



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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Won't You Be My Neighbor?

In the spring of 2014 I attended the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the UMC in Maryland and the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in Biloxi MS. These conferences were set to teach Disaster Response strategies. I learned much and was able to help Central UMC move forward in their disaster preparedness.

One of the main components that I learned was "Connecting Neighbors." The Central Disaster Response Study Team was organized and instituted practical practices within our church. One of the major projects was reformatting the Church Directory into a geographical, working model as suggested by the United Methodist Conference. This process has taken many months and is almost done-just a few more proofs.

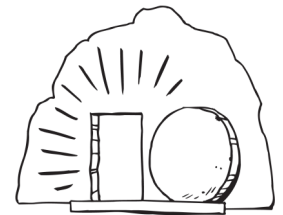
The purpose of the Geographical Directory is to encourage folks to know their Central Church members as neighbors. Having neighborhood groups also permits each other to check on their safety during storms and dangerous weather since they live within the vicinity. Now Mathews neighborhoods are not particularly geographically close, but are at least relatively near by.

The Geographical Directory should be complete this spring. Congregational Care Leaders have already agreed to participate in the new calling tree and will receive the names and addresses of their cluster shortly. Thank you all for your patience and acceptance of this project. We look forward to accepting John Wesley's question "*Is thy*

heart right towards thy neighbor?"

Janet Burgess

Disaster Response



From the Pastor's Pen

Easter Is More Than a Day

Years ago I was visiting Israel with a group of fellow students, and our stops included a refugee camp near the city of Hebron. The scene there with dusty roads and humble buildings was a contrast to the modern pictures of Jewish settlements. As I was soaking in the scene, it occurred to me: Christianity had a humble beginning, too. It began with one man who long ago walked on dusty roads much like the ones before my eyes. And I marveled at what it had become now after two thousand years.

Easter did more than see a man live again—it changed the fundamental realities. Since Easter, our world became a place where good eventually overcomes evil, hope triumphs over despair. It is the new reality that Jesus called "Kingdom of Heaven." The early Christians who lived in the shadows of the mighty Roman Empire, steadfastly professed: Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Give the Gift of Life!
Mathews Community Blood Drive
Tuesday, April 3, 1:30 -7:00 pm
Piankatank Ruritan Club
Sponsored by
Locust Grove UMC &
Spring Hill Baptist church

Image source: pixabay.com

On Easter Sunday we celebrate the good news of resurrection. Afterwards, it is time for us to live the good news. As one hymn says:

*This is my father's world
Oh, let me never forget
That though the wrong seems off so strong
God is the ruler yet*

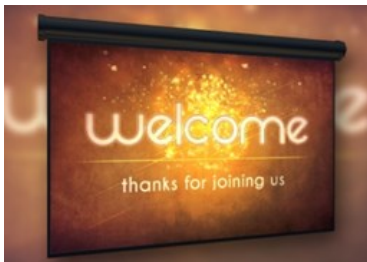
That is not true just for one day; but at all times. May the Holy Spirit help us live as people of hope, the Easter people.

Gratefully,

John

Creation Care

Creation Care celebrates that Central finally has a new screen in the Fellowship Hall for all the church to use. This will be used for adults and youth classes and presentations. For years, it has been a challenge to set up the old heavy screen. This wonderful gift didn't "just happen." A big thanks goes to the following: John Choi, Ken Lee, David Hudgins, Ben Leigh, Greg Lewis and James Martin!



Creation Care Team is working with our church's Youth Directors to see if we can participate in FINS being held at Central in April. Our next meeting is April 19 at 1:30 pm to set up for the FINNS presentation.

"The earth is the Lords and everything in it."

Michael Cannon
Creation Care



Hospitality and Visitation

Friends enjoying the fellowship and refreshment time following the 8:30 am worship service. Everyone is invited. So come early, before Sunday School, and join in this special time.



Photos by Phyllis Hudgins

Greeters/Ushers for April

8:30 am service	Ken & Karen Palmer
11:00 am service (April 8)	Kenneth & Mary Marshall Linda Dalgety & Marcia Fry

Hospitality Host for April

Frosty Taylor 804-586-2995

Refreshments Providers for April

1	Easter
8	Nate and Melba Houser Ed and Michael Cannon
15	Martha Arnold, Louise Witherspoon and Mary Wade Smith
22	Tom & Dale Robinson
29	Youth Sunday/Joint service

From Lay Leader

Last year, Pastor John asked me to serve as Central's Lay Leader. I am blessed that John has the confidence and the trust that I may serve in this capacity and that God has also ordained this ministry and will guide me in the execution of the responsibilities of this position.

"What is Lay Leader"? you may ask.

