



# Central Methodist

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## OPEN TO ALL AGES! CENTRAL SUMMER GAME NIGHTS

*JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN GAMES ON THE  
FOLLOWING DATES!*

JUNE: 18TH, 25TH  
JULY: 16TH, 30TH  
5:30 PM - 7 PM

**DROP IN  
ANYTIME**

AT THE CHURCH, IN THE CAC  
BOARD GAMES, CARD GAMES, LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS, FELLOWSHIP



We're getting ready for a week-long Vacation Bible School. Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. We're currently in need of volunteers who can assist us in planning, decorating, teaching, serving food, cleaning up, and making this event a memorable experience for our VBS students.

If you're interested in volunteering, contact Kayla Potter Fuller at 704-739-2471 or [kayla@cmkm.org](mailto:kayla@cmkm.org).

**Choir Singing Request**  
All **WOMEN** are asked to sing as a treat for Father's Day on **Sunday, June 16, 2024.**  
Meet in the choir room at 9:30am.



**Scan QR code to register your child for VBS.**

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



### College Graduates

#### Olivia Brucker

University of Texas Dallas  
BA of American Studies

#### Kayla Potter Fuller

Southeastern University of Florida  
Masters Degree

#### Abbie Harris

Eastern Carolina University  
Advanced Nursing Degree

#### Layla Harris

Eastern Carolina University  
Middle Grades Education BS

#### Stewart Livsie

MS Mechanical Engineering  
University of New Mexico

#### Danielle Livsie

MBA  
University of New Mexico

#### Anthony Kyle Rees

Wofford College  
Graduating Cum Laude

#### Carver James Warren III

University of NC, Charlotte  
Master of Science Civil Engineering Degree

### High School Graduates

#### Melissa Brooks

Kings Mountain High School  
Appalachian State University

#### Meile Songaila

Kings Mountain High School  
Davidson College

### Grade School

#### Lorelai B.

First Wesleyan Christian School (kindergarten)

### Thank You Notes

Dear Central Methodist Church,  
We just wanted to take a minute and thank you so much for bringing us donuts every Sunday before church. They are always very much enjoyed! We appreciate you taking your time to show us this token of support and gratitude.  
God Bless,  
**KMPD**

Dear Central,  
Thank you so much for the generous and delicious deli tray you brought to our family. It was very helpful and we were able to feed our family and friends. Your love and kindness during this time was very much appreciated. I know Pam would have been thrilled to know that you did this in her honor for her family. She had a long battle and is now at Home, well and full of joy. May God continue to bless your church and family.  
Thanks again,  
**Jada Hardin (Pam's Cousin) and Pam Crawford's Family**



#### Singing at Summit Place

All who are interested please meet at 5:45pm on Wednesday, June 19 in the Choir Room to travel to Summit Place to sing to the residents.

Our next  
**Fifth Sunday Breakfast**  
will be on **June 30th**  
at 8:45 am.  
Please bring food to share  
with your church family.

**Central Methodist Church**  
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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

- Our website is **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**



**Youth & Graduation  
Sunday 2024**

**Photo Above:** Many of our former and current youth members participated in Central's 5/26/24 service honoring our youth and graduates.

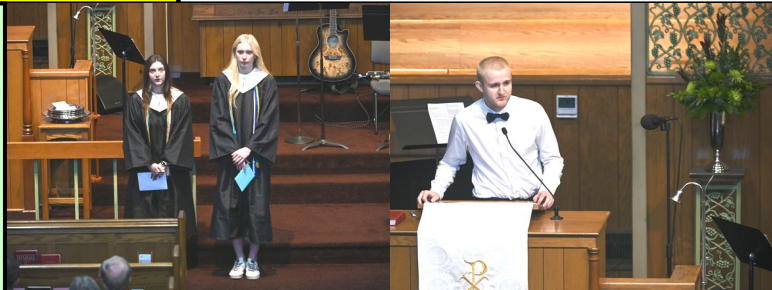


Melissa Brooks, a KMHS graduate, received the Propst Family High School Scholarship Award, Ben Beam Scholarship, and the Sonny Peeler Crescendo Award. In the photo, Melissa is pictured with Tricia and Allan Propst.

**Congratulations to our first annual  
Sonny Peeler Crescendo Award Winners:**

- Kalin Brooks
- Melissa Brooks
- Joe Patterson
- Jim Potter

*This award recognizes members for their outstanding service to our church based on the three major traits of faithfulness: TIME, TALENT and TREASURES.*



**Left Photo:** King Mountain High School graduates Melissa Brooks and Melie Songalia  
**Right Photo:** College student Eli Osborne delivered the sermon entitled "The Humanity of Jesus."  
—Photos Courtesy of Scott Meade

**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/VBS VOLUNTEERING 6/9-6/13**

We will be having our Rocky Railway VBS this week each night from 5:45 - 8:30 pm. We are asking any available youth to come out and volunteer for this! No dinner each night except for Thursday night.

