



Central Methodist

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Live and Love as Christ

September 2024

NO JUDGEMENT ZONE OPEN GYM NIGHT AT CENTRAL

TWEENS
TEENS
AND EVEN
ADULTS!

SEPTEMBER 5TH & 19TH
5:30PM - 7PM
FREE FOR ALL
BRING A FRIEND!

EVERY
1ST & 3RD
THURSDAY



UPCOMING MEETINGS



No Trustees Meeting

9/9/24 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

9/9/24 Administrative Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

9/16/24 Methodist Men, 7:00 pm

9/25/24 Mary's Breakfast Bunch, 9:00 am (Linwood Restaurant)

Please Note: There will not be a 5th Sunday Breakfast for September

Family Fellowship *night*

Wednesday, September 11th
6:15pm in the CAC

- If you would like to be in the Talent Show, please contact Penny Larson at 407-928-8579.

We will be having our Annual Talent Show and a wonderful meal!

Please RSVP to the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org by September 9.

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

Removal of the second side entrance door to the sanctuary



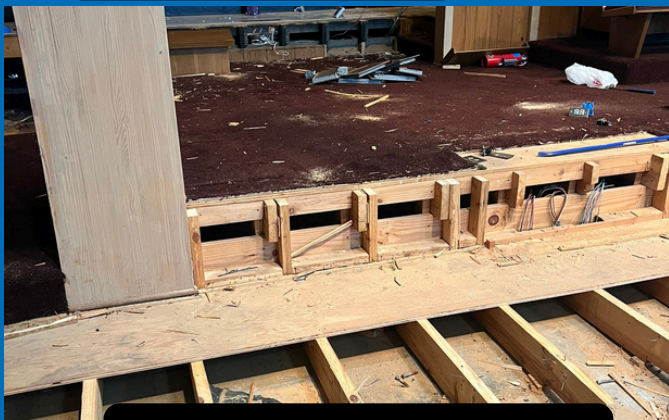
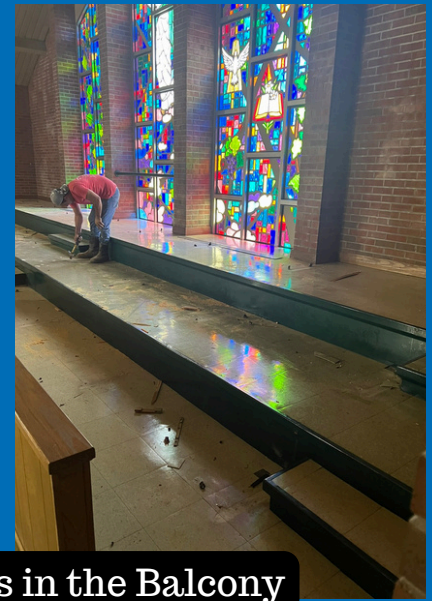
Demolition of the sanctuary photos August 2024



The work crew arrived a week ahead of schedule



Removal of pews in the Balcony



Close up of the stage demo



Removal of the piano



Framework for the stage





CALENDAR

- 9/1** No Youth
- 9/8** MISSION DAY: VBS AT SUMMIT PLACE
2:00-4:00 pm & Ice Cream afterwards
- 9/15** Youth Night, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
- 9/22** Youth Night, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
- 9/29** Casual Youth Night, 6:00-7:30 pm
(No food, please bring a snack to share!)

PARENT VISION MEETING

September 8, 2024 Following Service

Parents, we are wanting to hear from YOU! After church on Sunday, September 8th, we will be having a Kids Central/Nursery parent vision meeting regarding things that we can begin to implement in these programs for you and your children. We have some ideas in mind for future events, however we would love to get your personal feedback on these as well as to hear some of your thoughts and ideas. This meeting will take place immediately after the Sunday morning service on September 8th, in the CAC (gym) and is expected to last about 20-30 minutes. We will have somebody who can watch your children in our Kids Central classrooms during this time.

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.

KIDS CENTRAL

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

The Nursery Program: Ages 0-4 years old

Kids Central Program: Ages K-5th

**Some things we will be
learning this month:**

In our Kids Central classroom, we will be learning about some heroes of the Bible! A scripture we will be reading is Genesis 17:5.