According to the Book of Discipline, lay leader shall function as the primary lay representative of the laity in that local church and shall have the following responsibilities:

a) fostering awareness of the role of laity both within the congregation and through their ministries in the home, workplace, community, and world, and finding ways within the community of faith to recognize all these ministries;

b) meeting regularly with the pastor to discuss the state of the church and the needs for ministry;

c) membership in the charge conference and the church council, the committee on finance, and the committee on nominations & leadership development, where, along with the pastor, the lay leader shall serve as an interpreter of the actions and programs of the annual conference and the general Church (to be better equipped to comply with this responsibility, it is recommended that a lay leader also serve as a lay member of annual conference);

d) continuing involvement in study and training opportunities to develop a growing understanding of the Church's reason for existence and the types of ministry that will most effectively fulfill the Church's mission;

e) assisting in advising the church council of opportunities available and the needs expressed for a more effective ministry of the church through its laity in the community;

f) informing the laity of training opportunities provided by the annual conference. Where

possible, the lay leader shall attend training opportunities in order to strengthen his or her work.

These are numerous and challenging responsibilities. I have accepted these and have found them exciting as well as informative. Recently I have taken a 5 hour training in "Suicide Prevention", 3 hour class in Lay Leadership, a 5 hour class "Beyond Sunday School", and another 3 hour class in "Wesleyan Doctrine". I joined Pastor John for two of these classes.

This all sounds difficult and time consuming, but I have found these trainings informative and faith building. Please join me in this journey. I welcome advice, questions and concerns. If you have comments or ideas let's talk about them and strive to create a cohesive congregation, with kindness and concern for each other.

God's Grace,
Janet Burgess

Sunday, April 29

5th Sunday, Joint Service

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service



Youth Sunday

~Worship led by our Youth~

**2:15 pm Song Service
at Riverside Convalescent
Center**

UM Women UMCOR Cleaning Kit Drive

Central's UMW will be assembling cleaning kits to send to UMCOR. These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane. Below is a list of items for each kit. If participating, please place the items in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Contact Pat Gwaltney at 725-2010 for questions

Cleaning Kit Materials:

1 5-Gallon "Round" bucket w/ resealable lid

Must be round, washed & cleaned if from a restaurant. Do not use buckets that had chemicals inside. Advertisements on outside are okay.

Liquid laundry detergent

One 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s)

Liquid household cleaner

12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water. No spray cleaners.

Dish soap

16-28 oz. bottle, any brand

50 Clothespins

Clothesline

One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines
Cotton or plastic

7 Sponges

No cellulose sponges due to mold issues (Non-cellulose sponges or "foam sponges" only. Foam or man-made sponges will not retain water and cause mildew)

Found in household & automotive stores and some restaurant supply houses. Some commonly available brands include, Scotch-Brite, Dobie All-Purpose Pad, Lysol Multi-Purpose Durable Scrub Sponge, Scrub Daddy Original, Melamine Foam Kitchen Wash Cleaning Sponge.

Remove from packaging

24-Roll heavy-duty trash bags

33-45 gal. sizes

Remove from the box

18 Cleaning wipes

Handi-wipes or reusable wipes

No terry cleaning towels

Remove from packaging

1 Can air freshener

Aerosol or pump

1 Insect-repellant spray

6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover

2 Pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves

Should be durable enough for multiple uses. Remove from packaging

1 Pair work gloves

All cotton, all leather or cotton with Leather palm

5 Scouring pads

Remove from wrapper. No stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)

1 Scrub brush

Plastic or wood handle

5 Dust masks

(Value: \$65 per kit)



Important notes

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powers, please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent lid from sealing.

The Paul Townsend Class will have a Mother's Day Bulletin again this year. Listings can be entered on the index cards provided and returned in the envelope (with \$1 donation per listing) to *Grace Mortimer or Cheryl Wheeler*. Proceeds are used to benefit the community.

The deadline is
April 29th.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Happy
Mothers day

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2018 Graduates

The Paul Townsend Memorial Class will again be honoring this year's graduates. If you have a child or grandchild graduating from high school or college, please call David Hudgins at 725-6586 or another member with the name, type of diploma/degree and institution attended. Please provide a photo to be included in the *Central Chimes*.

From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees would like to share with you some of the works being done around the church this spring.

- Landscaping work was done on the church ground that includes mulching, trimming of the bushes, shoring up the roses bed, and replacing an arbor vitae. This was funded from the Baily Hudgins Bequest.

- Termite treatment and pest control will be done with regular check-ups to follow. According to an inspection, evidences point to previous termite activities under the church building, whereas there is no sign of current ones.

- A new refrigerator was generously donated by Allen and Elma Moughon; it will be used to preserve sanctuary flowers as needed and allow refrigerators in the kitchen to be used exclusively for food storage.

- As a shared project with Creation Care Team, a pull-down screen was installed in the Fellowship Hall. We thank James Martin for the gift, which is sure to be well used.

