



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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MATHEWS COMMUNITY TENT REVIVAL

Sponsored by Salem UMC and Mathews
Ministerial Association

"Get All Excited!"

June 6-8, 2018 (Wed.-Fri.)
(6/6 **FREE** KICK-OFF Cookout
6:15-7:00 p.m.)
7 p.m. Nightly

On the Grounds of Salem UMC
1099 Salem Church Rd., Diggs, VA.



*IN THE EVENT OF
RAIN-ALL EVENTS
WILL BE INSIDE*

On Site Children's
Ministries & Nursery
Provided Nightly

COME CELEBRATE, REFRESH, RENEW
& REVIVE YOUR SPIRIT

Praise & Worship Music by Local Musicians &
Inspired Preaching by
Pastor Jonathan Walden, First Baptist Church
6/6, Pastor Patrick Billups, Relevant Church
6/7, Rev. Kevin English, Salem UMC 6/8

Canned Goods or Financial Donations for
Hands Across Mathews
& Toiletry Items for Avalon Women's Shelter-
collected nightly.

Pastor's Pen

"Do not be deceived ... you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." (Gal. 6:7-9)

Summer months are upon us, but I say our faith life does not have to be in a lull. The relaxed rhythm of the season will hopefully inspire us for creative endeavors instead. This year the month of June starts with a new event, a church yard sale on June 2. Not only does the United Methodist Men, who sponsors the event, hope to raise money for its missional givings, it also is another opportunity for fellowship. Working side by side and mingling with one another opens doors for unexpected encounters with God.

I also hope that you will come to the Community Tent Revival meetings during June 6-8 on the Salem United Methodist Church ground (1099 Salem Church Rd., Diggs). Our spiritual life needs renewal and revival just as much as our physical life! If your schedule allows it, plan to attend all three evenings, and invite friends. We will together worship and listen for the Word of God.

SUMMER MESSAGES

From June 10th on, I hope to preach a series of messages on the Book of Revelation. Revelation seems to inspire excitement or fear in many, but mostly it remains a source of mystery. I will not try to dissect it chapter-by-

chapter, verse-by-verse; we will touch upon overviews and major themes.

"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near." (Rev. 1:3)

Then towards July and August I hope to preach on a series of topics that are suggested by you. In the next few weeks find a sermon topic suggestion card in the bulletins or in the foyer. Naturally I would not be able to adopt all suggestions, but several will be chosen that I hope will be a blessing to many.

Finally, here I want to thank all who took part in Disciple Bible Study from February to May. The story of Christ is a powerful one, and we are helped when we share it with one another.

Gratefully,

John

**United Methodist Men Sponsored
Yard Sale
June 2, 2018, 7:00 am to 2:00 pm**



UM Women

The UMW is looking forward to a busy June. We started out the month by selling bag lunches at the UMM's yard sale. Anyone wishing to help prepare them please meet at the parsonage at 4pm on Friday, June 1. We also are finishing up the "Buckets for Conference". At this point we have filled 5 buckets and still have some money left over. We are also providing lunch for The Healing Eagle Clinic, date to be announced. In July, join us for a Three Rivers event on the 13th at 10:30. We hope you will join us.

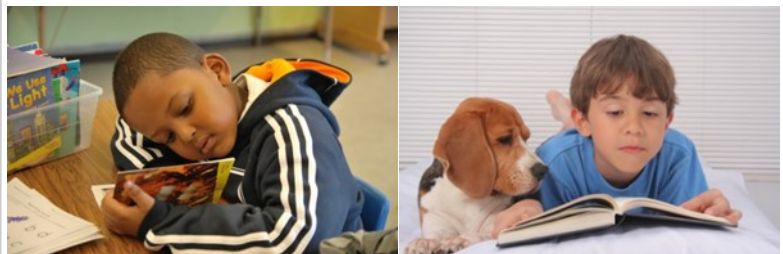
Grace Mortimer
UMW Recording Secretary

Creation Care

At a Friends of the Library Pubic Meeting, CREATION CARE was presented a CHAMPION OF LITERACY CERTIFICATE for work on repairing and recycling over 400 books thus far.



The books have been distributed to the following groups for the youth that they support: Hands Across Mathews, Continental Society, 3 Rivers Healthy Families, Children's Hospital of The Kings Daughters Healthy System. This is an ongoing recycle project.



