



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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**All Saints' Sunday
November 3**





**Thanksgiving Dinner
at Central**

November 10, 5:00 p.m.

Meat will be provided.
Please bring a side or
dessert to share.

Joint Thanksgiving Dinner & Service

Mathews Baptist Church
Tuesday, November 26, 6:00 p.m.

Mathews Baptist will provide the turkey,
dressing and gravy;
please bring a side dish to share with the
Antioch, Westville and Mathews Baptist
congregations.

Come and enjoy
some good food
and fellowship.



ADVENT
Family Day

Sunday, November 24
3:00 p.m.
Central Fellowship Hall



From the Pastor's Pen...

My Part, Your Part – Our Work Together

(Read 1 Corinthians 12–14)

Part of the work of a pastor is to help the congregation – as well as individuals – discern the will of God for their work as disciples of Jesus Christ. The operative word is “help,” because no pastor or even a handful of people can do this work alone. The true work of the Church is accomplished best when each member does his or her part and contributes to the well being of the whole community of faith.

Every time we receive new members, the congregation responds, *“We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”*

These are not just words; they are not just tradition. Rather, they are our promise before God and one another to live faithfully so that God may be glorified in all we do as Church. These words convey our desire to fully embrace new people into the faith community called Central UMC. The love with which we love others is not our own –it is Christ who loves through us.

These words also remind us of the covenant each of us made when we joined the local

church; we once again promise to participate in the ministries of the church in five ways¹:

Through our **prayers** – How is your prayer life? For whom, what, and how often do you pray? Is there room for growth in your prayer life? Through prayer, we find our hearts drawn to God’s will and purposes for our lives; our tendency toward self-centeredness decreases as we give more time to prayer.

Through our **presence** – Why do you come to Central? What things keep you from regular worship, group Bible study, and other participation in the mission of the church? What blessing do others miss when you aren’t present? Consistent presence in the life of the congregation results in greater love for Christ and your Christian brothers and sisters.

Through our **gifts** – Gifts refer to the skills we have acquired, the talents given us by God, and how we financially support the work of ministry. Are you giving in proportion to your ability? When is the last time you compared what you give to God with what you spend on yourself? Might God be calling you to step up a percentage or more in your stewardship to God’s work – both financially and in participation in various ministries of the church? Through personal generosity we come to understand God’s extravagant generosity to us through Jesus Christ, and we begin to long to do even more for God’s glory.

Through our **service** – Some service happens within a local congregation, but most of it happens in the local

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community and extends all around the world. Service is one-on-one in Jesus' name; it is hands-on work with the needy in our community; it is how we engage in helping others without insisting that they be "deserving" in our own eyes. Service is purposeful work that lifts up, encourages, and changes lives for the glory of God. How are you engaged in service for the glory of God? Through service we find our own lives transformed for God's purposes.

Through our **witness** – When the woman at the well in John 4 realized that Jesus offered her *living water* (eternal life), she rejoiced and hurried into the village to tell others of her encounter with Jesus, and "many ... believed in him because of the woman's testimony..." (4:39). How does your life bear witness to God's grace and love? Who is the last person with whom you shared God's love, perhaps through a story of how God has acted in your own life? Through frequent witness to God's love in Christ, we grow bolder, more confident, joyful and loving.

Are you doing your part? Please join with me in renewing our covenant to live faithfully, according to our membership vows above and, most importantly, in response to God's grace in our lives.

On the journey together,
Suzanne

¹The 2008 General Conference of The United Methodist Church added "and witness" to the other four ways in which we participate in shared Christian ministry.

God's Green Earth

Let's talk **Trash** for a minute. Some reminders about the recycling opportunities in the fellowship hall:

There is a bin for recycling in the kitchen that should be used for #1 and #2 plastic containers & aluminum foil; be sure to look on the plastic container to find the numbers in the triangle. If the number is higher than 2, it can't go in the bin.

In the corner of the fellowship hall by the back door is a trash receptacle that says "aluminum cans". This is for aluminum cans which are taken to the high school and placed in the bin for recycling by the *Giving Garden*. The Giving Garden is an organization that provides medications for cancer patients who cannot afford them. This is a great cause. Please put your aluminum cans in the bin.

Before you put cups in the recycle bin or you throw other cups that cannot be recycled in the other containers, **please pour out the liquid**. Dumping liquid in the trash makes the clean up for the volunteers who take the trash to the dump so much more difficult. *Thanks!*

Batteries can be recycled at the library now. If you can't remember to bring your batteries to the church, think about taking them to the library when you go.

We are also welcoming Michael Cannon as our new committee chair,

Your Creation Care Team

Mission & Evangelism

The M & E 2013 Covenant Program to provide non-perishable food items to Hands Across Mathews (HAM) is still doing well. As of Sunday, October 20, the 43rd Sunday in the HAM Program, 1,575 food items have been provided. This works out to be 36.63 items per week. Members of the M & E Team wish to thank all who have participated in this program.

