



# Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

July 2022

**VBS**  
**7/9/22**  
**8:30AM-2:30PM**  
**3-4 YEARS OLD**  
**K-5TH GRADE**  
**BRING A SWIMSUIT & TOWEL!**

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**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: WE THANK YOU SO MUCH AS ALL OUR SPOTS HAVE BEEN FILLED as of 7/5/22\*\***

**\*\*PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED PER CHILD IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT\*\***

We are so excited about our 2022 VBS and we are only days away from this event.

Our VBS will be held on Saturday, July 9 for ages 3-4 years old and K-5th grade. During VBS, kids will learn that what they do today can change the world around them via God's Love.

**\*\*Bring a swimsuit, towel, and a change of clothes for a splashing good time!\*\***

Event drop-off is at 8:30 am and pick-up is at 2:30 pm.

If you have any questions about VBS or would like to volunteer, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you there!



**You are Invited!** Our next **Family Fellowship Night** will be on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at Lake Montonia at 6:15pm. The UMM will be hosting the meal. *Please RSVP by July 11 before noon to the church office at [central@cumckm.org](mailto:central@cumckm.org) or 704-739-2471.*

### Catawba Valley District Meeting Notice

While no one knows exactly what the future holds, our District Superintendent (David Christy) and Conference Secretary (Kim Ingram) will be leading a discussion on the future of the United Methodist Church in Western NC. This will be a chance to hear from conference leaders what our shared future can look like and to ask questions you may have. Our focus will be on the United Methodist Church, and not on any groups or other denominations that wish to separate from the United Methodist Church. Thank you for your commitment to Christ and His Church.

**Upcoming Sessions are on Sundays, from 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**July 10: First UMC Gastonia**  
**July 24: Central UMC Kings Mountain (CAC)**

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

## 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.*

## The Community Kitchen Needs Your Help!

We are in need of a volunteer to pick up food from Food Lion on Mondays. If you can help, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or [central@cumckm.org](mailto:central@cumckm.org).

### June 2022

#### Community Kitchen Report

This month we distributed food and goods to **119 households** with a grand total of **276 people** served.

**2950** pounds of food/other were donated to the Community Kitchen

#### Statistics of age groups who visited:

0-18= **62**; 19-64 = **164**; 65+ = **50**

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**Administrative Assistant**, Candy Love

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**Music Minister**, Justin Harper

**Organist**, Doug Parker

## UMYF Upcoming Events



### YOUTH NIGHT

July 3

No Meeting



### YOUTH NIGHT

July 10

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the church

The youth will be meeting per normal.



### CROWDERS MOUNTAIN HIKE

July 17

2:30pm

We will be meeting at the church at 2:30 pm to go hike Crowders Mountain



### YOUTH MOUNTAIN RETREAT!

July 22 - July 24

LOCATION: Beech Mountain

We will be meeting and leaving from the church on Friday, July 22nd to head to Beech Mountain for our youth retreat.

Time TBD and further details to come.



### YOUTH NIGHT

July 31

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the church

The youth will be meeting per normal.

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

## KIDS Central & Nursery News



The KIDS Central Ministry is currently excited about VBS and we hope you can join us on July 9. We are continuing to grow and see new faces each week. We are so excited about the word getting out that KIDS Central (grades K-5) is the place to be. Come join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45am.

Our Nursery will be available during our 10 am worship service for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter at [kayla@cumckm.org](mailto:kayla@cumckm.org) or 704-739-2471.



# Boy Scout Troop 92 News



**Philmont Trip June 7-21**



**Troop 92 geared up both spiritually and physically to hit the trail**



**Thanks to our fearless leaders!**



**Making some chow!**



**Peak of Mt. Baldy**



**Off they go!**



## Praise, Prayer, and Paper –by audrey



To all my people—Good Day. I missed writing to you in June. So many praises and prayers have happened since May. God is Good.

My daughter, Kalin, wanted to go to the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky, for her graduation, and we turned it into a great family vacation. The Ark Encounter was our first stop. I widened my eyes to take it all in, and seeing the Ark up close overwhelmed me with Amazement.

As we went through the Ark, I felt like I was taking one verse from a book in the Bible and doing a "Deep Dive," trying to understand all the parts and pieces. As I was reading the sign next to "The Door" in the Ark, I had a collision of thoughts. It had multiple readings, but two that stood out to me were: "Noah and his family entered the Ark through that one door to be saved from the watery judgment" and "The Ark's door reminds us that we need to go through a door to be saved. Jesus Christ is our one door to salvation, the "Ark" that saves us from God's judgment for eternity."



Remember Jesus says in John 10:9, "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved." Jesus is our door. He saves us. The Ark's Door saved the animals and Noah's Family. AMAZING!

You can get close to the door and have a picture made. Brian, my husband, took our picture. It was an area on the ark where I paused and Prayerfully Praised God for His work and all that He does for us.

On one of my July calendars is a picture of the Statue of Liberty. An excerpt from Emma Lazarus's sonnet "The New Colossus" is on it.

"Give me your tired , your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" Our Golden Ark Door is Jesus!

