



# Central Methodist

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*Lots of Love from Central!*

February 2026

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FEBRUARY 11TH 6:15 PM**  
**FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**

Don't miss the next Family Fellowship Night on Wednesday, February 11, at 6:15 pm. We will have a fried chicken dinner followed by a game of Chair Volleyball. Please **RSVP** by February 9 to the church office at 704-739-2471 or [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org). Don't forget to fill out the Family Fellowship Night Service Survey Form available in the Narthex!



*We joyfully welcomed three new members to Central on January 18, 2026! Please help us welcome Kenny Rochford, Brenda Rochford, and Steve Velky in our church family.*

*Photo courtesy of Penny Larson*

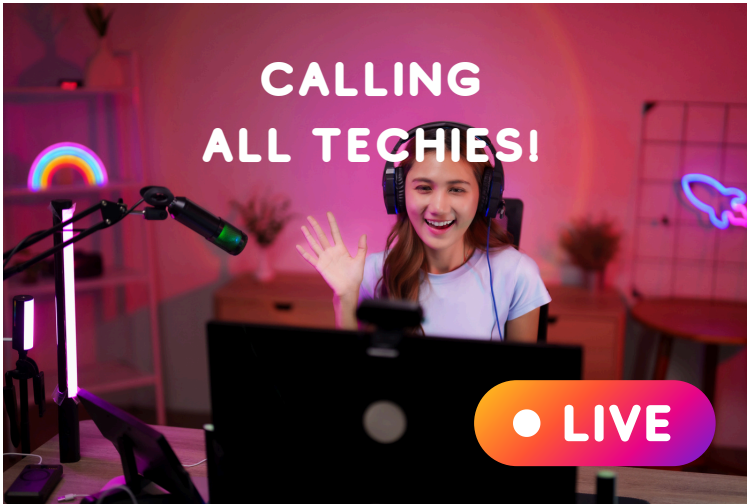
## Ash wednesday

### SERVICE

Wednesday,  
February 18, 2026

7:00 pm

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



We are seeking volunteers to assist with our **Audio/Visual** needs during Sunday morning services.

**Roles Needed:** Livestream/Camera Operator, and Light setup tech.

**Commitment:** One or two Sundays a month. Interested in helping, contact the church office at [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org)!

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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 February** Finance Meeting

**NO February** Administrative Council

**2/18/26** Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm

**3/9/26** Finance Meeting, 6:00 pm

**3/9/26** Administrative Council, 7:00 pm

**4/5/26** Easter

**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](mailto: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](mailto:central@cmkm.org) to sign up or ask questions.



## COMMUNITY KITCHEN NEWS

In **January 2026**, we served **503** families (over 1,200 individuals). More than 15,013 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.

# YOUTH NEWS



**February 8:** Super Bowl Party

**February 15:** Youth Night

Meal: Tim Miller

**February 20:** Winter Jam

**February 22:** Youth Night

Meal: Karen Sweezy

**Save the Date for  
DNOW April 17 & 18**

*We welcome all youth from 6th-12th grade to join us on Sunday Nights from 5:30-7:30 pm. For any questions, please contact Kalin Brooks at [kalin@cmkm.org](mailto:kalin@cmkm.org).*



# KIDS CENTRAL NEWS

**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 Ministries at [stephanie@cmkm.org](mailto:stephanie@cmkm.org).



## PARENTS MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Join us right after church in the CAC, as we will gather to make plans and discuss our upcoming activities. Any questions, please contact Stephanie Wilson at [stephanie@cmkm.org](mailto:stephanie@cmkm.org).



*Central Youth with our plans for the New Year in January 2026!*



*Our Young Adults gathered for fellowship in January 2026.*

*If you are interested in joining our Young Adult Small Group please get in touch with Kalin Brooks.*

## 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 with 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.

### New Women's Bible Study

A new Bible study group will begin on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. We will be studying the book of Colossians. Colossians is a rich and meaningful epistle that guides us in daily living, reminds us of who we are as believers, and points us clearly to who Jesus is. 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.

## A HISTORY MINUTE



In the History Room there is a copy of a Certificate of Church Membership that was given to youth when they joined the church and was in use in the 1950s and 60s. The certificate describes how we need The Church and how it serves as a school in which we study the Bible and learn to live the Christian life. Currently, our Sunday School director, Stephanie Wilson, has started a Bible Reading program called **Bible Buddies**, which certainly continues the goal of that early certificate. Stephanie stated, "Each child received a stuffed teddy bear. Along with the bear, they were given an adoption certificate in which they named their bear and promised to care for the bear. The kids were told that their bears must be fed each day and not by food but by the word of God. And to do that they must read the assigned verses for each day to their bear." Stephanie hopes that reading to the bears will encourage the kids to read their Bibles daily. For those who can't read well, the parents can either read with or to their kids.

This Bible reading program will no doubt be an important part of the history of Central as our children are encouraged to read the Bible and learn to live the Christian life.