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Happy New Year from Central!

January 2026

## 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 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.



### JOIN US FOR NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

We invite you to join us on Sunday, January 18 as we welcome our newest members to the congregation at 10:00 am. Please see Pastor Perry Hines if you are interested in joining the church.

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

## A THANK YOU LETTER

Dear CMKM Church Family,  
Thank you all so much for the deli tray, meal, phone calls, texts & support immediately following Dad's fall & passing. Our family will always be grateful for the continual love shown to Dad with years of phone calls, mailed copies of the newsletter (Old School!) and many visits from church members and pastors. He especially looked forward to the annual blessings he received when the church came a-caroling. I'm so glad you came early this year! Please keep us in your prayers.  
Much love,  
**Stacie Rhea**

Central Methodist Church and Missions Committee,  
Thank you for donating \$200 to our students in greatest need. We appreciate your support!  
**Grover Elementary School Staff**

Dear Central Methodist Church,  
We are so thankful for your church's generosity to our school. The money your mission committee provided is going to be used to provide clothing, shoes and personal hygiene items for our Clothing Closet. Your giving is such a tremendous blessing to us! Thank you again very much for thinking of us and our students!  
**Staff of KMIS (Kings Mtn. Intermediate)**

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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

**NO** Trustees Meeting

**1/12/26** Finance Meeting, 6:00 pm

**1/12/26** Administrative Council 7:00 pm

**1/13/26** Endowment Meeting, 6:00 pm

**1/19/26-** MLK Day-Church Office Closed

**1/28/26** Mary's Breakfast Bunch, 9:00 am

**Altar flower dates** for 2026 are now available.

If you'd like to reserve a date in honor or memory of someone special, please contact Candy in the church office at central@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471.

**Volunteers Needed** As we look ahead to 2026, we are prayerfully building our hospitality teams. We need ushers and greeters to help welcome everyone who walks through our doors. If you're willing to serve — even occasionally — please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org to sign up or ask questions.



## COMMUNITY KITCHEN NEWS

In **December 2025**, we served **381** families (over 1,150 individuals). More than 16,046 pounds of food and hygiene items were distributed through the Community Kitchen, thanks to your generosity. The number of families served was a little lower this month because Christmas fell on a Thursday, and distribution took place on the Friday after Christmas.

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

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

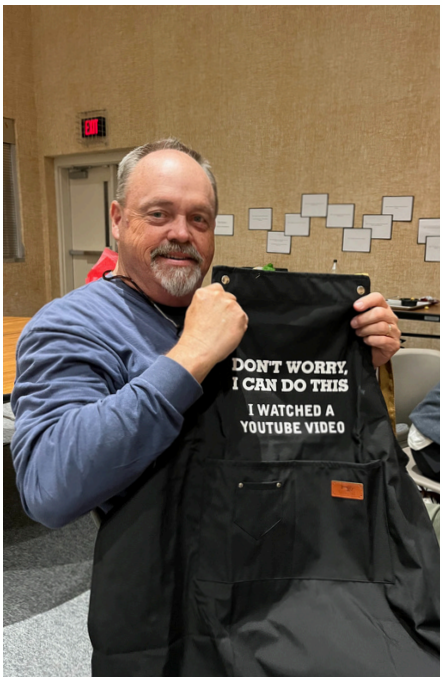
# YOUTH NEWS



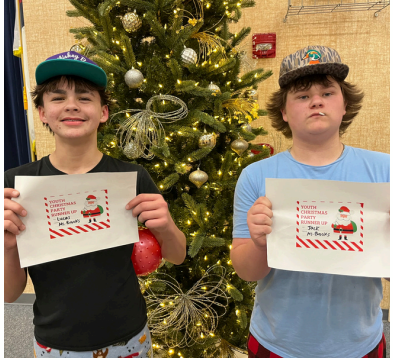
## youth CALENDAR

**WE HAD A GREAT TIME DURING OUR 2025 YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

- January 4:** Youth Night
- January 11:** GMC District Rally
- January 18:** Youth Night
- January 25:** Winter Jam Concert



**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. Any questions, please contact Kalin Brooks, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries at [kalin@cmkm.org](mailto:kalin@cmkm.org)

# KIDS CENTRAL NEWS



The Children's Choir performed during service during our Christmas Cantata on December 14, 2025



See next page for more  
Lock-In photos!



The children learned about Chrismons as they decorated their tree.

December was a busy month for Kids Central.

The children learned about Chrismons as they decorated their tree. The children enjoyed a fun Christmas party in which they decorated cookies, signed Christmas cards and made "ugly sweaters". They also performed two songs for the congregation and ended the month with a prayer lock-in.

January promises to be exciting as we start a new curriculum and begin our Bible Buddies reading program. The children will also begin work on a mission project. This will be developed during the Parents Bible Study Pot Luck on January 4, 2026 following service.

*Photos courtesy of Stephanie Wilson*

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**\*We will resume meeting on Wednesday,  
January 28, 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.

## KIDS CENTRAL & YOUTH PRAYER LOCK-IN 12/29 & 30

Our Kid Central KIDS and Youth had a wonderful time at the Prayer Lock-In, where they spent the night in prayer and served through a variety of outreach ministries.



# CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



*Scenes from our beautiful 2025 Christmas Eve Candlelight service.*

*Photos Courtesy of Kalin Brooks*