



Central Methodist

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Live and Love as Christ

March 2025

Ash Wednesday

We invite you to our
Ash Wednesday
Worship Service
on March 5, 2025,
at 7:00 PM in the
sanctuary.



**JOIN US ON SUNDAY,
APRIL 20 10:00 AM**

40 days OF LENT

Lent, a 40-day period of prayer and fasting in Christian traditions, begins on Wednesday, March 5, and ends on Thursday, April 17, 2025, also known as Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday. Join us on 4/17/25 for our Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm.



FIFTH SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Join us for our Fifth Sunday Breakfast on March 30th! We encourage everyone to bring a dish to share with your church family. It's a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and to enjoy some delicious food together!

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



We invite you to join us for an inspiring Methodist Women's meeting on Monday, March 3rd, at 6:30 PM in the CAC! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with like-minded women who are passionate about making a difference in our community. Together, we'll share ideas, support one another, and nurture the potential for new leaders to emerge within our group. Your voice matters, and we would love for you to be part of our journey as we breathe new life into our mission. Don't miss out—come and be a part of something special! We can't wait to see you there!

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CHARGE CONFERENCE NOTICE

There will be a Charge Conference on Monday, March 10, 2025 8:00pm and all are welcomed to attend.



EASTER LILY ORDERS

Help make our church beautiful this Easter! Order a Lily to be placed at the Altar in memory or honor of those special people in your life. Lilies may be taken home Easter Sunday morning immediately following the Worship Service. Cost is \$12 each and the deadline is Wednesday, March 26, 2025.



Together We CAN End Hunger

COMMUNITY KITCHEN REPORT

In **February 2024** we distributed food and goods, to approximately **461** families, feeding over 900 family members. Over **14,000 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!



KIDS CENTRAL

Come join us on Sunday Mornings 10:00 am

The Children (toddlers through 5th grade) begin their Sundays in our 10 am service, sitting with Kids Central leaders before moving to their classrooms after praise and worship. Parents can choose to have their children sit with them until it's time to leave for class.

KIDS Central will continue focusing on Bible learning, and we will present Bibles to the children during our March 2, 2025 service and we will be encouraging them to bring their Bibles each Sunday.

3/2 Youth Night, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

3/9 Youth Night, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

3/16 Youth Night, 5:30-7:30 pm

3/23 Youth Night, 5:30-7:30 pm

3/30 Youth Meeting/5:30-7:30 pm
Help with Parents Bible Study



SAVE THE DATE!
CHILDREN'S EASTER EXPERIENCE ON PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025
3:00-5:00 PM
IN THE CAC .



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.



BECOME A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!

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-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 Asbury room

Leader: contact info: tmnkm@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.

Dwell Walkers

Meetings will be on Tuesdays, at 11:30 am. 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.

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



**Parents
Bible Study
2/23/25**



**During Parents Bible Study the
children prepare dinner for
their Parents**

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/3/25 Trustees Meeting, 6:00 pm