The One Room Sunday School Class will be assisting M & E by sponsoring a *Food Drive* Saturday, December 7. The children will be distributing paper bags at homes in three county neighborhoods, asking residents to fill the bag with non-perishable food items to the extent they are financially able. The filled bags will be collected Saturday, December 14 and placed along the communion rail so the food may be blessed on Sunday, December 15 during both services.

The *Early Bird Breakfast* held during *Market Days* in September grossed \$600.40 with a net of \$406.02. The bale sale held in September made \$132. These funds will be used by the M & E Team for outreach projects to be determined. The Team thanks all who participated in the *Early Bird Breakfast* and the *Bakers* who provided the bake sale items.

The last project for the M & E Team in 2013 is the *Christmas Shoe Boxes* for needy children in Mathews County. This is how it works:

- 1) Get a shoe box.
- 2) Fill it with small toys, candy, health items, etc. (See page 5 for a list of suggested items.)
- 3) Wrap the box in Christmas paper.
- 4) Note on a tag if the contents are for a boy or a girl and the appropriate age group (2-4 years, 5-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-14

years).

- 5) Deliver the box to the fellowship hall by **Sunday, December 1**, at which time they will be blessed.

Plans for *Songs, Soup, Salad and Sweets* are tentative at this time (Sunday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m. is our target). We have asked Ebenezer Baptist Church Men's Choir. We hope Gary Painter, Janet Bowman, Pastor Suzanne and others will participate.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 20 at **6:00 p.m.**

Joe Cromwell, Chairperson
Mission & Evangelism

Fellowship Time

November has four Sundays. November 3 and 17 are "cookie" Sundays and November 10 and 24 are "breakfast" Sundays. If you plan to provide cookies or if you plan to do "more than cookies", please sign up on the refreshment calendar. This will keep me advised as to whether I need to go to the store and buy some cookies. This also allows me to thank those who provided the "goodies". New Members may not be aware that the church only provides coffee and coffee condiments of sugar, sweeteners and powdered creamer. You are welcome to bring other coffee condiments and share with your fellow coffee drinkers.

Joe Cromwell,
"The Cookie Monster"

Next Deadline for *The Central Chimes*

Sunday, November 17

for the **December/January** issue.

Submit items to leigh.lewis62@gmail.com

Shoe Boxes for Christmas

The Mission and Evangelism Team is sponsoring a shoebox ministry for needy children in the Mathews Community. The boxes will be distributed through the Mathews Social Services Christmas Store. Bring filled boxes to the fellowship hall by **Sunday, December 1.**



Shoe Box: Use any empty, clean box. Attach a separate piece of paper to the box and label it for a boy or girl and age category: 2-4, 5-6, 7-9 or 10-14 years. Fill with a variety of all **new** items. Wrap in Christmas paper. Pray for the child who will receive the box.

Toy Suggestions: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, playing cards, stickers, puzzles, games, etc.

School Supplies: Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, colored markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, blunt pointed scissors, or regular ones for older children, glue, colored craft paper.

Hygiene Items: Tooth brushes, tooth paste, mild bar soap in wrapper, combs, washcloths, hand towels, and small shampoo.

Other items: Candy appropriate for age of child, T-shirts, socks, gloves, adjustable ball caps, hair clips, jewelry, flash light (extra batteries), Christmas mugs, hot chocolate packets, gift certificates to Hardee's, McDonald's, etc.

Thank you for your support. *The M & E Team*

November 2013

Paul Townsend Memorial Class

The Paul Townsend Memorial S. S. Class will hold it's regular monthly class dinner meeting on November 14 in the church fellowship hall. We will gather at 6 pm and enjoy an Italian dinner at 6:30 pm. A short business meeting will follow.

We will be making plans for projects and activities for the upcoming Christmas season.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 14 and join us for an evening of fun and Christian fellowship.

Phyllis Hudgins, President
Paul Townsend S.S. Class

Nancy Wroten Memorial Class

The Nancy Wroten Memorial Class will sponsor the *Christmas Angel Tree* again this year. We will soon inquire at Mathews Social Services for a family or two to help with their holiday wishes and needs. Look for the tree in the fellowship hall near the end of November.

*Our Central Church Family
helping Mathews Families in need.*

Advent Family Day

Please join us **Sunday, November 24 at 3:00 p.m.** for Advent Family Day. As Advent begins, we look forward to the celebration of Jesus' first coming to the world. Designed for all ages, we will be making Chrismons (special decorations for your tree) and a Jesse Tree. We will also work on a service project and joint project together. The "Faith In The Now" Sunday School class will be providing a supper. We hope you can join us!!

