



# Central Methodist

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## Welcome to our Newest Members!

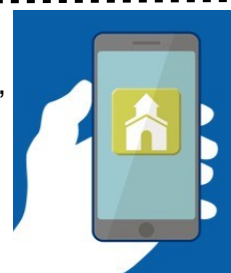
On behalf of the entire congregation of Central Methodist Church, we are thrilled to welcome our new members to our church family! We are so grateful for each of you, and we pray that you will feel loved and supported in our community. On Sunday, October 29, 2023, we welcomed the following new members pictured from left to right:

**Carolyn Hindel**  
**Ken & Julie Levra**  
**Gifty & Prince Walker**  
**Neal & Krista Sheriff**

We are so blessed to have each of you join us on our journey of faith. We know that you come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences, but we are united in our love for Jesus Christ and our commitment to serving Him.

—Photo courtesy of Scott Meade

**Our Church Directory is Online!** View our church directory online or via the FREE mobile app today. To view the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](https://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in. It will be the email you receive notices on from the church. Need help or have questions? Please contact: Our Administrative Assistant, Candy Love at 704-739-2471 or [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org)



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

### A Thank You Note

Dear Church Family,  
We enjoyed our trip to the  
Outer Banks! We truly  
appreciate you and the support  
that you give annually to our  
VIP group.

Sincerely,  
**Visually Impaired Fishing  
Tourney Group**

### Upcoming Events:

11/4/23 The Methodist Men's Annual  
Soup Sale 11:00 am-2:00 pm in the CAC

11/5/23 All Saints Sunday

**Have you considered the convenience of donating online?** Visit [www.cmkm.org/donate](http://www.cmkm.org/donate) and you will be given the option of making a one-time contribution or establishing a monthly donation. Additionally, you have the option of donating in memory or honor of someone. This is a simple and secure way to support Central Methodist Church.



**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 Russell CHRISTMAS PROJECT

**This year the Russell Christmas Project** is now collecting cash and blankets to donate to a local elementary school with many families in need. You can bring your blankets to the church office. For donations, please make your check out to **Russell Christmas Project**. We will be collecting these items until Sunday, December 3. Thanks for your support!

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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](http://www.cmkm.org)
- Church office—[central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org)
- Pastor Perry Hines—[perry@cmkm.org](mailto:perry@cmkm.org)
- Kayla Potter Fuller—[kayla@cmkm.org](mailto:kayla@cmkm.org)
- Justin Harper —[justin@cmkm.org](mailto: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](mailto:kayla@cmkm.org) or 704-739-2471.

### YOUTH NIGHT November 5

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal.

### YOUTH NIGHT November 12

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal

### YOUTH NIGHT November 19

YOUTH FRIENDSGIVING! The youth will be meeting to share a meal together for Friendsgiving! We are asking everyone to bring a dish, drink, or dessert.

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal

### NO YOUTH NIGHT on November 26

Thanksgiving Break



### Sunday Morning

Kids Central & Nursery Programs

9:00am - 11:00am

**In November 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 story that we will be reading is the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego!

In our nursery classroom, something that we will continue to be learning over the next few weeks is how Jesus gives us the victory! A Bible verse we will be reading is Romans 8:37.

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

### Upcoming Meetings at Central Methodist

11/2/23 Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm

11/6/23 Trustees, 6:00 pm

11/6/23 Methodist Women of KM, 6:30 pm (CAC)

11/13/23 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

11/13/23 Administrative Counsel Meeting 7:00 pm

11/14/23 Endowment Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm

No November Methodist Men Meeting

**SECOND  
HARVEST  
FOOD BANK  
OF METROLINA**

**Together We CAN End Hunger**

### October Community Kitchen Report

This month we distributed food and goods to **169 households** with a grand total of **417 people** served. Around **8,400** pounds of food/other were donated to the Community Kitchen

### Statistics of age groups who visited:

0-18= 98 19-64=248 65+ = 70

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.



# 2023 Fall Festival Fun

Our 2023 Fall Festival held on October 29 was a BLAST! We saw many people and their children come through our trunk-or-treat line, gave away over 90 hotdogs, and received numerous prayer requests. To all of our event volunteers, candy donors, and prayer warriors, we want to say **THANK YOU!**



—Photos courtesy of Stephanie Wilson & Elaine Dixon



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### Weekly Prayer Partners

Leader: Kayla Potter Fuller [kayla@cmkm.org](mailto:kayla@cmkm.org)  
 Time and Location: Tuesday 12:30pm-1:15pm in the CAC  
 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.

## Poinsettia Orders



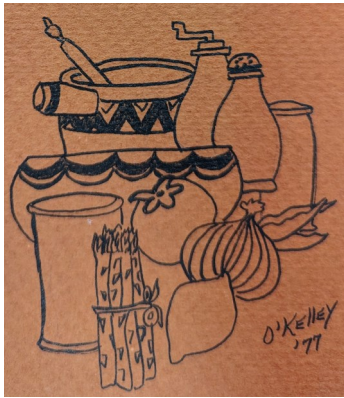
**Poinsettia**  
ORDERS

You can help decorate the church this Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one. **Orders are due by November 27.**

The cost is \$11 each and order forms can be picked up in the CAC Hallway or from the church office. Please make your checks payable to Central Methodist Church.

**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](mailto:central@cmkm.org) or 704-739-2471.

## A History Minute by Libby Putnam



On October 11, 1977, the women of Central United Methodist Church held a Taste Fair inviting the community to taste recipes from the South, Cajun Country, Pennsylvania Dutch Country, and the West. Recipes collected from members of our church were prepared to be sampled by those attending the Fair. A cookbook, illustrated by Mary Wade Smith, contained all of the recipes prepared for the event. With Thanksgiving approaching, perhaps this recipe from the Pennsylvania Dutch section of the cookbook could take center stage on your holiday table.



### PIGS KNUCKLES and SAUERKRAUT WITH CARAWAY DUMPLINGS

1-1/2 qts. sauerkraut  
6 pigs knuckles, fresh or canned  
1 onion, chopped  
1 c. water  
\* Caraway Dumpling Batter

Put sauerkraut and pigs knuckles into a kettle. Sprinkle with chopped onion. Add water and simmer covered until tender, about 2-1/2 hours. Drop Caraway Dumpling Batter by tablespoonful on top. Cover and cook for 15 minutes. (Small chunks of green pork or pork chops may be substituted for the knuckles.)



### \*CARAWAY DUMPLING BATTER

1-1/2 c. sifted all-purpose flour 1 egg, beaten  
1 tsp. baking powder 1/3 c. water  
1/2 tsp. salt 2 Tbs. butter or margarine, melted  
1 tsp. sugar 1 Tbs. caraway seeds

Mix dry ingredients. Add combined egg and melted butter. Mix until dry ingredients are moistened. Stir in caraway seeds.

***Want more recipe ideas and other interesting information?***

**Visit the History Room located on the second floor of the Educational Building, just to the left as you exit the elevator.**

### YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR NEXT FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 6:15 PM**

We will have our traditional  
Thanksgiving Meal!

**RSVP** to the church office at 704-739-2471  
by November 6 by noon to make  
sure that we have enough for everyone.

### Kings Mountain Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 19, 2023 at FBCKM

Pastor Perry Hines will be preaching at the Community Thanksgiving 6:00pm Service that will be held First Baptist Church Kings Mountain located at 605 West King Street.



**We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!**

The church office will be closed  
Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.