3/10/25 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

3/10/25 Administrative Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

3/10/25 Charge Conference, 8:00 pm

3/17/25 Methodist Men, 7:00 pm

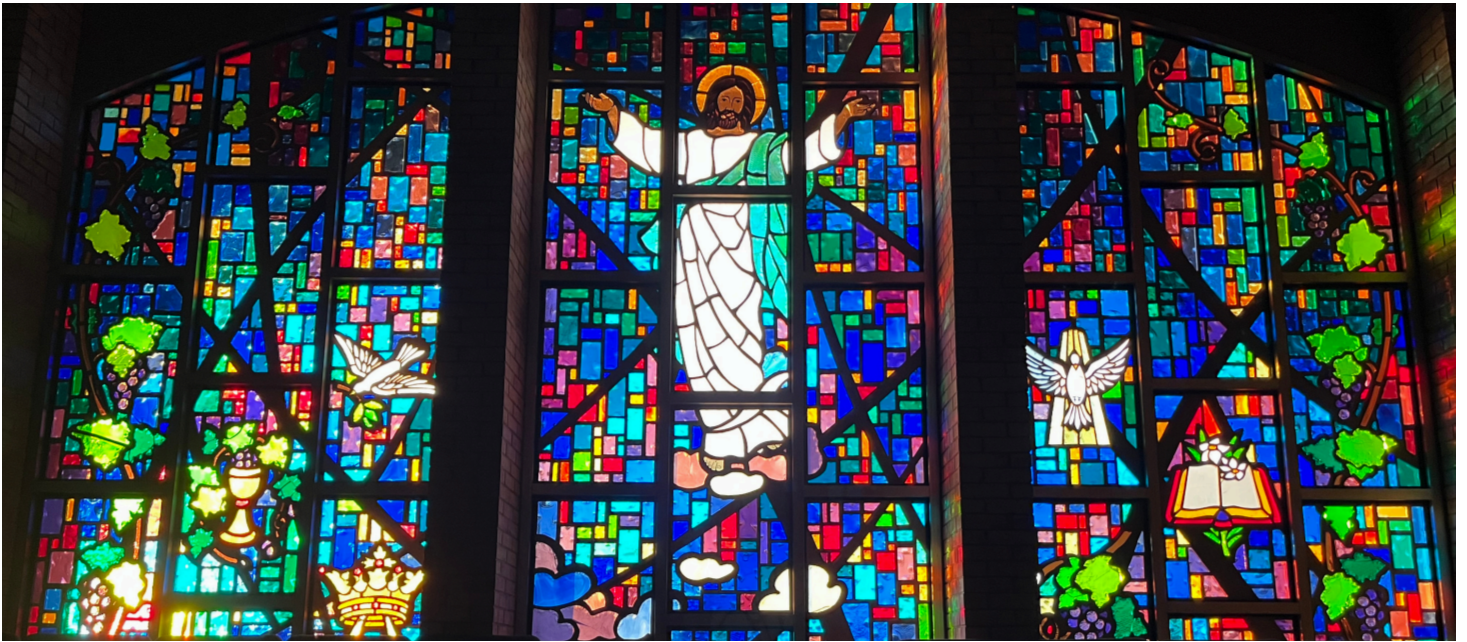
3/20/25 Education Meeting, 6:30 pm

3/26/25 Mary's Breakfast Bunch, 9:00 am

Meets at Linwood Restaurant

3/30/25 Parent's Bible Study, 4:30-6:00 pm

A HISTORY MINUTE BY LIBBY PUTNAM



A discussion of the Christian symbols found in and around our lovely sanctuary would not be complete without taking a look at the beautiful large faceted glass window at the rear of the balcony. In the center of the window is the figure of Christ ascending into Heaven to be seated at the right hand of God (Mark 16:19). He is surrounded by the following Christian symbols:

- The dove holding an olive branch is the Christian symbol for peace
- The crown symbolizes the fact that Christ is the King of Kings
- The chalice symbolizes the Holy Communion and the blood shed by Jesus on the Cross (Matt. 26:27)
- On the right side of the figure of Christ is a dove ascending representing the Holy Spirit
- The Bible is pictured with white lilies which symbolize purity
- The grapes, a recurring theme in many of our windows, represent the blood of Christ

There is also a faceted glass window prior to entering the balcony area which shows two tablets representing the Ten Commandments, symbolic of the fact that the law of God is eternal, not to be changed or deleted. We also find a cross symbolizing the victory of Jesus over sin and death, and once again the theme of the vine and grapes are used to symbolize that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches.

The Sanctuary is the most holy part of the church and how fitting that when we enter we are impressed by the physical beauty, but inspired by the Christian symbols found all around us.

We are currently seeking an Associate Pastor. For more information, please check out our ad on [Linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com) or visit our website www.cmkm.org

PRAISE PRAYER AND PAPER

I wanted to update our Central church community On the number of boxes we were able to send out as of December 2024. We sent 70 online shoe boxes and 52 physical boxes, which gave us 122 boxes. I have also received an updated email about the amount of boxes that were sent this past year. Here is that email: *The Biggest Year Ever!*

We praise God that Samaritan's Purse collected a record-breaking number of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes last year—and it all started with you! Due to your faithful partnership and encouragement, churches, groups, families, and individuals in the U.S. packed 10,574,805 of the 11,927,439 shoeboxes collected internationally.

Remember, you were a part of this number! Also, I have some of the places where our boxes went in 2024: Guatemala, Ecuador, Peru, and also one area that is considered unsafe to mention “a hard-to-reach area.” We will get more updates throughout 2025, where some of our 2024 boxes went. In 2023, we had boxes go to Madagascar, Uruguay, and “a hard-to-reach area” in November/December 2023, as well as Malawi and the Pacific Islands in March 2024, and we had boxes go to Benin in April 2024 as well as Ukraine June 2024.

Thank you for being a part of building God's kingdom:

Remember, *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.”*
Mark 10:14

Abiding in Him-audrey



Global Church Mission Statement: The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe. Our vision is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.