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Live and Love as Christ

January 2024

**Save The Date!**  
**The Methodist Women of KM**  
*Proudly Presents the return of*  
**The Parade of Tables**  
**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

**Proceeds for this event will benefit local charities.**

If you would like to sponsor a table or purchase tickets, please see Marie Brinkley or Elaine Dixon. Proceeds for this event will benefit local charities. For more information, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or [central@cumkm.org](mailto:central@cumkm.org).

**MERCY HOUSE**  
*global*

**Methodist Women of  
Kings Mountain Host:  
Mercy House Global  
"Share The Light" Event  
Saturday, February 10, 2024**

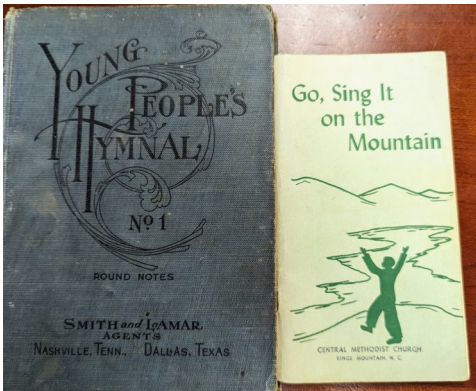
*Mercy House Global exists to rescue girls and empower families so that we can redeem future generations in Jesus' name. We work with women around the world through partnerships and sustainable Fair Trade product development. Every purchase made in the Fair Trade online marketplace provides dignified work while also sustaining our two maternity homes in Kenya.*

**This will be an immersive Mercy House Global experience. With a powerful message from our founder, a Fair Trade Pop Up Shop, and a coinciding candle class and volunteer project, this event gives guests a unique glimpse into the work of MHG and how they can be a part of how God is empowering vulnerable families around the world! Tickets are \$25 each. More details will come soon; you do not want to miss this event! This will take place in the CAC. Contact Audrey Brooks 404-274-1758 for more information.**



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

## A History Minute by Libby Putnam



Throughout the history of the church, music has played not only a huge part in our worship services but in our times of fellowship and learning as well. Working with the children and youth in Sunday School and other activities, the songs we sing teach us not only about the life of Jesus, but they help to reinforce the core beliefs of our faith. Music is such an important teaching tool that throughout the history of Central care was taken to be sure age-specific music books were available and ready to be used. Many of those special collections of songs can be found in the History Room.

"Go, Sing It On The Mountain" was a collection of hymns, spirituals, folk songs, and fun songs for use at camps and youth assemblies. The Conference MYF Council in 1953 authorized the publication of this book especially for use in the Western North Carolina Conference. The first song in the book was a favorite of many, "Go, Tell It On the Mountain."

Dating back a few years earlier we find "The Young People's Hymnal" which was published in 1912 with songs adapted to the use of Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues, Prayer Meetings and Revivals. Perhaps you might recognize one of the rousing hymns in the collection, "Throw Out the Lifeline."

Whether today or in the past, the songs we sing inspire us to follow Christ's teachings, and singing is a fun way to learn those lessons.



# Central Mission Day Project

## Senior's Winter Party at Summit Place

### Sunday, January 28, 2024 2:00-3:30 pm



All church members are invited to attend and fellowship with the seniors. We will be having snacks, crafts, games, and prayer with the seniors at Summit Place.

If you are planning on attending from the church we ask that you register so that we will know how much material/snacks to buy.

**For more information, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or [central@cumkm.org](mailto:central@cumkm.org).**

# Thank You Notes

Dear Central Methodist Church of Kings Mountain,  
On behalf of Kings Mountain Middle School, I want to thank the Missions Committee for your gracious donation. We will dedicate and align these funds to students who have the greatest needs and respectfully we will ensure that this will support the basic necessities.

I ask that you continue to keep your school and our thoughts and look forward to you hearing about the great things happening at KMMS! Be blessed!!

Sincerely,

**Dr. Matt Tipton, Principal**  
**Kings Mountain Middle School**

Dear Central Methodist Church,  
Thank you for supporting the students in need at Grover Elementary School.

Sincerely,

**Victoria James**  
**Social School worker**

Dear Friends at Central,  
Thank you so much for your generous donation to our Student Needs Fund. This year, that fun has helped by winter clothing for a student, pay for a field trip that a family couldn't afford, pay for building materials to fix the students bathroom at home, and help pay a deposit for a student to have permanent housing. We are so fortunate to be able to do these things with support from sponsors like you thank you for believing in our community!

