



Central Methodist

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Live and Love as Christ

December 2023



Christmas
Cantata

You are cordially invited to attend our
Christmas Cantata, *The Glory of Christmas*
by Lloyd Larson,
on Sunday, December 17 at 10:00am.



Bells of Praise Mini Concert

We are excited to announce that on
**Sunday, December 10, 2023 at
9:30 am** *The Bells of Praise* will
perform a mini Christmas concert
that will be followed by the regular
10am worship service.

LET'S GO

CAROLING!



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
3:15 PM**

Meet at Central to go caroling to
at Summit Place and to other
local shut in church members

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

Save The Date!

The Methodist Women of KM

Proudly Presents the return of

The Parade of Tables

Saturday, January 20, 2024

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.

Central Misson 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.

**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!



We are grateful for the tireless dedication of our volunteers who selflessly give their time to make Central a place of joy and inspiration during this special season.

Photo: Greg Dixon and Jeff Dixon decorate the lamp post in front of the sanctuary.



Welcome, New Members

We are so excited to welcome our newest members, Cindy and Mark Eaker. They joined Central on November 19, 2023.



New
Giving
Envelopes

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

Church Office Hours:

12/25/23 Christmas Day—Closed
1/1/23 New Year's Day—Closed

Central Methodist Church
113 S. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, NC 28086
central@cmkm.org www.cmkm.org 704-739-2471
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 December 3

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal.

YOUTH NIGHT December 10

The youth will not be meeting and are instead encouraged to attend caroling. Meet at the church at 3:15pm to go caroling.

YOUTH NIGHT December 17

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

We will be having our **Youth Grinchmas Party!** Wear your best Christmas outfits, the **Grinchier** the better! Don't forget your Secret Santa gift.

No Youth on December 24 or 31.



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

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.

Upcoming Meetings at Central Methodist

12/4/23 Trustees, 6:00 pm

12/11/23 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

12/11/23 Administrative Council Meeting 7:00 pm

12/12/23 Endowment Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm

12/14/23 Missions Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm

Methodist Men Christmas Party TBA

**SECOND
HARVEST
FOOD BANK
OF METROLINA**

Together We CAN End Hunger

November Community Kitchen Report

This month we distributed food and goods to **308 households** with a grand total of **808 people** served. Around **8,000** pounds of food/other were donated to the Community Kitchen. We were able to provide 73 families with a Thanksgiving dinner.

We would like to give a **Special THANK YOU** to Troop 92, Troop 402, Troop 1402, and Pack 402 for the Scouting for Food donations that were collected and donated to The Community Kitchen.

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.

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

Weekly Prayer Partners

Leader: Kayla Potter Fuller 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. Please note that our 3rd 2023 small group semester will be ending on December 10th. Our semester-based groups will be taking a brief break until the beginning of the new year. Further details for the start of the 1st 2024 semester 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.



USHERS &
GREETERS

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 to let us know you are willing to serve. Thank you for your interest!

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.

Save the Date!

Methodist Women of Kings Mountain Host: Mercy House Global "Share The Light" event on Saturday, February 10, 2023, in the CAC

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! Contact Audrey Brooks 404-274-1758 for more information.

Family Fellowship Night News

There will be no Family Fellowship Night in December. We are currently planning programs for 2024 and will release details soon.



Thank you for participating in Operation Christmas Child this year! We received 54 physical boxes, and by 11/19/23 81 total were donated online. We are happy to announce that we reached our goal, and the final numbers will be published in January. Stay tuned for more information about where the shoeboxes were delivered.

Photo: Central Youth members and volunteers helps pack boxes to be delivered.



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 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