



Central

United Methodist Church

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Live and Love as Christ

August 2021

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT



TALENT SHOW

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11 AT 6:15 PM

TO RSVP, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 704-739-2471 OR CENTRAL@CUMCKM.ORG.

Central
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JOIN US FOR

Sunday School!

9:00am Sunday Mornings

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, August 16 (Rescheduled)
Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00pm
Administrative Council Meeting, 7:00pm

Monday, August 2 at 6:30pm
September Children's Event Planning Meeting,

August 2 Worship Meeting 7:30pm

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

Save the Date!

CHILDREN'S

Event

September 25, 2021

DARE TO
TRUST GOD

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Announcing Central UMC's September Event for Children

Save the date for Saturday, September 25! We are in the planning stage, but this event will feature music, learning and food. More details will be coming soon for this event. There will be a planning meeting for this event on **Monday, August 2 at 6:30pm** if you would like to volunteer.

Family Night Fellowship has Returned **Committee Volunteers Needed**

The UMM got us started with a cookout at Lake Montonia on July 14. On August 11 we will enjoy a sloppy joe meal prepared by Circle 8 followed by our Annual Talent Show.

As we move into the fall, we will be looking for groups to host as well as programs ideas. If you have hosted in the past we hope you will continue to do so. If you have ideas or suggestions please see one of the committee members or better yet, please join the committee. Your input and help is needed in order for us to continue to have the fellowship time we have enjoyed in the past. We look forward to family nights on the second Wednesday of each month. Committee members are Nicole Radford, Joe Patterson, Todd Wilson, Vicky Still and Mary Lou Ware.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact the church office or central@cumckm.org.

Come Be A Part!



**Family Fellowship Night at Lake Montonia
July 14, 2021**

UMYF 2021 Youth Retreat



Central's UMYF visited Todd, NC for a Youth Retreat July 9-11. The Youth visited two churches to view the frescos at St. Mary's and Holy Trinity. They also toured the Ashe County Cheese Factory. The group read and studied Paul's letter to the Colossians together during meal times. The group enjoyed connecting and building fellowship during games of ping pong, swimming, late night movies and creating everlasting memories of their time together. —Photos provided by Kalin Brooks.

FOR THE  **HEARING IMPAIRED**

Hearing Assist System

We now have a Hearing Assist System that will allow you to connect via a belt pack that the church provides or if you have a smartphone, you can use it with your own hearing aid when you download the WaveCAST Audio Receiver app.



Sign up to help Usher & Greet during Sunday Worship Service

Please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cumckm.org or see the sign up sheets available during service. Every month has spots available.

A History Minute by Libby Putnam

In March of 2020, across our country, the Covid-19 pandemic placed a hold on school and church activities, and non-essential businesses were asked to close in an effort to stop the spread of the virus. According to an article in the March 22, 2020 issue of the Shelby Star, similar efforts were undertaken during the Spanish Flu pandemic in 1918. Not only was a quarantine ordered by the county board of health but streets were also sprayed with disinfectants as mills, churches, and schools closed down. In Kings Mountain, there were 300 cases in one mill section of the town. Checking our church records and minutes of meetings in 1918-1919, however, there was no mention of our church's reaction to the flu pandemic. Activities seemed to continue.

When future generations check our history during the Covid-19 pandemic they will find that on Sunday, March 15, 2020, we here at Central enjoyed a normal Sunday with our regular activities. As we smiled greetings to each other and bumped fists or touched elbows, we talked quietly about what the implications of Covid-19 would be. On March 18, the announcement came that in-person services at our church would be canceled. An online service with prayers, a message, and music began on Sunday, March 22nd. With the use of Facebook Live, online services continued and even though we could not meet in person, a special Easter message was broadcast on Sunday, April 12.

The Community Kitchen began to prepare to take out meals and then moved to offer grocery items to those in need. In May of 2020, we began having in-person Sunday morning services in the shady area of our parking lot with the congregation bringing their own chairs. There was a will and we found a way!

On September 27, 2020, we courageously moved into the CAC. During all of this time, special resources for children and Sunday School lessons as well as recordings of Sunday services were and still are offered online for all interested members. Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, was our first service back in the sanctuary in over a year. We wore our masks, spaced out our seating, and filled both the regular seats and the balcony to praise the risen Savior.

We are now meeting regularly in the sanctuary with one blended service at 10 AM, and recently enjoyed our first Family Night on July 14, 2021. Let our history read that the Covid-19 pandemic may have changed the way we do things, but it certainly cannot stop us from worshipping our Savior.

The Community Kitchen

is open on Thursdays
from 3:00pm-4:30pm.

*We are now operating as a food
pantry in partnership with
Second Harvest.*

A Thank You Note

Dear Central UMC,
Our deepest thanks for your donation to the Community Math Academy. Your caring support will continue to allow us to provide opportunities for students in Cleveland County.

Thank you for investing in the lives of the students of Cleveland County.
Warm Regards,
Community Math Academy



Altar Flowers

We are now resuming altar flowers in the sanctuary and the cost is now \$90. The calendar is being updated and the Administrative Assistant, Candy Love will be in touch with you if you had a prior date to see if you would still like to place flowers. If you are interested in getting a date, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cumckm.org.

Updated Facilities Use Policy Fee

Members will pay a \$50 cleaning fee for all events (parties, showers etc.) held at Central.

**KID Central
Sundays
10:00am**