



Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

December 2022

YOU ARE INVITED TO CENTRAL UMC'S

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 18

10 AM

Sanctuary

A Candlelight Christmas Cantata
by Benjamin Harlan



Candlelight CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00pm

Join us Sunday, December 25
at 10:00 am for a Christmas Day
Communion Service

*Please note KIDS Central and
the Nursery will not meet that day.*



Our youth and choir members are going caroling on Sunday, December 4th and you are invited to come to join us! We will be meeting in the Central parking lot at 3 pm and will be taking the church bus from there. Please note that carpooling may be necessary depending on how much participation we receive. To sign up contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or email Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cumckm.org

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

UMYF Upcoming Events

YOUTH NIGHT 3-5pm December 4

LOCATION: At the church

We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 3 pm to go caroling. Youth will be eating afterwards at the church before heading home. Caroling is expected to last until approximately 5 pm.

YOUTH NIGHT 3:30pm - 7:30pm

December 11 The Nutcracker

LOCATION: The youth will be going to support a fellow youth member in her play! We will be carpooling from the church at 3:30pm. Please eat before you come.

YOUTH NIGHT

December 18 5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the church Our youth will be celebrating Christmas with our Christmas party! We will be exchanging Secret Santa gifts as well as playing games and having a fun time together! Wear a Christmas outfit!

YOUTH NIGHT —NO YOUTH on December 25

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



Upcoming Meetings

Monday, December 5, 2022

Trustees Meeting, 6:00pm

There will not be a December Finance Committee Meeting
Administrative Council Meeting, TBA

Holiday Closings

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2022 and Monday, January 2, 2023.

KIDS Central & Nursery News

Children's Christmas Special/Sunday Morning Nursery Program

December 11 9:45am - 11:00am

LOCATION: At the church

Our children ages 2 years - 5th grade will be performing their Christmas music special during Sunday morning service. There will be no Kids Central this Sunday morning. Our nursery will operate per normal. If you have a child between the ages of 2-4 years old participating in the



Christmas special please drop them off for our nursery program per normal. A nursery volunteer will bring them into the sanctuary to participate in the special. Drop off for our Nursery Program begins at 9:45 am Sunday mornings.

Sunday Morning Kids Central/Nursery Programs - Christmas Party! December 18 9:45am - 11:00am

LOCATION: At the church

We will be having a Christmas party during our Kids Central and Nursery programs! Kids will enjoy Christmas themed snacks and a movie. Drop off for our Kids Central and Nursery Programs begin at 9:45 am Sunday mornings.

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 Fuller at kayla@cumckm.org or 704-739-2471.



Thanks to all who donated to the 2022 Russell Fellowship Class Christmas Project! We are

working to assemble the gifts that will be distributed to the families on December 12. We were able to serve around 30 families with in our community with your support.

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Handbell/Drama Director,

Teresa Williams

Music Minister, Justin Harper

Organist, Doug Parker

November 2022 Community Kitchen Report

This month we distributed food and goods to **125 households** with a grand total of **292 people** served.

5700 pounds of food/other were donated to the Community Kitchen

Statistics of age groups who visited:
0-18= **60**; 19-64 = **169**; 65+ = **63**

The Kitchen volunteers would like to the Central Church family who brought items for the Thanksgiving Dinner. We were able to put together 60 dinners for those who walked through our doors. *Photo: Geneva, a Community Kitchen Volunteer, helps packs a Thanksgiving giveaway tote.*



Operation Christmas Child News



Our UMYF worked together to pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes one night during the weekly youth meeting in November 2022. If you would like to participate in helping us meet our shoebox goal, please see the information below.

Operation Christmas Child Information

This year for Operation Christmas Child help Central build shoeboxes online! Join us in reaching 100 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. If you would like to physically pack a box pick one up from the tables in the hallway or narthex. Be sure to share this opportunity with others and let's see what God will do! If you have questions, please contact Audrey Brooks at 404-274-1758.



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.

When you Build A Shoebox Online, your \$25 donation covers...

GIFTS THAT FILL YOUR SHOEBOX

and the \$9 donation that provides for collection, processing, shipping, and other project costs



Praise, Paper and Prayer by audrey



One of the most beautiful seasons of our Church calendar is here. Most memories from my childhood of this season twinkle and bring delight to my heart, soul, and mind. These memories surround singing, playing games, Love Feast, being out of school, and much more. Around the first Saturday of December, my family would gather around the tree that Dad put up, Mom would pull out the ornaments, and the topper was placed on the tree by me and my siblings

alternating the years. I hope you have memories that warm your heart, but I know memories can also bring pain.

As we remember our memories, joyful or sad, may we let Jesus take center stage. Without Advent, we do not have Easter. Advent is the time of year that we Celebrate the First coming of Christ while we look forward to the Second coming of Christ. This time of year, our rhythms change in our home, church, community, country, and the world, and we have a choice in what, how, and where we focus. Without Christ, there is no Christmas. Instead, remember that Christ came willingly to earth to Rescue us. So I praise and worship Christ, posturing my heart towards Jesus, my Beloved. Are you ready for this season? Let us fix our eyes on Jesus while decorating our trees, homes, yards, and, more importantly, our Hearts!

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