

Announcements

Today is the **First Sunday** of Lent.

It's time to order **Easter Lilies** in memory or in honor of your loved ones. The cost is \$13 each. Please complete the order form and put it in the collection plate or return to the church office.

Join us for these upcoming Services:

· **Palm Sunday**, March 29, 2026, at 10:00 am.

· **Maundy Thursday** on April 2, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

· **Easter Cantata** service on Sunday, April 5 at 10:00 am.

Don't forget to bring flowers to decorate the outdoor cross on Easter morning.

Our next **Family Fellowship Night** will be on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:15 pm. Please RSVP to the church office by March 9 to make sure we have enough food for everyone. Program details will be announced soon.

Save the Date for our upcoming **KIDS Central Easter Program** on Sunday, March 29, 2026. More details to come!

New Women's Bible Study There is a new Bible study on Tuesdays from 6:30–8:30 p.m. We will be studying the book of Colossians. No materials are required—just bring a Bible and a notebook if you'd like to take notes. Everyone is invited! If you have any questions, please call Liz Pflieger at 704-466-1202.

The **Community Kitchen is in need of egg cartons**. Please bring your donations and put them in the donation area by the ladies' restroom near the CAC.

Ushers & Greeters Needed We need volunteers to serve as ushers and greeters for 2026. Even one Sunday helps! Please contact the church office at central@cmkm.org or see Joe Patterson if you can help.

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.

To Our Visitors, Welcome!

We're glad you're with us today. Please fill out the Welcome Card located in the pews and give it to the Welcome Center host or drop it in the offering plate. Or you can scan the QR Code. We are eager to meet you, so stop by the Welcome Center after the service to receive a small gift as our way of saying thank you.



Church Staff: Pastor, Perry Hines, perry@cmkm.org
Administrative Assistant, Candy Love, central@cmkm.org
Director of Youth & Youth Adult Ministries,
Kalin Brooks, kalin@cmkm.org
Director of Infant and Children's Ministries,
Stephanie Wilson, stephanie@cmkm.org
Handbell/Drama Director, Teresa Williams
Music Minister, Justin Harper, justin@cmkm.org
Organist, Doug Parker

Stewardship Report

Attendance

2/15/26 10:00 am Service.....76

Operating Fund 2026

Contributions 2/15/26 \$ 4,011.00

Contributions MTD \$21,011.00

Ushers: Joe Patterson, Terry Edwards, Ricky Hall

Greeters: Kalin Brooks



We'd love to add a few more helpers to this ministry. Please see Joe Patterson if you're interested in serving.

Prayer List

Praises and Concerns: Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.

Military Personnel: SSGT Tyler Dixon—Marines; SFC Jonathan Brucker—Army; SSGT Joshua Brucker—Army; CAPT Alex Plonk—Air Force; SN Tyler Hellstrand—Navy; MAJ Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army.

Churches: Boone District GMC – Appalachian Chapel; Iglesia Church 24/Seita (Church of Manos de Fe).

Praises: We joyfully welcome our newest members.

Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students: Community Kitchen Ministry; Lisa & Ernie Howell (continued healing) 8.8.24; Donnie Jenkins 11.19.24; Carol Brazzell 3.24.25; Jennifer Osborne 5.12.25; John Eagle 9.22.25; Darlene Combs Childers (knee surgery) 2.20.26.

Concerns: (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Jeff Hedden (cancer), cousin of Clyde Kerns 12.22.23; Jamie Keever, Audrey Brooks' cousin (cancer); Rex & Susan Gibbs 1.31.25; Beth Weatherford (cancer, leukemia, seizures) niece of Dorothy McDaniel 2.13.25; Kevin Randall (heart issues) 3.24.25; Jonathan Chapman (lung cancer) Emily Chapman's father-in-law 8.4.25; Lynsey Golden Barron (cancer), niece of Jim & Penny Larson 9.4.25; Cindy, Amy Dixon's sister-in-law (cancer) 12.23.25; Jane Campbell (breast cancer) 1.20.26; Tammy Towery (peace and comfort) 1.18.26; Daniel Greene, uncle of Krista Sheriff (Peripheral Vascular Disease) 1.29.26.



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, February 22, 2026 | 10:00 am



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Central Methodist Church
First Sunday in Lent – Purple

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Prelude The Bells of Praise
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley--arr. Page

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 worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Pass the Peace

***Lenten Reading/Extinguishing of the Lenten Cross**
Reader: Mark Dixon

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Opening Worship
King of Kings (CCLI#2017851)
Be Thou My Vision (CCLI #7056332)

Apostles Creed OGRP# 691
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Morning Prayer
The Lord's Prayer OGRP #700

Special Music
Very Soon, I'll Fly Away--arr. Tucker
Performed by The Bells of Praise

Offertory Doug Parker
What Wondrous Love Is This
--Southern Harmony/arr. Nix

Doxology OGRP #682
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Sermon Perry Hines

Sermon Title *Father Forgive Them*

Scripture Lesson Luke 23:33-34 NKJV

33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. 34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

Other selected NKJV scriptures:

Psalm 32:1; Psalm 103:1-3; Psalm 103 8-13;
Ephesians 4:32; Isaiah 53:12; Luke 23:34; I Corinthians 2:8;
Acts 17:30

Closing Hymn OGRP #572
Amazing Grace V 1,3,6

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude Doug Parker
Voluntary on "Christ lag in Todesbanden"
-Plainchant/arr. Lasky
**Responses in Bold*

WHAT IS THE SEASON OF LENT?
February 22–April 4, 2026

Lent is a 40-day, solemn season of preparation for Easter, running from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (excluding Sundays). It is a time for reflection, repentance, prayer, fasting, and self-denial, symbolizing Jesus's 40 days in the wilderness. While there are no strict, uniform rules, people often engage in fasting, giving up luxuries (like social media or sweets), to give themselves to the pursuit of God through prayer, Bible study, and acts of Christian service.

Calling All Techies! Live Stream Volunteers Needed
Do you enjoy working behind the scenes? We're looking for volunteers to help with our Audio/Visual team during Sunday morning worship at Central. **Roles Needed:** Livestream / Camera Operator, Lighting Setup Tech
Time Commitment: Just one or two Sundays a month/
No experience? No problem — we'll train you!
Interested in helping? Contact the church office at central@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471 to get started.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my mother, Elsie Livingston
By Paula Goforth

SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS

Sunday Morning Group
Leader: Mark Dixon
Time and location: 8:30 am
Asbury Room, 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
Contact: 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 Prayer Group
Meetings will be on Tuesdays, at 11:00 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.

ONGOING GROUPS

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

This Bible study group meets on Tuesdays from 6:30–8:30 pm.
Leader: Liz Pflieger
704-466-1202

CHURCH INFORMATION

Our **Nursery** is available starting at 10:00 am for children aged 0-4 years old. KIDS Central meets at 10:00 am on Sundays and is our church for K–5th grade.

You can reach **Pastor Perry Hines** at 828-768-5996. If you have any questions about church events, please get in touch with the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org.

Communicate with the church office!

I am a visitor
 I have a prayer request

I have a praise

I have a new address

I would like a call/visit from the pastor.

I would like information about becoming a member.

I would like to usher/greet

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Tear off and place in the offering plate

see reverse side for more announcements