We will take a break for June and July and meet again in August.

Michael Cannon
Creation Care Team

Emma Samantha Hudgins

Emma is a senior honors graduate of Mathews High School, maintaining a 4.36 GPA and ranked 4th in a class of 96 students. MHS graduation will be on June 9th, 2018. Emma has been selected for early admission at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Her major will be Microbiology. While a student at Mathews, Emma participated in Cross Country (Captain) indoor track, Crew, Beta Club, SCA, National Honor Society, Chess Club and an active member of Salem Church Youth Group, as well as working at Chick-fil-A. Since her sophomore year, Emma has been working on her associate degree. On Friday, May 11, 2018 at the graduation for Rappahannock college students, Emma received her degree as a CAN. Emma plans to use that degree to help defray the costs of her continued college education.



Emma is the daughter of Robert and Heather Hudgins of Mathews and the granddaughter of Bobby and Phyllis Hudgins and Mary and Kenneth Marshall of Mathews.

Austin Tyler Kemp



Austin graduated from the Newport News Shipyard Apprentice School as a class member of 2017. He graduated as a millwright and received the Charles R. Bailey Award; this is the highest scholastic average in

the required courses, which was straight "A's".

During Austin's apprenticeship, he also took classes at Rappahannock Community College and received his associate degree in Business Administration with honors. Austin's graduation exercise from the Apprentice School was on Saturday, February 29, 2018 at Liberty Baptist Church, Hampton, Va. He received his Associate

Degree at graduation exercises held at the Rappahannock Warsaw Campus on May 11, 2018. Austin is currently working as a Millwright at Newport News Shipbuilding.

He is the Son of Craig and Marie Kemp of Dutton and the Grandson of Bobby and Phyllis Hudgins of Hudgins and Guy and Brenda Kemp of Dutton.

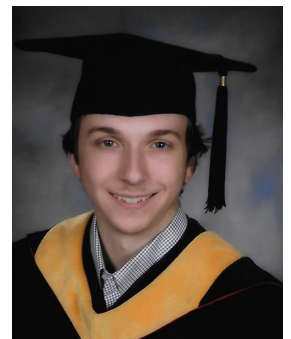
Jenna Michelle Jachles

Jenna Michelle Jachles is the granddaughter of Janet Burgess. Because of her accelerated classes she graduated a semester early in December 2017 as cum laude from American University's College of Arts & Sciences in Washington, D.C. where she double-majored in Art History and American Studies. While at the University she served as the Manuscripts Library Intern at the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution Museum. In this capacity, she created and enhanced catalog descriptions for the digitized manuscript collection in addition to performing preservation work on documents and photographs. She is interested in working as an archivist in a large library or museum in the Washington, D.C. area. Her hobbies include photography, watching the New York Mets baseball team, and visiting museums.



Clayton Robert Moughon

Clayton Robert Moughon, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Clayton Moughon, Jr. of Mathews, VA and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Welker of
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Gloucester, VA and the grandson of Mrs. Judy Moughon and the late William Clayton Moughon, Sr. of Mathews, VA, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the College of William and Mary on May 12, 2018.

Clay will begin working for Progeny Systems in Manassas, VA on June 11, 2018. He interned with Progeny following his sophomore and junior years at William and Mary and was offered a position with the company following his internship in the summer of 2017.

Hospitality



I would like to again thank those of you who have so graciously served as hosts during refreshment and social time for our Church. If everyone would take a turn, it would mean that you and everyone else would be the host only two to three times, at the most, a year.

It is an enjoyable time and good for the fellowship of our congregation. A reminder that in addition Cookie Sunday is the first Sunday in Each month; where Everyone brings something to share.

Hospitality Host for the month of May was Karen

Hospitality Host for June

Ruth Ann Hutson 694-7445

Greeters/Ushers for June

8:30 am service	Grace Mortimer & Peggy Kava 6/3 Hal & Patty Hertzler
11:00 am service	Mark & Brenda Lewis

Refreshments Providers for June

3	Cookie Sunday (bring snacks to share)
10	Bill Loving, Bob Tabor, & Cindy Edmonds Hall
17	Chris & Pat Moughon
24	Frosty Taylor

Palmer and the Host for June is Ruth Ann Hutson. Refreshments hosts for June will be the following:

June 3—COOKIES

10—Bill Loving, Bob Tabor and Cindy Hall

17—Pat and Chris Moughon

24__Frosty Taylor

Please let our Committee know if there is someone who needs a special visit or card. We'd rather hear about it twice than not at all.

