. **RSVP by Monday, April 11** to make sure we have enough for everyone.



Community Kitchen

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

We are now operating as a food pantry in partnership with Second Harvest. Volunteers are welcomed! Contact the church office at 704-739-2471 for more information.

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