



# Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

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## 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!



Easter Egg Hunts will be at 3:25pm!  
*Volunteers are Needed! Please contact Kayla Potter Fuller at [kayla@cumckm.org](mailto:kayla@cumckm.org) to help.*


**You are invited to join on  
Easter Sunday at 10:00am!**



*Easter Cantata  
April 9*

Please bring flowers to decorate the cross

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



## FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

**COME  
JOIN US!**

**APRIL 12  
6:15PM**

**CHAIR  
VOLLEY  
BALL**

**RSVP BY  
4/10/23**

**You are invited to join us for the next  
Family Fellowship Night  
on Wednesday, April 12, 2023  
at 6:15pm.**

Our planned program will be a Chair  
Volleyball game and the menu is Fried  
chicken with all the sides,  
ice tea and desserts.

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



## PALM SUNDAY

**April 2, 2023**

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



**Come Join us for Youth Night Sundays**

**YOUTH NIGHT April 2—Youth Volunteers** arrive at church around 2:00pm for set up at Eggravaganza event.

**NO YOUTH NIGHTS on April 2, 9, or 23.**

**YOUTH NIGHT April 16**

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal.

**CASUAL YOUTH NIGHT — April 30 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.

**YOUTH OUTREACH - KIDS CENTRAL GAME DAY**

May 7

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the church

The youth will be hosting a game day for our local children ages K-5th. We will spend several youth nights planning this event.

**YOUTH PARENT MEETING**

April 16 4:30pm

LOCATION: At the church

Light refreshments will be provided. We will discuss summer plans and ideas including the summer youth retreat.

**DNOW WEEKEND!**

April 21 - April 22

LOCATION: First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain

This will be DNOW weekend! We will be attending Friday and Saturday night services at First Baptist church. We may be participating in additional activities on Saturday depending on everyone's availability. More details will be sent out as we get closer to the event.

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Staff:

Pastor, Bruce Gwyn

Administrative Assistant, Candy Love

Youth & Children's Director, Kayla Potter Fuller

Handbell/Drama Director,

Teresa Williams

Music Minister, Justin Harper

Organist, Doug Parker

**A Thank you Note**

Hey Church Family,

Thank you for the card and the gift card. You are the best church family. I am super thankful for you guys. Love you all bunches!!

**Kalin B.**



### The Central Methodist Women of Kings Mountain



invite you to come to join us for a meeting on Monday, April 3 at 6:30 pm at Royal T Cafe located at 405 S Battleground Ave, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 (next to Mr. Tire). Scan the QR code to RSVP/order ahead. Any questions please contact Penny Larson 407-928-8579.

### Children's Easter Special/ Sunday Morning Nursery Program

April 2 9:45am - 11:00am

Children between the ages of K-5th will present an Easter music special to our congregation on Palm Sunday. There will be no Kids Central program and children will remain in the sanctuary with their parents for the duration of service.

We have been practicing for this special for several weeks now and will continue to practice leading up to Palm Sunday. 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 Palm Sunday morning.

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.

### YOUTH OUTREACH - KIDS CENTRAL GAME DAY

May 7 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm

The youth will be hosting a game day for our local children ages K-5th.

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](mailto:kayla@cumckm.org) or 704-739-2471.



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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](mailto:kayla@cumckm.org)

#### 4. Central Fit Tuesdays from 12:30-1pm

Bring a water bottle, weights, a mat and come have some fun working out together.

- o Leader Contact information: [kayla@cumckm.org](mailto:kayla@cumckm.org)

## A History Minute by Libby Putnam

In February of 1784, John Wesley established the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, and the first Book of Discipline was also adopted that year to serve as the governing document for the new church. This first discipline explained the roles, duties and expectations of clergy and members of the church, and it stated that American Methodists would continue Wesley's mission to spread scriptural holiness across the land. In 1786, a revised edition of the Discipline was published. A yearly revision continued through 1792 because the General Conference met annually. After that time the General Conference began to meet and revise the Discipline about every four years unless the need for revision at an earlier interval was necessary.

There are a number of copies of the Book of Discipline in our History Room. Inside the cover of the oldest copy, copyright 1867, are the words, "N.N. Gilreath's book, Jan. 25, 1875." A copy of the Discipline from 1890 was given to Central by Mr. Howard Bryant. The book had belonged to Mrs. John (Estelle) Weaver of our church. It is interesting to note that the contents of the 1867 copy are arranged in sections, some with a question/answer format. The 1890 copy, however, is arranged in paragraph format, much like the modern Discipline.

These copies of the Discipline, as well as others can be seen in the History Display case across from the quilt in the Education Building hallway.

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## Praise, Paper and Prayer by audrey



*Above picture courtesy of Melissa Brooks (taken 03/27/2023)*

Seek the Lord! I have seen this phrase used so much in 1 & 2 Chronicles. Do we Seek the Lord? As a follower of Christ, do I seek the Lord daily in everything I do, or do I have "God's Alzheimer's" (Ann Voskamp)? Praying before the day starts, asking the Spirit to help me see what he needs me to see and hear what he needs me to hear, either in scripture or while folding clothes, or looking up at His sunset creation in the evening is a way for me to abide in him throughout the day.

How do you Seek the Lord?—  
audrey