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United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

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FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

2023 Kings Mountain Community Worship Services

The ministers of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association have planned to lead in several community services in the coming weeks prior to the celebration of our Lord's glorious Resurrection on that first Easter morning. However, before the Resurrection of our Lord, there was the Cross in which our Lord gave Himself for our redemption. Therefore, the ministers have entitled this series of services "Journey to the Cross" focusing on the question "Were You There?"

The services will be held on Wednesdays at 12 noon in several of your local churches. Because of the continual existence of covid in our area, there will be no fellowship meals following the services.

Wednesday, March 1—Boyce Memorial Presbyterian ARP Church; Rev. Ron Caulder, Pastor, Eastside Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 8—First Church of the Nazarene; (Preacher to be announced)

Wednesday, March 15—First Baptist Church; Dr. John Houze, Pastor, Peoples Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 22—Peoples Baptist Church; Rev. Dennis Priutt, Second Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 29—Bethlehem Baptist Church; Rev. Brian Taule, Pastor, David Baptist Church

Everyone is invited to come and be a part of these special community services as we Journey to the Cross.

Save the Date!
You are invited to join us for the next Family Fellowship Night on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:15pm.

Our program will be playing chair volleyball and dinner plans are in the works with more details to come.

RSVP to the church office by Monday, April 10 by noon at 704-739-2471 or central@cumckm.org to make sure we have enough for everyone.

Don't forget to order your Easter Lilies! \$12 each Order by 3/22/23



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

Praise, Prayer, and Paper by audrey

After reading the Lineage of God's people in 1 Chronicles, I can honestly say it had a lot of complicated names to pronounce. So I started listening to an audible bible version to hear someone pronounce the names of the people correctly. The writer of Chronicles spent a lot of time in the archives of the Israelite history. It was amazing to think how the writer took the time to write down all the Israelite's lineage, reminding them of who they were.

In 1 Chronicles 12:18, the writer uses the phrase "the Spirit enveloped Amasai." What a gift to be enveloped by The Spirit. I pray for my Central Family to be "Enveloped with The Spirit," and may we feel guided by The Spirit in what we do this Lenten Season.

I am grateful to walk this season with you all. But, most importantly, keep opening your heart to God, seek and pursue him, invite God into your time of reading the scripture, and ask Him "to open your mind to understand the Scriptures" Luke 24:45.

Abide In Christ, audrey

2023 Altar Flower Dates Available

Flower dedications are a wonderful way to show gratitude for or honor loved ones. We have several altar flower dates available, please contact Candy Love in the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cumckm.org for more information.

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Teresa Williams
Music Minister, Justin Harper
Organist, Doug Parker



The youth had a blast at our 2023 Super Bowl party!

UMYF Upcoming Events

YOUTH NIGHT March 5 5:30pm - 7:30pm

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

YOUTH NIGHT March 12 5:30pm - 7:30pm

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

YOUTH NIGHT March 19 5:30pm - 7:30pm

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

YOUTH NIGHT — March 26 6:00pm

LOCATION: At the church
The last Sunday of each month is our casual youth night. There will be no food or snacks on these nights. Instead, the youth will meet at 6 pm for a short devotional and the rest of the night will be spent playing games and hanging out.

KIDS Central & Nursery News



Children's Christmas Special/Sunday Morning Nursery Program

April 2 9:45am - 11:00am

LOCATION: At the church
Children between the ages of K-5th will present a music special to our congregation this Sunday

morning. There will be no Kids Central program and children will remain in the sanctuary with their parents for the duration of service.

Please note that children spend time practicing for this every Sunday morning during our Kids Central program and that any child who wants to participate is welcome to sing with us regardless of whether or not they have been able to attend practices. Children who want to participate will be called to the front at the appropriate time during service. Nursery will continue per normal. Drop-off for our Nursery Program will begin at 9:45 am Sunday morning.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

There will be a Ladies Meeting on Monday, March 6 at 6:30pm in the CAC. Please RSVP by March 3 to the church office at 704-739-271 or central@cumckm.org.

February 2023**Community Kitchen Report**

This month we distributed food and goods to **109 households** with a grand total of **249 people** served.

6250 pounds of food/other were donated to the Community Kitchen

Statistics of age groups who visited:

0-18= **57**; 19-64 = **147**; 65+ = **45**

small groups

We wanted to make you aware of all of the amazing small groups we are offering this semester! If you are interested in joining one of these groups and have not already spoken to the small group leader, please reply back to this email letting

us know which group you are interested in and we will have the leader reach out to you! Please see below for a list of available groups:

1. Women's Seekers (Women's Bible Study Group)

- o Leader: Debbie Greene
- o Meeting Schedule: Wednesdays at 2-3 pm
- o Location: At the church in the Asbury room
- o Group Type: Women's
- o Group Description: Easter by J.D. Greear
- o Leader Contact information: (330)-603-4355 dgreene902@aol.com

2. Revelation: All Things New Study

- o Leader: Stephanie Wilson
- o Meeting Schedule: Every Sunday at 4 pm
- o Location: At the church
- o Group Type: Women's
- o Group Description: Revelation: All things new, a Proverbs 31 study. "Revelation acknowledges the crises we experience or will one day experience and offers a

**Community Kitchen****March Food Drive Request**

Our partner, Second Harvest Food Bank has been running low on donations and we are asking for your help to supplement our pantry.

For March, we are collecting **grits, oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup.**

Please leave your donations in the food drive box in the CAC Hallway. Thank you for your support and for helping people in your community.

picture of the final outcome that produces hope rooted in truth and fact. It reminds us that without the presence of a crisis, there would never be a need for hope." During this study, we will "intentionally focus to hear what the Lord is saying." There is a book that will need to be ordered and the study is 6 weeks.

- o Leader Contact information: Text 704-466-0187 or sswduch@carolina.rr.com

3. Online Monthly Encouragement and Prayer

- o Leader: Kayla Potter
- o Meeting Schedule:
- o Dates TBD Meetings approx. 30 – 45 minutes
- o Location: Online using Google Meet
- o Group Type: Co-ed
- o Group Description: This will be a time for us to meet online once a month via video chat and share a devotional or scripture, talk about it, share prayer requests, and pray for one another. We will use Google Meet video chat. If you need help learning how to use Google Meet, please let me know and I will be happy to assist. A link will be emailed or texted out once a month with an invite to join the meeting for those who are interested. If you would like to be included in the list to receive these emails, please let me know. Feel free to contact me for more information!
- o Leader Contact information: kayla@cumckm.org

CENTRAL EGGSTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY APRIL 2ND AT THE CHURCH

TIME 3-4 PM

EGG HUNTS!

**2-4 YEARS OLD
K-5TH GRADE**

GAMES

FOOD

ADULT EGG HUNT!

**2 GOLDEN EGGS WILL BE HIDDEN
THE FIRST TO FIND CAN EXCHANGE FOR A
PRIZE!**



**Join us for Easter Sunday
10:00am!**

*Easter Cantata
April 9*

Please bring flowers to decorate the cross after service

**Easter Egg
Collection**

We are now collecting plastic Easter Eggs for our upcoming Eggstravaganza Event! Please bring your donations to the CAC hallway.

Maundy Thursday Service—April 6, 2023 at 7:00pm

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

*Thank You,
Volunteers!*

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