New Church Website

More than 17 million non-church goers in the U.S. visited a church website in the last 12 months.

And of those who decided to attend church, 61 percent of that group said the church website had been 'somewhat to very important' in their decision.

www.centralumcmathews.org is a welcoming online presence for Central Church and the new place to go to find out the latest happenings at your church! The new website was launched in October and features an online calendar of events, contact information, a repository of church newsletters, and information about various church small groups and ministries. Bookmark it today and come back often.

The website will be expanding in the weeks and months to come as additional information about church activities is made available online. What would you like to see on the website? Your suggestions are welcomed and can be submitted any time to **webmaster@centralumcmathews.org**. If you would like to be responsible for maintaining a specific page or area of your interest, please contact Greg Lewis, website administrator, for training. It's very easy to do, from any computer, without special software.

United Methodist Women

On October 14, Cherie Stone from the Laurel Shelter made a presentation to our group. It was a very interesting and educational program.

During our next meeting, we will have a program on the *World Thank* initiatives sponsored by the national United Methodist Women.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our candle burning service. Our mission projects depend on these contributions and we are grateful to everyone who contributed.

CUMW has a library in the fellowship hall. The cabinet next to the piano has many books that are excellent reading. If you borrow one, just take a card and put your name on it, so we will know you have it. If you know of any books you would like us to acquire for the library let us know. You can drop off the suggested book title in the UMW folder in the hallway.

Dee Bane,
CUMW Recording Secretary

Early Morning Thanksgiving Prayer

An early morning prayer sets the tone for the day, such as this:

"Lord, as I rise this day, I thank you for restful sleep and a new day. Help me walk through this day with your eyes, seeing people with your love and spreading your light in the world. I am grateful for all the blessings in my life, and I share my thankful heart with others by telling them how good and faithful you are. I begin this day walking with you and trust you to guide me in all I do and say. Amen."

http://www.ehow.com/info_8277531_simple-prayers-thanksgiving.html

BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Lewis	2	Emily Lewis	16
Richard Love	3	Jimmy Stewart	18
Coleman Wheeler	7	Elizabeth Milby	22
Peggy Leigh	9	Olivia Gwyn	26
Tom Tucker	11	Timmy Dehoux	28
Gabrielle Lewis	13	Leigh Lewis	29
Grace Mortimer	14	Ken Palmer	30
Melba Houser	15		

ANNIVERSARIES

Anne & Mason South 15

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILIES OF...

Roland Respass	Ben Morris
Robert C. Howard	Pearl Hutchinson
Ben Morris	

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Operating Account Status Year To Date
September 2013 Ending

1. Need for Budget.....	129,770
2. Operating Income.....	116,968
3. Budgeted Expenses.....	143,493

Additional information on the status of the church's Operating Accounts is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway just outside the nursery classroom.

Nate Houser,
 Finance Committee Chairman



Saturday, November 16
8:00 am
Breakfast & Fellowship

Welcome to Our New Members!



Welcome to Brenda Rice. Brenda joined our Central family on September 29.

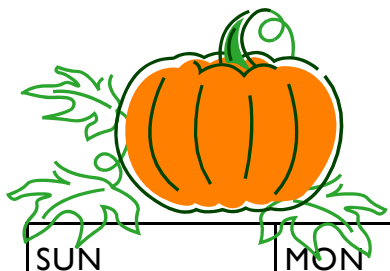


Becky Pittman joined Central on September 29. Welcome!



Tina and Dick Flegenheimer became Central members on October 13. Welcome!

Merci Thank you, Central Church, for your lovely card and gift certificate to Southwind Pizza on the occasion of Pastor's Appreciation Month. I thank God for each of you! ~ Suzanne



November 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> All meeting times & dates are subject to change. </div>					Daylight Savings Time Ends FALL BACK
3 All Saints Sunday 	4 Prayer Time 8:00 am Worship 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7 Children's Choir Practice 6:45 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm	8	9
10 Central Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00 pm	11 Prayer Time 8:00 am UM Women 7:00 pm	12	13	14 Paul Townsend Class 6:00 pm Children's Choir Practice 6:45 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm	15	16 UM Men Breakfast 8:00 am
17 Central Chimes Articles Due	18 Prayer Time 8:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	19	20 Mission & Evangelism 6:00 pm Administrative Council 7:00 pm	21 Children's Choir Practice 6:45 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm	22	23
24 Advent Family Day 3:00 pm	25 Prayer Time 8:00 am	26 Joint Thanksgiving Dinner at Mathews Baptist Church 6:00 pm	27	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING 	29	30

COMMUNITY
EVENTS AT
CENTRAL

Central Village Homemakers
First Wednesday of the month, 9 am

Brownie Troop 1075
Every Thursday during the school year, 3 pm

HAM Life Skills Committee
Third Thursday of the month, 3 pm