Thank you for your service to others.

Phyllis Hudgins, Chairman

UM Men

The final shrimp dinner profits are \$2,402.28 for UMM and \$266.00 for the UMW.

The UMM shrimp dinner profits were distributed as follows:

Hands Across Mathews	- \$500
Volunteer Fire Dept.	- \$250
Volunteer Rescue Squad	- \$250
Mathews County TRIAD	- \$400
Heart Haven	- \$500
<u>St. Andrews</u>	<u>- \$500</u>

TOTAL \$2,400

During our May 19th meeting, we discussed how next year's shrimp dinner could command a larger crowd (our guess is we had about 350 "customers" this year). Several improvement ideas have been identified and we will analyze further in future months to expand our 2019 "customer base".

Additionally, we discussed and finalized execution plans for the June 2nd Church yard sale. We will be soliciting two types of donations from our congregation - first is items they wish to donate for the sale. Secondly, able body men and women to donate time to help deploy the merchandise at

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6:00 A.M. Saturday, June 2nd.

We are hopeful we can have the merchandise staged effectively by the start time of 7:00 A.M. We pray for a sunny day Saturday, June 2nd!

Steve Leap, UM Men President

Finance Committee

For the last three months we have spent about \$4000 more than we have received. We had several sizable "one time" expenditures that contributed to this.

The landscaping, pressure washing, yearly audit, and termite control were among them. The long, cold winter made for high energy bills which didn't help the situation, either. However, stewardship remains strong, and with the large cushion that we still maintain, there is no cause for alarm. Thank you for your continued support of your church through your generous gifts and offerings!

Chris Moughon, Finance Chair

Administrative Council Chair

This year is just about half over and think of the things our many Church committees have accomplished. Praise the Lord and we thank each of you for contributing to our spiritual growth at Central.

During the next half of the year, we hope to work on improving our attendance. By this, we will be doing what our church is all about--bringing people in to know Christ and His word. Our Pastor John has a spirit directed message each Sunday and uses his gifted voice in song from time to time, which is a sermon in itself, for us all to enjoy as well.

If you have any concerns or suggestions to pass on to the Administrative Council, please let me know. We thank you and welcome your input and prayers.

Bobby Hudgins, Chairman
Central Administrative Council

June 15-17, 2018

**Hampton Roads Convention Center
Hampton, VA**



How Will You Serve?
Great Day of Service
June 16, 2018, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Service Opportunities for All Attendees and All Abilities.

2018 VA Annual Conference Special Offering

The 2018 Annual conference offering goal will be \$200,000 to focus on missional priorities in Cambodia, Brazil, Mozambique, Native Americans, Cuba, Haiti, Puerto Rico and Moscow.

Cambodia: \$50,000

Brazil: \$25,000 -

Mozambique: \$25,000

Native Americans: \$10,000

Cuba Recovery: \$25,000

Haiti: \$25,000

Puerto Rico Recovery: \$25,000

Moscow Seminary: \$15,000

For more information:

<https://www.vaumc.org/AC2018>

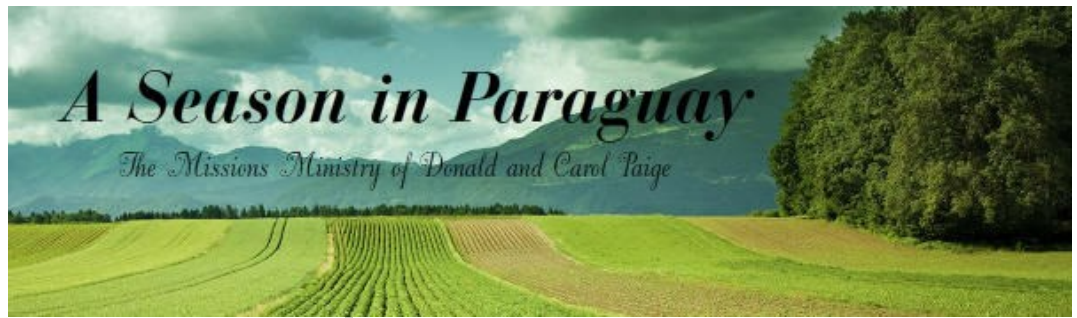
*Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers
go to the Families of...*

Charles Bunting
Joyce Hudgins
Sheldon Foster



Paige Family Update

Paigefamilymissions.com



Donald and Carol Paige are missionaries with TMS Global (formerly The Mission Society) serving in Paraguay. Central Church is a covenant partner.



