



Central Methodist

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Live and Love as Christ

October 2023

2023 FALL FESTIVAL

- BOUNCE HOUSES
- TRUNK OR TREAT
- FACE PAINTING
- GAMES
- WEAR YOUR COSTUME
- FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

OCT 29TH | FROM 5:30-7 PM
CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH
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WWW.CMKM.ORG 704-739-2471

Save the Date for our upcoming Fall Festival on Sunday, October 29 from 5:30-7:00pm. Our planning meetings will be held after service in the Asbury Room on **Sunday, October 1, 8, & 22.** We are in need of **10** cars for Trunk or Treat.

We are now collecting candy for the **Fall Festival on October 29.** Please bring your donations and put in the collection bin in front of Kayla's office in the CAC hallway. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org.

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

A Thank You Note

Dear Congregation of Central Methodist Church,

On behalf of myself, my husband, daughter and extended family, I would like to thank you for the meal you prepared for us after service for my mother-in-law Evelyn Eagle.

Your thoughtfulness and hard work helped us all at a difficult time. We very much appreciate the kindness and compassion so generously provided and the opportunity to gather together.

My sincerest thanks,
Cathy Eagle

Central Methodist Women of KM Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, October 2 at 6:30 pm** in the CAC. Audrey Brooks and Debbie Greene will be doing a program for us. Below is some information on what that will entail. We hope to see each of you at our meeting. Our Program will be: "2 Shirts" Helping the Vulnerable. Community in Christ can make the difference. *"He replied to them, 'The one who has two shirts must share with someone who has none, and the one who has food must do the same.'—Luke 2:11 CSB*

**It's Time for Operation Christmas Child This year for Operation Christmas Child**

help Central build shoeboxes online! Join us in reaching 75 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. 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 CMC Goal Page. Shoebox donations are due by **Sunday, November 12, 2023.**



The Methodist Men will hold their Annual Soup Sale on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 11am-2pm.

Please see a Methodist Men member to purchase tickets.

If you have any questions, please see Jeff Dixon or contact the church office at 704-739-2471.

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Staff:

Pastor, Perry Hines

Administrative Assistant, Candy Love

Youth & Children's Director, Kayla Potter Fuller

Handbell/Drama Director,

Teresa Williams

Music Minister, Justin Harper

Organist, Doug Parker

Please take note of the following updates:

- **Our website is now www.cmkm.org**
- Church office—central@cmkm.org
- Pastor Perry Hines—perry@cmkm.org
- Kayla Potter Fuller—kayla@cmkm.org
- Justin Harper —justin@cmkm.org

Central Youth Group

We welcome all youth from 6th-12th grade to come join us! We provide a time of gathering for youth to support one another, to have fun, to develop service projects, and to grow deeper in Christ. Any questions, please contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471.

YOUTH NIGHT October 1

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal.

YOUTH NIGHT October 8

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal

YOUTH NIGHT October 15

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal

YOUTH NIGHT October 22

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal.

YOUTH NIGHT Fall Festival

October 29

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church



Sunday Morning

Kids Central & Nursery Programs

9:00am - 11:00am

In October here are some things we will be learning:

In our Kids Central classroom, something that we will be learning in the next few weeks is how important it is to have integrity! A Bible verse that we will be reading is Proverbs 10:9!

In our nursery classroom, something that we will be learning about over the next few weeks is how Jesus gives us the victory! A Bible story that we will be reading is Ephesians 6:10-18. Kids will learn about the armor of God!

Drop off for our Kids Central and Nursery Programs begins at 9:00 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 from 9:00 am—11:00 am.

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.

Any questions, please see or contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471.

CENTRAL SENIOR TRIP

Central Senior Trip We're excited to invite you to our Central Senior Trip to Lake Lure on Wednesday, October 4, 2023! It's going to be an amazing day exploring the beautiful area and indulging in some delicious Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. Don't forget to bring some cash for the meal and any sightseeing you want to do. **We'll all meet up at the church at 9:30 am** and head out together, with the option to carpool or take a bus depending on the response. We'll wrap up our adventure at 4 pm. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to Debbie Greene at 330-603-4355 or dgreene90254@gmail.com. Please [RSVP](#) by Monday, October 2 so we can make sure everything is all set for the trip.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF METROLINA

Together We CAN End Hunger

September 2023 Community Kitchen Report

This month we distributed food and goods to **162 households** with a grand total of **413 people** served. Around **10,000** pounds of food/other were donated to the Community Kitchen

Statistics of age groups who visited:

0-18= **105** 19-64=**241** 65+ = **67**

The Community Kitchen is open on Thursdays from 3:00-4:30pm and is partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank.

Volunteers are always welcomed!

For more information, please contact the church office.

Central Out and About



Members of the youth worked together to create a piece of art for their Youth Room.



Congratulations to Melissa Brooks for her induction into the KMHS National Honor Society on 9/20/23.



In late September 2023, the Chancel Choir spread some cheer by going caroling at the homes of various church members.



Students & Central members met on 9/27/23 at the flagpole during annual global student led See You At The Pole event at a local school.

