



Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

September 2022

Save
THE
Date

**FALL FESTIVAL
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 23**

Volunteers Needed

**FALL FESTIVAL
PLANNING
MEETINGS**

**September 11, 18, 21 and October 2
following service in the Asbury Room**

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

Dear CUMC Family,
 Thank you for supporting and praying for me during my time at East Carolina. Thank you for the Target Gift card. I am working at Rutherford Regional as the Employment Coordinator. Central will always have a special place in my heart.
 Love,
Gracie Plonk



Dear Church Family,
 We would like to give a huge THANK YOU to all who came out to support us for our wedding shower and to all who generously donated to our honeymoon fund. Thank you all so much for your generous donations and support towards our upcoming marriage. We truly felt the love and cannot say thank you enough to our fellow Central family.
 Love, **Kayla and Zac**

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Handbell/Drama Director,
 Teresa Williams
Music Minister, Justin Harper
Organist, Doug Parker

UMYF Upcoming Events

NO YOUTH NIGHT

September 4 & September 25

PARENT'S MEETING 4:30-5:15pm

YOUTH NIGHT 5:30pm - 7:30pm

September 11

LOCATION: At the church

The youth will be meeting per normal.

YOUTH NIGHT

September 18

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 or 704-739-2471.



Participants from Central's Family Fellowship Night Annual Talent Show that was held on August 3, 2022.

—Photo courtesy of Scott Meade

KIDS Central & Nursery News

We want to thank each of you for your continued prayers and support of this ministry! We are so excited about the word getting out that KIDS Central (grades K-5) is the place to be 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 or 704-739-2471.

A History Minute by Libby Putnam



Central's first church structure

As the city of Kings Mountain works to update its streets, lighting, plumbing, and wiring, we are reminded that this little town has been here quite a while. Right there in the early days of our town was our church. The following is taken from a history of our church written by Mrs. A.H. Patterson in 1938.

In the early part of 1874, I. Walton Garrett and family, Richard Garrett and family, Captain and Mrs. R.S. Sugg and Bennet R. Willeford came from Edgecombe county to make their home in this sparsely settled village. They bought property and erected store buildings. The Garretts operated a general merchandise store and Captain Sugg, a drug store.

Being of the Methodist faith, these new-comers attended services at El Bethel, the nearest Methodist church. Since they were establishing permanent homes here, they saw the necessity for a church in this immediate locality and worked to organize Central Methodist Church. Charter members of our church were I. Walton Garrett and wife, Richard Garrett and wife, Mrs. R.S. Sugg, Bennett R. Willeford, and Dr. and Mrs. James Wright Tracy, who were pioneer settlers of

this community and up to that time, members of El Bethel Church.

Other members were soon added and the group, led by Rev. J.W. North, the pastor of the Shelby Circuit in 1873-1875, held services in a small frame school house once a month. Even though the group was small in number, a one-room frame church building was erected on the corner of Piedmont Avenue and Mountain Street. That church served as our place of worship for more than thirty years.

It is with certainty that we can agree with Mrs. Patterson when she wrote, "Members of Central Methodist Church and their posterity have indeed a priceless heritage - one that challenges the best in them."

Praise, Prayer, and Paper by audrey

How can I encourage others while running around with Life's busyness? When we take the time to mail a card, send someone we know a text, or call them, we encourage others.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:11, the scripture says, "*encourage one another and build on another up, just as you are doing.*" Taking the time to celebrate life, let people know you see them, and sit in sorrow with others allows us to be the hands and feet of Christ. Last night I stopped in the middle of busyness and went through my mail. There was a card for me from a friend in Texas. At 10:30 pm, I sat down and opened the card. She had sent it "just because." I want to model her action and pour encouragement and joy into others' lives.

During this season of busyness, I wish I had more time to do for others, yet the time I have, I know I need to use wisely. Prayer is the most powerful tool that God has shared with me. We can pray for the Holy Spirit to enter into the lives of others and lift them out of their pit. God hears and answers our prayers. I know He does. Psalm 55:17 ESV states, "*Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice.*" I praise God that he listens to me ALL the time.

Whatever season you are in, I pray that you will feel the presence of Christ and that he will lift you, hold you and encourage you.

In Christ, audrey



We are now collecting individually wrapped candy for our upcoming Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 23. The collection bin is in the CAC Hallway. Thanks for your support of this upcoming event!

Community Kitchen Report

We served 107 families in August.

Breakdown as follows:

Ages:	People Served:
0-18	66
19-64	146
65+	44

The Community Kitchen is open on 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.

Family Fellowship Night will return Wednesday October 12 at 6:15pm.

Please RSVP by Monday, October 10 to the church office at 704-739-2471. A program is in the works and details will be announced soon.

Scouting News

The Boy Scouts will be holding a Court of Honors on Monday, September 12 at 6:30pm in the CAC.

Eagle Scout Ceremony

You are cordially invited to attend Edward Velky's Eagle Scout Ceremony on October 2 at 2:30pm the CAC.



The Choir and Praise Team NEEDS SINGERS. We rehearse on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning before service. There are opportunities to sing in ONE or BOTH of the groups depending on your musical preference. We are welcoming singers of all experience levels who want an opportunity to grow musically, spiritually, and in humble fellowship. For more information, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or our Music Director, Justin Harper Justin@cucmkm.org.

Upcoming Meetings

9/12/22

Finance Committee, 6:00 pm
Administrative Council, 7:00 pm

9/25/22

Church Conference Meeting, 5:00 pm

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