



# Central Methodist

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**IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE IN THE CAC**      **14 APRIL**

**YOUTH MISSIONS Spaghetti FUNDRAISER**

**PLEASE RSVP**

Join us on April 14, 2024, for our Central Youth Missions Fundraiser following the service. We want to invite all congregants to join us for our youth missions fundraiser: a spaghetti lunch directly (takeout is also available) after service in the CAC prepared by Chef Bobby Childers. We will be serving spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad.

While there is not a specific cost per plate, we are asking that you donate whatever you feel led to give. We will also hold a raffle during the dinner for which raffle tickets will be sold and a prize winner will be announced.

All proceeds will go to help our youth attend their upcoming summer mission trip to Panama, as well as aid in the funding of any future youth mission projects. **RSVP no later than April 10, 2024 to the church office at [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org) or 704-739-2471.**



Join us for **Family Fellowship Night on Wednesday, April 10** at 6:15 pm. The food will be catered by Keith Falls and the program will be a Cake Walk. We need cake donations!

To RSVP please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org) by **Monday, April 8.**

Save the date May 8, 2024 for our next family night!

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

# History Minute by Libby Putnam



An example of a traveling preacher on the cover of Harper's Weekly magazine from October 12, 1867, a "circuit preacher" on horseback huddles under an umbrella in a vain attempt to stay dry.

When families gather they often talk about their ancestors and how they once lived. We can even look back and compare how things must have been to the world we live in today. The same is true of our church family and its history. Central Methodist Church had its beginnings in 1874 as a small group of people from the El Bethel congregation formed the nucleus of a new congregation. Rev. J.W. North was the pastor of the Shelby Circuit in 1873-1876 and served as the organizing minister. Central was grouped with El Bethel, Beulah-Concord, and at times other small churches in the Shelby Circuit. Preaching services were held once a month when the "Circuit Rider", as the preacher was then known, visited in the homes of the few members. Though small in number, the members overcame many obstacles and in 1876 completed their first church home, a one-room frame building which stood on the corner of Piedmont Avenue and Mountain Street (the present site of the Kings Mountain Police Department). This church building served as a place of worship for nearly thirty years. Historical accounts state that in the spirit of brotherhood, the doors of the frame church were open to other congregations who had organized but as yet had no church building or their own. Central Methodist Church became a part of the established community surrounded by bustling mill neighborhoods.

Historic documents and memorabilia from our church may be found in the History Room located on the second floor of the education building to the left of the elevator.



We are so excited to welcome our newest members, Dave and Denise Hartz from Shelby who joined on March 10, 2024.

## Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you all for the Winter Party and thanks for all the Bingo gifts. May God Bless you all!

Thanks,  
Summit Place Kings Mountain



The Endowment Fund Committee would like to announce that as a lasting tribute to Sonny Peeler that an annual financial award will be bestowed on members of Central Methodist Church. This award will be called the **Sonny Peeler Crescendo award** and will recognize the members for their outstanding service to our church based on the three major traits of faithfulness. TIME, TALENT and TREASURES.

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Administrative Assistant, Candy Love  
Youth & Children's Director, Kayla Potter Fuller  
Handbell/Drama Director,  
Teresa Williams  
Music Minister, Justin Harper  
Organist, Doug Parker

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- 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)
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### 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 4/7

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal.

### Youth Missions Fundraiser 4/14

Come join us for our Spaghetti Lunch after service! Proceeds are going to a youth missions fund which will include their 2024 missions trip to Panama.

### D-Now Weekend 4/19-4/20

LOCATION: First Baptist Church

We will be attending the DNOW Youth Conference at First Baptist church!

Sessions are Friday and Saturday night.

### NO YOUTH NIGHT 4/21

### YOUTH NIGHT 4/28

5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: At the Church

The youth will be meeting per normal.



### Sunday Mornings 9:00am - 11:00am

In our Kids Central classroom, something that we will be learning in the next few weeks is what the Bible has to say about missions! A Bible verse we will be reading is John 13:35.

In our nursery classroom, something that we will be learning in the next few weeks is how to show kindness! 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.

### Upcoming Meetings at

#### Central Methodist

4/8/24 Finance

Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

4/8/24 Administrative

Council Meeting 7:00 pm

4/9/24 Building Committee, 6:00 pm

4/15/24 Methodist Men, 7:00 pm

### March Community Kitchen Report



Together We CAN End Hunger

This month we distributed food and goods to **373 households** for approximately **746 family members served**. Around **8,500 pounds** of food/personal hygiene items were donated to the Community Kitchen. This month it was necessary to purchase meat from Food Lion in order to have enough to feed our client families.

The Community Kitchen is open on **Thursdays from 3:00-4:30pm** and is partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank. Volunteers are always welcome and we thank you for your support!

# Small Groups Information

## Sunday Morning Groups

### **1. Sunday Morning Group**

- Leader: Mark Dixon
- Time and location: 8:30 am Asbury Room, 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. He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado**

- Leaders: Clyde Kerns & Carolyn Hindel,
- Time & Location: 8:45am Upstairs in the Central Fellowship Room
- Leader: contact info: [clydekerns@att.net](mailto:clydekerns@att.net) or [carolynhindel@yahoo.com](mailto:carolynhindel@yahoo.com)

## 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

### **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.

### **Women's New Bible Study**

- Starts at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays now thru May 2024
- *What Love Is* by Kelly Minter This is a very encouraging in-depth 8-week study on 1, 2, and 3 John. Study guides and books are available for purchase on Amazon and at [www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com).
- Please contact Liz Pflieger at 704-466-1202 to sign up.

# Easter Egg Hunt at the Parsonage



We had a fantastic Egg Hunt event at the Parsonage on Sunday, March 24. The children had a great time searching for eggs filled with goodies. We also dyed eggs, blew bubbles, colored, had pizza, and read a story from the Bible together. We are extremely grateful for all those who volunteered as we couldn't have done it without you!





**Save the Date!** Join us for our tentative **Graduation & Youth on Sunday, May 26, 2024**, as we honor members of our youth and graduates.

Please submit your graduate's information to the church office by 5/20/24 at [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org) for publication in the June newsletter.

#### **KIDS Central News—Volunteers Needed!**



Something that we would love to achieve in our Kids Central classroom is the ability to split our Bible lessons for our older and younger aged Elementary children into two separate lessons in order to uniquely and specifically tailor them to each age group. We believe that this would provide a higher level of Biblical understanding and enrichment to

our Kids Central children.

With this being said, this is not something that we can currently offer without an additional volunteer or two who is willing to help teach these weekly lessons to our children. If you think that you would be interested in being a weekly teacher in one of our Kids Central classrooms, please contact Kayla Potter Fuller at [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org) or 704-739-2471.



### **Methodist Women of Kings Mountain Meeting**

We will meet on  
Monday, April 22, 2024  
at 6:00 pm in the CAC.

*Come join us for  
a recipe swap!*

Everyone is encouraged  
to bring an appetizer  
and copies of the  
recipe to share.



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