



# Central

United Methodist Church



Summer activities have been on the forefront of my mind for many months. This summer, I am offering three, special area groups for varying ages of children. I realize that children each have their own unique interests. The word “guild” is just a fancy word for a group of folks with a common goal or interest. Our common goal as a whole is experiencing God and the story of God and God’s people. However, the way in which each child learns and experiences God differs from child to child. Therefore, each guild is especially focused on one area--outdoor activities, preschool play and learning, and artistic expression--in order to meet the needs and interests of all of our children this summer.

I am charging a small fee for each guild in order to cover food and materials. However, if fees are an issue, please do not let that stop you from signing your child up for these opportunities. I am looking forward to a wonderful summer, full of experiencing God in many different ways.

Note: If you can chaperone on any of the dates listed below, please let me know at [monroe.mallory@gmail.com](mailto:monroe.mallory@gmail.com) or stop by the office anytime to see me.

**Mallory Monroe Brown**  
Children’s Minister & Christian Education

### Footstep Guild

For rising 1st-7th graders only. Meeting from 9AM-3PM on 6 Tuesdays (June 26, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, August 7th) for outdoor adventures such as hiking at South Mountain, swimming and hiking at Dupont State Forest, and visiting a hobby farm in Shelby. We will meet in the church parking lot at the bus. **Bring a lunch.** Snacks are provided. You must sign up online for these opportunities by **May 31st**. Space is limited to 10 participants for each day adventure. The cost is \$10/ day per child or \$50 for all 6 sessions.

### Little Ones Guild

For 3-5 year olds only (*must be potty-trained*). Meeting from 9:00AM-1:00PM in conjunction with the Mauney Library Summer Programming on 4 Wednesdays (June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25) Bring your little ones to the CAC at 9 for the library program that begins at 9 and lasts until 11:30. After that, parents may leave their 3-5 year olds (must be potty-trained) with Mallory and other volunteers as they participate in Godly Play stories, play on the playground, and a fun lunch together. You must sign up online for these opportunities by **May 31st**. Space is limited to 10 participants. The cost is \$5/day per child or \$15 for all 4 sessions.

### Hands On Guild

This guild is for rising 3rd-7th graders and will meet on 6 Thursdays (June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23) from 9AM-1:00PM.

We will start out at the church for a Bible story and activity. Then, we will begin several ongoing, large scale, art projects. Some projects include: peace poles, tie dye, liturgical art, chair painting, and story stones. After project work and time together, we will go to lunch somewhere in KM. You must sign up online for these opportunities by **May 31st**. Space is limited to 10 participants. (Extras will be considered if the demand is high) The cost is \$50/child for all 6 sessions or \$11/per session if you cannot come to all 6 (materials and lunch included).

Visit [www.cumckm.org](http://www.cumckm.org) to sign up online or call 704-739-2471!

## A History Minute by Libby Putnam



One of Central's most faithful members, Mr. Grady Howard was born in Lincoln county in 1923 and grew up in the Presbyterian church there. He became a Methodist and a member of Central Methodist Church when he settled in Kings Mountain upon his graduation from college and marriage. He and his wife were parents of three children who were active in all activities at the church. During the 65 years he has been a member of Central he has served on various committees and was the church treasurer. During his years here, memorable events for him are the weddings of his two daughters and the funeral of his wife. Grady says that he loves Central, and his faithful church attendance is a testament to that fact.

We are thankful for the many responses we have had to our History Project of gathering the memories and activities of our church's members. We will continue to highlight those responses here in the newsletter and in supplements to the bulletin in the coming weeks. We look forward with appreciation to your continued responses.

### Central United Methodist Church of Kings Mountain

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#### Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am — 12:30pm  
1:00pm — 4:30pm

#### Staff:

**Pastor,** Jill Rhinehart  
**Youth Ministry & Director of Discipleship,**  
Aaron Simmons  
**Children's Minister & Christian Education,**  
Mallory Monroe Brown  
**Organist,** Doug Parker  
**Music Director,** Carlos Zamora  
**Handbell/Drama Director,** Teresa Williams  
**Preschool Director,** Lindsay Romesberg  
**Administrative Assistant,** Candy Love



Kids for Christ is a program that happens every Sunday evening during the school year for our elementary and intermediate school aged students. We share dinner with the youth, music, and Bible lessons during our time together. We also spend plenty of time enjoying the playground on our campus. Currently, we are all breaking down the Apostles' Creed piece by piece every week. With extra help from Audrey Brooks and Bubba Simmons, we are discovering so much! Sadly, our year is nearing its end as summer approaches. Our last meeting for the 2017-18 school year is May 20th. On this date, we will do something different at a different time than normal. All KfC-ers will meet Mallory at 1PM at the church to board the bus to go on an adventure. We will be back by 4PM. No money is needed but kids must eat lunch before they come at 1PM. We will stop for a sweet treat along the way. More specific details will come as I poll the KfC-ers about three different local places to which we can go on this date.