Blessings,

**Bethware Elementary**

Dear Central Methodist,  
Thank you so much for the generous donation to our Student Needs Fund. We will certainly put it to good use. Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

**North Elementary Staff**

Dear Central Methodist Church,  
Thank you so much for the donation to the East Elementary schools students. We are grateful to have community members like you! Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

**East Elementary**

Dear Members of Central Methodist Church,  
We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation to West elementary school. Your support will make an impact on our students by helping to foster a positive learning experience. Thank you for helping our students and community.

Sincerely,

**West Elementary School**

Dear Central,  
Thank you so much for your very generous donation to our school. Your donation came at the most perfect time to help a family with students at multiples KM schools with shelter and food this past holiday season. Please know that we were able to bless this family because of your kindness!

Thank you so much,

**Amy Moss & KMIS Family**



Announcing a new  
**Women's Bible Study** beginning on  
**Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm.**

This class is led by Liz Pflieger and will be held upstairs in the Central Fellowship Room. We will be reading the book entitled: *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered* by Lysa TerKeurst available for purchase online at [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) and [Thriftbooks](https://www.thriftbooks.com). Contact the church office at 704-739-2471 for more information.

The 2024 Giving envelopes are now ready for pick up in the CAC Hallway on the table. If you need a set of envelopes, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Candy Love at 704-739-2471 or [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org)



## Church Office Hours:

1/1/23 New Year's Day—Closed  
1/15/24 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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**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 January 7

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal.

### YOUTH NIGHT January 14

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal.

### PARADE OF TABLES January 20

LOCATION: At the church

Central will be hosting the Parade of Tables Event in the CAC! Youth are being asked to volunteer as servers at the event. All proceeds go to 4 local charities. Pizza will be provided for the youth before the event begins.

### YOUTH NIGHT January 28

MISSION DAY: WINTER PARTY AT SUMMIT PLACE

2:00pm - 3:30pm

LOCATION: 1001 Phifer Rd, Kings Mountain, NC 28086

We will not be meeting for youth this night. Instead, the youth are strongly encouraged to attend our outreach initiative at Summit Place. We will be taking some time to fellowship with the seniors at Summit Place by offering snacks, crafts, games, and a time of prayer and devotion. All of this will be taking place in their activities center. We are sure that the Seniors at Summit Place would love to have our Central youth group present for this!



### Sunday Morning Kids Central & Nursery Programs 9:00am - 11:00am

In our Kids Central classroom, something that we will be learning in the next few weeks is in the presence of God, you experience true happiness! A Bible verse that we will be reading is Psalm 89:15.

In our nursery classroom, something that we will be learning about over the next few weeks is how to show love! A Bible verse we will be reading is Galatians 5:22-23.

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.



### Mission Trip to Manos de Fe Panama Planning Meeting January 7, 2024 at 11:30 am in the CAC

We're having an info meeting for a mission trip to Manos de Fe, Panama in 2024. All are welcome, including older high schoolers and college students. Debbie Greene will lead the discussion and answer questions.

### Upcoming Meetings at Central Methodist

1/2/24 Trustees, 6:00 pm

1/8/24 Finance

Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

1/8/24 Administrative

Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**SECOND  
HARVEST  
FOOD BANK  
OF METROLINA**

Together We CAN End Hunger

### December Community Kitchen Report

This month we distributed food and goods to 475 households.

Around **7,500** pounds of food/other were donated to the Community Kitchen. Thank you for your support!

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

**A volunteer is needed to pick up on Tuesdays. If you can help, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471.**

# 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.
- We will resume meeting in January 2024
- Leader contact info: 704-739-2653

### 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.

We want to thank you all for your support of our small groups here at Central as well as our small group leaders. We pray that this ministry has been a blessing to you. Our semester-based groups will be taking a brief break. Further details for our upcoming semester groups are to come. In the meantime, please feel free to join any of our Ongoing small groups or Sunday morning small groups. You can find a list of these in your weekly bulletin. If you are interested in leading a small group during the 1st 2024 semester, please reach out to Kayla at [kayla@cmkm.org](mailto:kayla@cmkm.org).



Family Fellowship Night

## Save the date for our next Family Fellowship Night on Wednesday, February 7, 2024

The program will be a fun game show event and the menu will be announced soon.

To ensure we have enough for everyone, please **RSVP** to the church office by **2/5/24** at 704-739-2471.



**2024 Ushers and Greeters Needed** We are looking for ushers and greeters for Sunday Morning Worship at Central. This is a ministry that can help our church grow, and we need your help. We are currently working on the usher and greeter calendar for the upcoming year, and we are in need of 4 volunteers each month. There are many spots available, so please consider volunteering. You can contact Joe Patterson or the church office at 704-739-2471 or [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org) to let us know you are willing to serve. Thank you for your interest!



## Central Youth & KIDS Central Children Celebrate Christmas