**Please note:** There will be no youth meeting on Father's Day, June 16th.

**YOUTH NIGHT 6/23**

5:30pm - 7:30pm LOCATION: At the Church  
The youth will be meeting per normal.

**CASUAL YOUTH NIGHT 6/30**

6:00pm - 7:30pm LOCATION: At the Church  
No food but bring a snack to share!



**Come join us on  
Sunday Mornings  
9:00am - 11:00am**



**Here are some things we will be learning in June 2024!**

In our **Kids Central classroom**, something that we will be learning is that God is looking for people who are willing to tell others about Him! A Bible verse that we will be reading is Isaiah 6:8. In our **nursery classroom**, something that we will be learning in the next few weeks is how to show goodness! A Bible story that we will be reading is Esther.

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.

## 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. Sunday Small Group**

- 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: **\*\*NEW TIME\*\*** Tuesday 11:00am-12:00pm  
Conference Room

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.

## History Minute by Libby Putnam

The eight chandeliers are encircled with thorns representing the crown of thorns worn by Christ. The fact that there are eight chandeliers is representative of the eight beatitudes. Shepherds hooks surround the stain glass windows, within the sanctuary, representing Christ as our Shepherd.



*Photo Above: This is from Central's sanctuary symbolism brochure.*

Recently our membership voted to update both the operating systems and physical appearance of our aging church. One thing that will not change are the Christian symbols found in our sanctuary. With changes coming our way, perhaps this is a good time to review the meaning of the symbols in our sanctuary. This History Minute and those in the months to come will highlight that special symbolism.

Our church is built in the shape of a cross with "parts" in the North, South, East, and West. The **Altar** is in the **East** (as Jerusalem is in the East, the sun rises in the East, and Jesus will return in the East). The **Nave**, the seating area for the congregation, is in the **West**. The congregation faces the East and the rising sun, symbolic of the presence of Christ, the Light of the World. The **Pulpit** is in the **North** and used by clergy for gospel readings and sermons. The **Lectern** is in the **South** and is where scriptures are read, often by lay readers. The **Narthex** is also at the **West** end of the church and is a place where we take a few moments to transition from our busy world and prepare to enter a new space, a consecrated place that has been set aside for the worship of God.

## Youth Open Gym Basketball Night Recap



We want to thank all of those who came out to play and support our first ever Youth Open Gym Night! A special thanks to the Methodist Men who donated food, prepared milkshakes and hot dogs for this event. Stay tuned for information about our next open gym event.

*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.—Ephesians 3:20*

Dear Church Family,

On March 24, 2024, the congregation voted to start the Capital Campaign Project. This project aims to raise funds for the renovation of our sanctuary, which will address all maintenance concerns related to electrical wiring and sound. Additionally, it will improve the beauty and functionality of our sanctuary and provide a welcoming and comfortable environment for all who worship with us. The cost of the renovation is estimated to be \$1,046,520.

We have Pledge Cards available in the sanctuary, and we hope that you will consider supporting this endeavor as we prepare Central for the future. We appreciate your continued support.



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**Women's New Bible Study Session Beginning on Tuesday, 6/18/2024**

We are excited to announce that the next Bible Study will start on 6/18/24, the Tuesday following Father's Day at CMC. It will be a Kay Arthur, 40-minute/no homework study entitled, **How Do You Walk the Walk You Talk?** It will be a total of 7 weeks with the first being a meet and greet with a brief introduction to the Inductive Method of Study. The 40-minute/no homework has a unique format that affords for much more discussion and interaction, and no homework between sessions. This study covers the letter of Ephesians.

**PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE CLASS BEGINS** Ladies, please reach out to Liz Pflieger at 704/466-1202 or [liz@hengagement.com](mailto:liz@hengagement.com) with any questions or to register.

**CLASS NEEDS:** You will need to have a book at the first meeting and a Bible. The books are \$5.99 through [www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com).

**Upcoming Meetings**

- 6/10/24 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 6/10/24 Administrative Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6/17/24 Methodist Men, 7:00 pm
- 6/26/24 Mary's Breakfast Bunch, 9:00 am (Linwood Restaurant)



**May Community Kitchen Report**

This month we distributed food and goods to approximately **950 families and 1450 family members served**. Around **9,050 pounds** of food/personal hygiene items were donated to the Community Kitchen.

We are in need of grocery bags!

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!



Community Garden

**Community Garden Volunteers Needed**

Central now has 2 raised garden beds located at the Patrick Senior Center. If you are interested in helping grow produce that will be donated to our Central Methodist Church Community Kitchen, we are looking for volunteers. These beds are located at the Patrick Senior Center and the produce grown will be donated to the Community Kitchen. A waiver will need to be signed. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org).