Small Groups Information

Sunday Morning Groups

1. Sunday Morning Group

- Leader: Mark Dixon
- Time and location: 8:30 am CAC, Sunday mornings
- Age: All ages

2. Daughters of Wesley Sunday morning Group

- Leader: Tim Miller
- Time and location: 9 am in the Parlor/Bride's room
- Leader contact info: tmnkm@bellsouth.net 704-473-9148

3. Pilgrim's Progress Study Sunday Morning Group

- Leaders: Clyde and Faye Kerns, Jimmy Warren, & Jim Larson
- Time & Location: 8:45am Upstairs in the Central Fellowship Room
- Leader contact info: clydekerns@att.net

Weekly Groups

Men's Bible Study

- Leader: Tim Miller
- Time and location: Weekly on Tuesdays, 7:30 pm in the Asbury room
- Leader contact info: tmnkm@bellsouth.net 704-473-9148
- Description: We are an ongoing small group for men of all ages. Dedicated to studying God's word as it is shared to us in the Bible. We meet for fellowship and worship in a safe and non-judgmental environment. We recognize and appreciate that not everyone is at the same level in their Biblical study, and we work together to make God's word understood and relevant for each of us in our lives

Mary's Breakfast Brunch

- Leader: Betty Masters
- Time and location: Meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am. Location is Linwood Restaurant: 805 Cleveland Ave, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.
- Leader contact info: 704-739-2653

Semester Groups

Women's Seekers Bible Study Group

- Leader: Debbie Greene
- Time and location: We will meet weekly, Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:00 pm at the church in the Asbury room
- Group Type: Women's, open to all ages
- Group Description: Our study will be on The Book of Ephesians by J.D. Greear. Ephesians is our survival manual. JD Greear digs into the text verse by verse and challenges believers to live out the gospel. It will be from our mouths that others will hear about Jesus. Come join us as we study together the book of Ephesians.
- Leader Contact information: (330)-603-4355 dgreene902@aol.com

Weekly Prayer Partners

- Leader: Kayla Potter Fuller kayla@cmkm.org
- Time and Location: Tuesday 12:30pm-1:15pm in the CAC starting 9/26/23
- This will be a time we will spend together in prayer for our church prayers requests, our community, global needs and for one another. Members will be given weekly prayer assignments.

Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed The Methodist Men will be providing morning refreshments in the Asbury room from 8:45 - 9:45 for anyone wanting to drop by. We need greeters for each Sunday - 1 or 2 individuals that would be in the Asbury room to meet those stopping by and find out if they want to attend a class or small group, etc. We have many people that are not plugged in and they might want to be part of a group. We have several new families and this would be a great way to welcome them. [To sign up](#), please contact the church office at central@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471.

Pen Paper and Prayer by audrey



Last month, I asked: What does your heart break for? Is your heart aligned with God so that the Spirit moves in us to break our hearts open so that we can be the hands and feet of Christ?

I still ask those questions daily to myself. Let me add one more question to the list: "How is God asking me to care for the most vulnerable in my community?" (Sandi Somers). I recently read this question in the *Upper Room* and have added it to my list.

In Luke 3:11, John the Baptist answered the crowd of people who had come to be baptized by saying, "The one who has two shirts must share with someone who has none, and the one who has food must do the same." Community in Christ can make a difference in other's lives. We can help the vulnerable by working together, and our impact circle widens as we partner with other organizations. Some organizations can be local in Kings Mountain, and others can include 106.9, Compassion International, Samaritans's Purse, Mercy House Global, and Manos da Fe of Panama. And these are just a few groups we can partner with to make a difference.

When you Surrender your life to Christ, it is not your own. Therefore, your obedience to Christ leads you to follow his voice; where his heart breaks, yours will also. Being broken open can be tricky, yet beauty and abundance can emerge. When a seed deep in the earth splits open, it becomes abundantly more, and many benefits can be reaped. What a privilege, honor, and joy to see what God is doing in other's lives when we follow His voice.

Just think, if we don't surrender and step out in obedience, we do NOT get to see the Miracles!

In Christ- audrey

A History Minute

In 1888, the women of our church organized the Woman's Missionary Society with Mrs. James W. Tracy, a charter member of our church, as president. There were six charter members of the group who stated that their organization was the result of their sensing the need for a greater emphasis on mission work.

By the year 1912, the number of members had grown to around forty, and in 1923, the society was divided into circles. In September of 1940, the Woman's Missionary Society became the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and in 1972 became known as the United Methodist Women. Early this year, women of our church met to organize our current women's group, Central Methodist Women of KM (CMWKM). Meetings for CMWKM are open to all the women of the church and will be held at 6:30PM on the first Monday of each month, excluding summer months. Members will meet as one large group with smaller groups responsible for bereavement meals when needed. All women of the church are invited to attend the next CMWKM meeting on Monday, October 2 at 6:30 PM in the CAC.

Plans for the 2024 Parade of Tables, a project of the women to help fund several missions opportunities, will be discussed. Through all of the years and name changes, the mission has remained constant and that is to experience and share Christ's love throughout our church, the community, and the global ministry of the church.

Upcoming Meetings at Central Methodist

10/2/23 Trustees, 6:00pm

10/2/23 Methodist Women of KM, 6:30pm (CAC)

10/3/23 Endowment Committee Meeting, 6:30pm

10/5/23 Missions Committee, 6:30pm

10/16/23 Methodist Men, 7:00pm