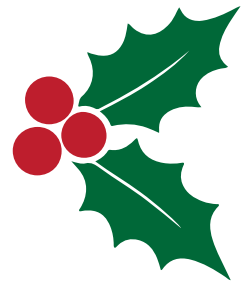


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Merry Christmas from Central!

December 2025

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 7:00 PM

You are invited to join us on December 24 at 7:00 pm for a beautiful Candlelight Service at Central Methodist Church on Christmas Eve. Come celebrate the birth of Christ with Scripture, carols, and the warm glow of candlelight as we worship together. All are welcome—bring your family and friends!

Christmas Cantata

On Sunday, December 14 at 10:00 am, you are invited to join us during our 10:00 am worship service as the Chancel Choir presents The Road to Bethlehem: A Journey to the Newborn King, a beautiful Christmas cantata by Lloyd Larson and Ed Hogan. Through inspiring narration and powerful music, The Road to Bethlehem invites us to reflect on how God chose an unlikely place—a small, quiet village—to fulfill the promise of a Savior. Come and experience this meaningful journey to the manger as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. Our **K-6th graders** will help open the Christmas Cantata with a special Christmas song. Come early, enjoy the music, and celebrate the reason for the season!



Let's Go Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 7, 2025 12:30 pm Join the Chancel Choir, KIDS Central, and Central Youth as we visit our shut-ins and share Christmas joy. The bus leaves at 12:30 pm and returns around 2:30 pm. Please RSVP at central@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471 to the church office so we can plan transportation.

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

A THANK YOU LETTER

Dear Central Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the deli tray, bread, and chips to help our family during our time of sorrow.

Thank you for allowing us to have Jim's funeral at the church he so loved. You have always supported him.

The service was beautiful. I could not have asked for a lovelier service to send him to his heavenly home.

Keep us in your prayers.

Much love,
The Tate Family

Dear Central Methodist Church,
Thank you for our continued prayers for my husband, Reid Evans, during his most recent liver transplant journey. He is recovering very well! Praise God! We are so grateful for your prayerful support of our family.
In Christ,
Laura Putnam Evans

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OUR 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/8/25 Finance Meeting, 6:00 pm

12/8/25 Administrative Council 7:00 pm

12/10/25 Family Fellowship Night, 6:15 pm

12/24/25 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm

12/25/25-12/26/25 Church Office Closed

1/1/26 Church Office Closed



COMMUNITY KITCHEN NEWS

We are in need of donations for the Community Kitchen. Now through December 31, we're collecting boxed cereal for the Community Kitchen. Boxed varieties are preferred because they stay fresher longer and work best for families. Drop off donations in the church office or in the collection bin by the women's restrooms in the CAC hallway. Thank you for helping feed our neighbors!

In **November 2025**, we served **432** families (over 1000 individuals). More than **15,469** pounds of food and hygiene items were distributed through the Community Kitchen, thanks to your generosity. Along with the 1,550 pounds of canned goods from troop/pack 402 at Pine Grove UMC, New Salem church of Shelby donated 150 boxes of cereal. Summit Place contributed canned goods and cereal as well.

The Community Kitchen is open on **Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30 pm** and is partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank.

Please Note Our Special Christmas Hours:
We'll be closed on Thursday, December 25,
and will reopen on Friday, December 26.
Merry Christmas!

Volunteers are always welcome, and we appreciate your support. We are in great need of grocery bags for the Community Kitchen. You can bring them to the church office Monday-Thursday from 10am-4pm

youth CALENDAR

December 7: Combined Christmas Party with Kids and Youth

December 14: Youth Night

December 21: Youth Christmas Party

December 28: No Youth

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. We meet on Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30pm.

Dear Church Family,

Our youth group meets every Sunday, and we've been so blessed to see an average of about three students joining us each week! We'd love to make our gatherings even more special by occasionally sharing a meal together.

If you would ever be interested in providing dinner for the youth one Sunday—whether cooking, or just bringing something simple—it would mean so much to our youth group (and to me!). You could let me know a date that works best for you, and I'll help coordinate all the details.

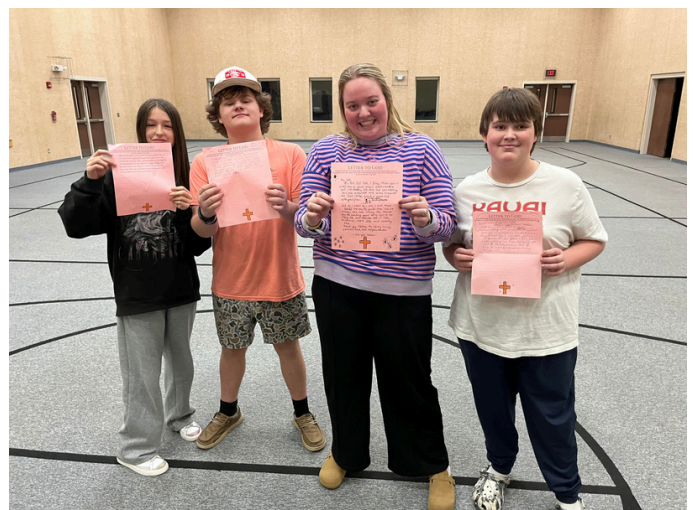
Thank you for always supporting and investing in our young people. Your love and encouragement truly make a difference!