Donald, Carol, Cora & Daniel Paige

Living, Loving, and Learning

These words sum up our time in Paraguay over these past 9 months.

We are **Living** life in family and community

We are **Loving** those around us

We are **Learning** and being transformed.

Living

Much of the life of a missionary is "living incarnationally" in the culture to which you have been called to serve. That means living and loving in such a way that Jesus is reflected in you.

We live in a fishbowl. Everywhere we go and everything we do in Paraguay as individuals, as a married couple, and as a family is watched and observed. We want our lives to be a true reflection of our Heavenly Father.

Loving

Called to Love (by Donald)

As I look out on a sea of unwashed faces and uncombed hair, my heart breaks. How many homes are represented here? How many are homes where the children are not receiving enough love?

Then, I remember my Lord asking Peter, "Do you love me?" To Peter's "Yes Lord," he responded, "Feed my lambs." I realize that he meant more than physical food.

These children come to the Costanera church to get food and receive love along with it. I am amazed because I can see it changing their lives. However, I worry that it is not enough to break the cycle of selfishness, neglect, and poverty that generations

of their families have endured. Then, a little hand slips into mine and gives it a tug. As I look down into the beautiful unwashed face she tells me, "Your face keeps changing." I kneel down so that we are eye level and ask, "How so?" She tells me, "It is happy then sad, happy then sad." I smile and tell her that I will work on keeping it happy. With a smile, she returns to her food.



Expect The Unexpected (by Carol)

Over the years God has taught me many things. Some lessons have come easier than others. Through everything, though, He has taught me to expect the unexpected.

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The Bible says that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). This means that he is unchanging and consistent. It does not mean that we should put Him in a box limited by our human understanding. If all the aspects of God could be fathomed and understood by our rational minds, He would not be God (Ecclesiastes 8:17; Romans 11:33).

Therefore, I have come to expect the unexpected. The cool thing about the unexpected is that it rarely comes when I expect it!

Teaching middle school was something that I never expected to do. Yet that is the opportunity that God used to open the door for our return to Paraguay. I am teaching language arts, social studies, and Bible to 6th through 8th graders. It has been a challenge learning to balance my teaching responsibilities with being a full-time doctoral student, missionary, wife, and mom. However, my students have found a special place in my heart.

God has ignited within me a passion for teaching and sharing God's Truth within all subject areas. I seek to love my students in such a way that they experience a taste of God's love for them. I desire that their understanding of God goes beyond a doctrinal "head" knowledge to a true "heart" knowledge. I want them to learn to expect the unexpected.

At the end of the semester, the secondary students have a final exam in each of their subjects. One of the sections of my 8th grade Bible exam asked the students to write a paragraph summarizing what they had learned from each of 3 units and how it could be applied to their lives.

As it came to the end of the exam time, I noticed that all of the students were finished except for one girl. When I approached her desk to look at her paper, I saw that she was writing a lot more than the expected paragraph. I knelt down and told her that it was not necessary to write so much and that what she had was sufficient. At that moment she broke out into tears. "What's wrong?" I asked. I interpreted her tears as a sign of stress over the exams. She gave me an embarrassed smile.

"Would you like to step outside and tell me?" Outside of the classroom, a new stream of tears began to flow down her face. "Mrs. Paige," she said, "You don't understand. I know that I don't have to write so much. I NEED to. God has been speaking to me about a lot of things. Every time He tells me something at church or home, I come to school and hear the same thing in your class. I am so full of the Holy Spirit!"

My heart leaped as I hugged the young lady in front of me who was radiating the beauty of God's love. I had not anticipated an unexpected move of the Spirit during an 8th-grade final exam. I have a feeling, however, that it had been totally expected by God.



Learning

We are in a season of learning and preparation. God is transforming us mentally and spiritually as he opens new training opportunities for us in the school and church.