**Mallory Monroe Brown**

## Central Trekkers

*(Our Active Senior Group)*

We are now planning a trip to visit **Shatley Springs on Thursday, May 31st.** To sign up call the church office 704-739-2471 or see Aaron Simmons for more information.

## ***From the Desk of Mallory Brown...***

### ***Poppy and Holy Moments***



*Poppy, Ben, and I at our wedding in 2016*

These past three weeks have reminded me of the frailty of the human body. I am reminded of how one can go from being completely present and aware of one's own body to being completely disembodied in an instant. On Sunday, April 8, my grandfather, "Poppy," had a stroke. From one day to the next, he went from being independent to

dependent, capable to incapable, coherent to incoherent.

Poppy had a mild stroke. While it was mild, leaving his motor functions intact, his brain function was deeply affected. Poppy is 85 and has been, for the most part, one of the healthiest and most fit of the older folks I know. This stroke has been a wake-up call for our family who now recognizes the amount of care and attention he actually needs and deserves.

For the past decade, Poppy has had poor hearing, even though he wears hearing aids daily. Lacking his sense of hearing causes him to miss most of what people say or to only hear fragments, especially if he is communicating by telephone. While his ability to hear has caused him to lose out on many things that go on around him, making him seem disembodied, perhaps this has caused him to go into his internal world and think more, ponder the years behind him, and become a softer version of himself that I was somewhat unaware of as a kid. Poppy was always hard to understand growing up. He loved me, to be sure. However, he was not really cuddly or warm or any of those fuzzy things. In the past 7 years, this has changed as I have watched him grow close and loving and fuzzy towards his first grade granddaughter. Her relationship with Poppy is something completely foreign to my relationship with him. She is so comfortable with jumping into

his lap or embracing him with a hug or cuddling up next to him and it is weird and wonderful for me to watch because I never experienced this with him.

For now, I am sad that I missed out on opportunities to grow closer to my grandfather while he was healthy. I have spent a lot of time around him during my life but have not spent much time really being "with" him. I wish I had talked to him more, learned more about him, taken better care of our relationship as a granddaughter should. One thing I keep thinking about is how he used to keep Oreo cookies or iced oatmeal cookies in an old, ceramic cookie jar in his kitchen when I was a kid. Whenever we went over to his house to swim in the lake, ride his jet-ski, or visit my dad at work (my dad worked from his dad's home office), Poppy would invite us inside to get a cookie. Whenever we had a cookout on his deck during the summertime, he would bring all the kids Klondike bars from the freezer. We would bite into those melty squares of chocolate-covered vanilla ice-cream as it inevitably dripped down our fingers, hands, and forearms and that was the taste of my summers growing up. These moments with my Poppy were "holy moments." They were moments of simplicity, ordinary snippets of time where God was surely there. I might not have regarded these times as such as a child but I do now. It makes me wonder about what your "holy moments" are.

Today, I am going to spend more time being "with" the people I love: listening to them, asking them questions, making memories with them, caring for them, letting them care for me. That is what Jesus did, after all. Jesus spent time being "with" people. People matter. Time matters. Listening matters. Hearing matters. Memories matter. Making memories matters more. I am going to make memories with the people that matter, including my Poppy. Just a few nights ago, I sat down with my Poppy in his kitchen and ate cornbread, hot from the oven, with him. He did not have much to say and neither did I. But, that was a holy moment.

What are your "holy moments" and what really matters to you?

*Mallory Brown*



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**Graduation is Around the Corner!**  
If you have a graduating student, please send their name, school and major to [central@cumckm.org](mailto:central@cumckm.org) by **May 22nd** to be included in June's newsletter.

**Carpenter's Club House  
Preschool News**

**May 24, 2018**  
Last Day of Preschool  
(Farm Visit)  
**May 25, 2018**  
Preschool Graduation

*If you would like to enroll for the 2018/2019 year, please contact Lindsay Romesberg at 704-739-2471.*

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*Online Giving*

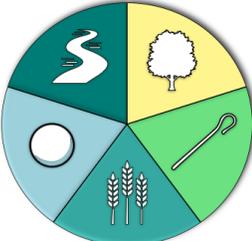
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We now offer online giving at [cumckm.org/donate](http://cumckm.org/donate)

**Family Fellowship Night**  
**Wednesday, May 9th**  
**6:15pm**

*Join us for a night of family fun!*  
The Children's Choir will present the program. The meal will be covered dish. Please bring a covered Dish to share with your church family.  
RSVP by **May 7<sup>th</sup>** to the church office at 704-739-2471.

**Holiday Closings**  
The church office and Community Kitchen will be closed on Memorial Day, May 28th.



**The Parables  
and Pura Vida**  
2018 Community  
Vacation Bible School  
**August 5th-9th**  
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**Pentecost**  
SUNDAY  
**May 20, 2018**

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