With gratitude,

Kalin Brooks

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

kalin@cmkm.org



The Youth and KIDS Central work together to help pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

■ ■ Kid Central's Jolly December Lineup! ■ ■

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."—Luke 2:14

■ Sunday, December 7 – A Day Full of Christmas Cheer! ■

■ Christmas Caroling

Join the children, choir, and church members for joyful caroling after service!

- **Where:** Start in the CAC with pizza lunch ■
- **When:** Leave for caroling at 12:30 PM
- **Who:** All children are invited — bring your best singing voice!

■ Ugly Sweater Christmas Party!

After caroling, the fun continues!

- **Time:** 2:30–4:30 PM
 - **What's Happening:** Food, cookie decorating ■, and festive fun!
 - **No ugly sweater needed** — we'll be making them together! ■ ■
- All supplies are provided — just bring creativity and Christmas spirit!

■ RSVP by December 3

A sign-up link will be sent from the church office — please include your child's sweatshirt size. If your child isn't going caroling, just come at 2:30 PM for the party. Friends are always welcome — please sign them up too!

■ Sunday, December 14 – Kid Central Choir Performance ■

Our K–6th graders will help open the Christmas Cantata with a special Christmas song. Come early, enjoy the music, and celebrate the reason for the season! ■

■ Monday, December 29 – Kid Central "Prayer Lock-In" ■

We're closing the year with faith and fellowship! Our 2nd–6th graders will join the youth for an overnight Prayer Lock-In at the church. • **Purpose:** Pray over the church and its people • **Includes:** Food, fun, and powerful moments of prayer ■ • **Safety:** Chaperones will be present overnight • **Details:** A parent meeting will be held before the event.



Scan the QR code to sign up and yes, friends are invited!

■ Let's make this December one to remember! Faith, friendship, and fun await all month long at Kid 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. Any questions, please contact Stephanie Wilson, Director of Infant and Children stephanie@cmkm.org.



SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS

Sunday Morning Group

Leader: Mark Dixon

Time and location: 8:30 am

CAC, Sunday mornings

Age: All ages

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

****Meetings will resume in 2026****

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.

A HISTORY MINUTE

by Libby Putnam



Come check out The History Room is located on the second floor of the Education Building.

On Sunday November 16, 2025 our church celebrated 151 years of ministry in Kings Mountain. It was wonderful to see those of you who were able to join us for our special Sunday. How neat it was to look at albums of pictures of various church activities and view articles of our members in the news. The historic memorabilia found on the beautifully decorated luncheon tables gave everyone an opportunity to see our church history up close. If you were unable to attend our celebration or you just didn't have enough time to see everything on display, you are invited to visit the History Room which is located on the second floor of the Educational Building just to the left of the elevator. All of the albums, historic memorabilia, and parts of our church history that were on display in the CAC can be found there. The History Room is always open and everything on display is marked clearly. When you discover what our members have accomplished in the past, you will, no doubt, be inspired to follow in their footsteps as the ministry of our church continues.

Please share any photos of church activities, school awards, or newspaper articles recognizing accomplishments of church members, etc., with the church office. They are an important part of our church history.

If you would like a copy of the 151st Church Anniversary Booklet, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org.

151ST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY RECAP



Rev. Bruce Gwyn



Rev. Hal Schwantes



Rev. Perry Hines & Carolyn Hindel Hines, Darlene & Rev. Hal Schwantes, Deborah and Rev. Bruce Gwyn



Tommy Black, Peggy Jackson and Joe Patterson



A beautiful luncheon followed in the CAC



Audrey Brooks, Lisa Howell and Kalin Brooks



Ann Brogdon



The Chancel Choir





GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

**GLOBAL METHODIST
GASTONIA DISTRICT RALLY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026 AT 3:00 PM
CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH**

Everyone is Welcome!

Join us for light refreshments following the service.



Bishop Jeff Greenway

Join us at the District Rally featuring **Bishop Dr. Jeff Greenway** of the Global Methodist Church. After 35 years in the United Methodist Church, Dr. Jeff Greenway became an elder in the Global Methodist Church in January of 2023. He was ordained a bishop of the Global Methodist Church at our historic convening general conference held in San Jose Costa Rica in September of 2024. Previously, he led Reynoldsburg Community Church and served as President of Asbury Theological Seminary. Passionate about faith, Jeff inspires with Christ-centered teachings. He is a graduate of Mount Union College and Asbury and Wesley Theological Seminaries. Jeff and his wife, Beth, have three adult children and eight grandchildren.

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DECEMBER FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT



We invite you to our next Family Fellowship Night will be on **Wednesday, December 10** at 6:15 pm. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, December 8 at central@cmkm.org or call 704-739-2471. The meal will be soup and sandwiches. For our program, Kalin Brooks will be performing a solo handbell concert followed by singing Christmas carols.

HANDBELLS MINI CONCERT

The Bells of Praise will be performing on Sunday, December 21, 2025 during the worship service.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE



National Collection Week for physical shoeboxes has ended, but you can still participate online and checks through December 24, 2025! Our goal is 75 online boxes at \$30 each. Scan the QR code to build a box online, or give Central a check with "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo line and we will build one for you. Thank you for helping share the gospel of Jesus Christ around the world!