In our nursery classroom, something that we will be learning in the next few weeks is how to have self-control! A Bible story that we will be looking at is 1 Samuel 24.

Check-in for our KIDS Central and Nursery programs begins at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings with the exception of our Fifth Sundays when we have a Fifth Sunday Breakfast. On these Sundays check-in beings at 9:45 am.



HISTORY MINUTE BY LIBBY PUTNAM

Recently our membership voted to update both the operating systems and physical appearance of our aging church and that work is now well underway. 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.

The ornate screen behind our Altar is called a Rood (Rood meaning cross) Screen or Reredos. The purpose of a Rood Screen is to separate the choir from the body of the Nave (congregational seating) and to minimize the visual distraction of movement in the choir area. The empty cross which is placed on the screen symbolizes the risen Christ.

It is a reminder of the cross on which Jesus gave up his own life in order to pay for the sins of the world. The cross is a symbol of Christianity and is an image of God's power and of hope. The beautiful Rood Screen/Reredos in our sanctuary was a gift to our church in memory of Mr. Carl Mayes by his family. The screen is made of wrought iron and has five panels which are symbolic of the five wounds of Christ. The screen has a grape vine pattern to remind us that Jesus is the Vine and we are the Branches (John 15:5). In other words, we are all connected.

When our sanctuary renovations are complete, the Rood Screen will be moved to the back of the choir and no longer serve the purpose of minimizing visual distraction. However, the grape vine pattern of the screen and the empty cross will become a focal point of our attention when entering the sanctuary and a beautiful reminder of our hope in God.



MISSION DAY SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY DAY

Thanks to everyone who supported, donated, and volunteered for our school supply giveaway! We had over 130 people come in to pick up supplies during this event on August 9th. We also received more than a dozen prayer requests from the community.



AUGUST COMMUNITY KITCHEN REPORT

In August 2024 we distributed food and goods to approximately **482 families**. The Community Garden grew over 166 lbs of food that was donated to the Community Kitchen.

Over **9000 pounds** of food/personal hygiene items were 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 welcome and we thank you for your support!

SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS

Sunday Morning Group

Leader: Mark Dixon

Time and location: 8:30 am Asbury Room, Sunday mornings

Age: All ages

Sunday Small Group

Leaders: Clyde Kerns & Carolyn Hindel,

Time & Location: 8:45 am Upstairs in the Central Fellowship Room

Leader: contact info: clydekerns@att.net or 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: tnmkm@bellsouth.net or 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.

Leader contact info: 704-739-2653

Prayer Group Partners

Leader: Kayla Potter Fuller

Meetings 11:30 am on Tuesdays. You are invited to join us as we learn about the practice of prayer, pray for each other, and take prayer requests. We meet in the small conference room across from the church office. Leader contact info: 704-739-2471 or kayla@cmkm.org

New Women's Bible Study Short-Term Sessions Tuesdays at 6:30 pm beginning 9/17/24

We will be studying *No Other Gods, Confronting our Modern Day Idols*, by Kelly Minter beginning on 9/17/24. We will have a DVD presentation with each meeting and will take time to review the highlights of our homework. The study deals with the various idols we can find ourselves worshipping other than the one True God. This is not an expository study but a topical one. If you'd like to participate in September 2024, please order your book. There is only a study guide.

Leader contact: Liz Pflieger liz@hengagement.com

Daytime Women's Bible Study--We will be studying the book *Luke In The Land* by Kristi McLelland Wednesday afternoons September 18th- October 30th from 1:00-2:00 pm

Leader contact: Debbie Greene dgreene90254@gmail.com or Stephanie Wilson

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PRAISE, PRAYER, AND PAPER

Global Church Mission Statement

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.



The General Conference of the Global Methodist Church is scheduled to take place in San Jose, Costa Rica from **September 20-26, 2024**. Visit the link below to access the prayer guides prepared for the upcoming event, so you can join us in prayer.

<https://www.sotheworldwillknow.org/pray>



Candy collection

We are now collecting individually wrapped candies for our upcoming Fall Festival in October. Please bring your donations and put in the collection bin in the CAC hallway.



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