Donald started training with the church's "Centro de Entrenamiento " in March. Through that program, he is learning how to do and run an effective ministry. Donald also began teaching 6th grade Bible and science classes in January. Both of these things are preparing him for current and future ministry.

Carol will be finished with the Ed.S. portion of her studies in July and will have just one more year of doctoral coursework before starting her dissertation in Christian Education Leadership. Teaching school and participating in the church's worship team and leadership training has also helped her to grow in many ways.

Donald & Carol Paige

Mission and Evangelism

Our committee has been reaching out to those in need in our community. This has been a rewarding outreach for all involved. This involved helping an individual find housing, move, get a phone, acquire friends and become closer to Jesus hopefully. We hope to continue this relationship.

We plan to participate in the Community Revival at Salem UMC, June 6-8th.

\$1275.00 was forwarded to Donald and Carol Paige, our covenant missionaries, in Paraguay. Another \$1275.00 will be sent in September. Carol has a Face Book site to afford communication with her...Carol Paige Regency University. Pastor John is also receiving a monthly newsletter by e-mail. This most recent will be in the June Chimes.

We have been discussing a Parents Night Out with activities for the children at church (or an outing for children). We anticipate this happening in the late summer or fall. This would be with the help of other organized committees in our church.

Pat Gwaltney

Co-Chairperson of Mission & Evangelism

Paul Townsend Memorial Class

The Paul Townsend Memorial Class, with the members of the congregation celebrated Mother's Day with flowers and donations in memory or in honor of family members.

Flowers were placed on the chancel rail and presented to each lady in the congregation on Mother's Day Sunday. Donations will be made to local organizations.

Patty Hertzler

President



Photo by Phyllis Hudgins

Renew the Spirit and Serve

Central ladies,

Do you have friends you enjoy being around? Do you like doing things for others? How about adventures? Interested in "Becoming Heart Friends"? Are you up to sharing your skills or learning new ones? If so, do I have an opportunity for you!

The date, is August 9-12 in Fayetteville, NC. We will stay at the volunteer center, and serve locally. The venue is free, the meals are shared, the community service beneficial, and friendship long lasting. It's time to get together, loving GOD, eating well, laughing/crying, praying and having much needed fellowship. There may even be some sight seeing.

If interested, please contact

Janet Burgess, 725-3007 for more information.

It would be great to Renew the Spirit and serve with you!



Father's Day Tribute Bulletin

Nancy Wroten Memorial Class

Deadline: June 10



To place your listing, contact a member of the Nancy Wroten Class.

Forms are available in the Sunday bulletin.

Image Source: sinhasat302.blogspot.com

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>June</h1>					1 UM Men Yard Sale set-up	2 UM Men Yard Sale 7:00 am to 2:00 pm
3 <i>MHS Baccalaureate Gwynn's Island Baptist 2:00 pm</i>	4 Prayer Time 8:00 am	5	6	7	8	9 United Daughters of the Confederacy 12 Noon to 4:30 pm
10 Graduation Recognition Day <i>Deadline for Father's Day Listings</i> <i>Deadline for Annual Conference Offering</i>	11 Prayer Time 8:00 am UM Women 10:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	12	13 Finance 7:00 pm	14 Bay Quilters 9:00 am - 1:00 pm <u>Choir</u> Adult - 7:15 pm	15 <i>Annual Conference Begins</i>	16 UM Men 8:00 am
					Annual Conference Hampton , VA 15-17	
17 <i>Father's Day</i>	18 Prayer Time 8:00 am Trustees 7:00 pm	19	20 Mission and Evangelism 10:00 am	21 <u>Choir</u> Adult - 7:15 pm	22	23 UM Women Healing Eagle Clinic Lunch 10:30 am
24 <i>Central Chimes Submissions Due</i>	25 Prayer Time 8:00 am	26	27 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	28 <u>Choir</u> Adult - 7:15 pm	29	30

All meeting times & dates are subject to change.
If in doubt, contact the committee chair.



Birthdays

Nancy Jagger	15
Becky Pittman	16
Ken Lee	25
John Choi	27
Danny Hogge	27
Janet Gomez	29
Betty Lewis	7/1

Anniversaries

Judy & Jennings Haynes	2
Elma & Allen Moughon	5
Sandi & Glen Morgan	8
Phyllis & Bobby Hudgins	13
Janet & Gene Gomez	17
Tom & Dale Robinson	17