- The exterior of the church was pressure-washed on March 27.

- The Board is working to update Safe Sanctuaries policy of the church designed to protect children and vulnerable adults and will soon recommend it to the Administrative Council.

Board of Trustees

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women hosted a Thank-you luncheon for our community volunteers. We had a great crowd. Representatives from the Volunteer Rescue Squad, Fire Department, Hands Across Mathews, Friends of the Library and many other organizations

attended. Members of this church and community are very giving. Thanks to all who brought food and decorations. A good time was had by all.



Photos by Judy Moughon

Our next meeting will be April 9th at 10:00 am. Tom Robinson will give us some ideas on how we will be able to grow our church, especially young families and youth. All are invited to join us on the 9th, and we hope you will. This is a very important subject for our congregation.

Grace Mortimer
Secretary

[Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers go to the Families of...](#)

Carl Carter
Jim Ford
George Winfred Foster
Mary Keen
Darnell Rowe Wells



Financial Secretary

My sincere appreciation goes out to all who volunteer to count money on Sundays. If you are willing to give 45 minutes to an hour on Sunday, please contact me.

Marcia Fry

Financial Secretary



We thank Allen and Elma Moughon for a new refrigerator. It will preserve the beautiful sanctuary flowers as needed and allow kitchen refrigerators to be used for food only.

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THE BRAINS BEHIND SAVING YOURS®

Thursday, April 19, 9:30 to 11:30 am
Central UMC

Dementia:

Understanding Behaviors
Speaker: *Ellie Galloway*,
Regional Director
Alzheimer's Association

The Healing Power of Touch

Speaker:
Ginger Platsis
Owner

Heartfelt Touch Massage Therapy

Registration Required and
space is limited

—Register Today!

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804-446-5857

Email: egalloway@alz.org

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN'S



Steamed Shrimp Dinner



Friday, April 27th

4:00-7:00 P.M.

Steamed Shrimp

Hush Puppies

Cole Slaw

Baked Beans

Desserts

Drinks

Hot Dogs and More!!!

TAKE OUT OR EAT IN
Come out and enjoy great food, fun, and fellowship!!

DONATION

Eat In - \$17.00 or Take Out - \$16.00

Children Age 5 -10 \$6.00 Under 5 FREE

Proceeds Benefit Local Church & Community Outreach

Purchase tickets in advance from any member of the

Central United Methodist Men

or call 725-8673, 725-2488 or 725-3751 today!



Fridays IN the Spirit

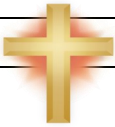

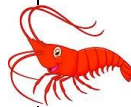
Friday, April 20

6:30—9:00 pm

at Central UMC

with St. Paul UMC

Ages: K-12th Grade

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>1 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am (old Field Point) Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am</p>	<p>2 Prayer Time 8:00 am Women's Choir 7:00 pm</p>	<p>3 Blood Drive 1:30-7:00pm Disciple Class 7:00 pm</p>	<p>4 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Disciple Class 10:00 am</p>	<p>5 Children's Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.</p> </div>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 FINS Planning 5:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Prayer Time 8:00 am UM Women 10:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm</p>	<p>10 Disciple Class 7:00 pm</p>	<p>11 Disciple Class 10:00 am Finance 7:00 pm</p>	<p>12 Bay Quilters 9:00 am - 1:00 pm P. Townsend Class 6:00 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16 Prayer Time 8:00 am Trustees 7:00 pm</p>	<p>17 Disciple Class 7:00 pm</p>	<p>18 Disciple Class 10:00 am Mission & Evangelism 9:00 am Administrative Council TBA 7:00 pm</p>	<p>19 Alzheimer's Association 9:30 - 11:30 am Creation Care 1:30 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm</p>	<p>20 FINS at CUMC 6:30 - 9:00 pm </p>	<p>21 UM Men Breakfast 8:00 am</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23 Prayer Time 8:00 am</p>	<p>24 Disciple Class 7:00 pm</p>	<p>25 Disciple Class 10:00 am 7:00 pm</p>	<p>26 Children's Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm</p>	<p>27 UM Men Shrimp Dinner 4:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p>28 </p>
<p>29 Youth Sunday Joint Service 10:00 am 2:15 pm Song Service at Nursing Home</p>	<p>30 Prayer Time 8:00 am</p>					

April

Birthdays

Lisa Zerbe	4	Marcia Fry	18
Bobby Hudgins	11	Janet Burgess	20
Mark Lewis	12	Helen Lee	20
Kathy Bochau	13	Diana More	21
Christine Ulrich	14		

Anniversaries

Ken & Karen Palmer	8
Richard & Melissa Moughon	9
Chris & Pat Moughon	18
Craig & Katherine Small	21

