



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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From the Pastor's Pen

In these days many churches are wrestling with the question, "How could we get more people into the church?" We should indeed think about it, as long as it is about introducing people to the good news of Jesus Christ. But it would also be helpful to think about other questions:

- Would we welcome people who are different, those who rarely attended church before, and others who are poor and in need of help?
- Would we get to know them personally and sit at the same table with them?
- How will people grow as disciples of Jesus Christ at Central Church?
- If people cannot come to us for some reason, would we be willing to go to them?

How we might welcome more people into the church, is also a question of how we could be a more Christ-led church. I am thankful that Central Church has much to share in the way of love. I look forward to speaking more on these questions with you in the coming days.

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Maudy Thursday
Service
HOLY

COMMUNION
April 18, 7:00 pm

Give the Gift of Life!
Mathews Community Blood Drive
Tuesday, April 2, 2:00 -7:00 pm
Piankatank Ruritan Building
Sponsored by
Mathew Baptist Church
Go to redcrossblood.org for appt.
Call 804-725-2485 for questions.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Westville Christian Church
Daily at Noon
April
Sponsored by Ministerial Alliance



Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 21
6:15 am
Old Field Point, Moon
In the event of rain meet at Central UMC


April 21st at Central UMC
Sunday School -9:00 am
Joint Worship Service
10:00 am

Pastor and writer Adam Hamilton says, "Your worst thing is never your last thing." That well expresses the Christian's hope in a world where Jesus' tomb stands empty. The death of Jesus was a great loss of hope; but God raised him back to life, and the world has never been the same.

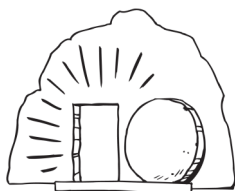
Some might say, "I still see hopelessness and despair; how is the world different?" God's Kingdom did not come in a visible way that you can put on a map. Instead, wherever people receive Jesus as the Lord, the Holy Spirit brings resurrection in their lives. God has promised to never leave us alone or forsake us, and our worst thing is never our last thing.

When people are changed, so is the society. We have come a way from the cruel days when criminals were nailed to the trees and emperors were deified. But we still have a way to go. Where is it that God has placed you in society, and what might be your calling? As you labor to bring good into people and society, you may encounter resistance, and you may have to shoulder a cross of self-denial and humility; may the God of hope and resurrection be with you so that you continue to be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

As we enter the Holy Week and welcome Easter season, let's not just make it about family. Let us welcome God's reign of hope into our lives. In humble repentance and faith let Jesus be the Lord, and his resurrection will be ours as well.

Gratefully,

John



Greeters/Ushers for April

8:30 am service	Ken & Karen Palmer
11:00 am service	Brenda Lewis & Marcia Fry

Hospitality Host for April

Frosty Taylor—804-586-2995

Hospitality and Visitation

The March winds have blown the husks from the Bradford pear trees revealing beautiful white blooms, the daffodils are in full bloom and we see God's wonderful handiwork everywhere. Please take time to enjoy His amazing ever changing creation.

We are also blessed at Central to have such generous and talented people who share their gifts with others. Those that served as Hospitality Host and refreshment hosts for March are as follows: Peggy Leigh was Hospitality Host for the month of March. Thank all those who contributed to Cookie Sunday on the first Sunday of March. Karen and Ken Palmer were Hosts on the 10th; Dee Bane, Mary Wade Smith and Pat Moore were hosts on the 17th. and Louise and Mike Witherspoon were hosts on the 24th. There are no refreshments on the 5th Sunday since we have Sunday school and one combined worship service.

Our April Hospitality Host is Frosty Taylor. Please tell her if anyone in our church family needs a card or a note. Her number is 586-2995, or phone me at 725-3751.

We welcome snacks or Cookies for the first Sunday, April 7th. The next Sunday, April 14th is Palm Sunday and Sherri and John Hodges will serve as refreshment hosts. There will be no refreshment time on Easter Sunday, the 21st. On the last Sunday, the 28th, (Chef) Jonathan Lewis will host our refreshment time. Thanks to all who participates in this special time of fellowship together. We have wonderful cooks at Central. Please share some of your talent with others by signing up on the hospitality calendar in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance.

Phyllis Hudgins, Chairman
Hospitality/Visitation Committee



Creation Care

At the March meeting Creation Care Team processed 145 additional youth books for **Hands Across Mathews.**



We have now redistributed 755 children's books!

Our team also enjoyed reading the many notes from 6th graders at Thomas Hunter School. They were thanking Central for giving them a chance to learn about

recycling in Mathews, run races and win prizes. The school has already booked the Creation Care Recycle Program for next year.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA**

The Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Mathews would like Creation Care to present recycle classes at Central for the young people there. We are trying to coordinate

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

William Anne Pamplin

Jimmy Smith

Louise Waggy



the schedules for the last week in May on the **29th and 30th.**

WHAT'S NEW IN RECYCLING: Companies are starting to listen to customer requests to stop polluting with plastic! Samsung, the largest smart phone maker, has announced in February 2019 to ditch the plastic it uses for packaging. The company consumed nearly 590,000 tons of plastic in 2017. Instead of plastic, Samsung will start using other environmentally sustainable products.

Michael Cannon
Creation Care Team



The Central United Methodist Women

cordially invite
all United Methodist Women in
Mathews County
to attend a special program
presented by
The Avalon Center

Guest Speaker: Leslie Jingluski



Date: **Monday, April 8th at 10:00am**

Central United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall,
121 Church Street,
Mathews, VA

Please R.S.V.P. to Martha Arnold
201 232-5890

Coffee and Light Refreshments
will be served.



Order your Easter Lilies

Honor or remember someone
with a beautiful pot of Lilies on
the altar Easter Sunday.

Please see insert in the Sunday Bulletin!

Deadline is April 14th

United Methodist Women

On March 11th, we hosted a luncheon for our Volunteers. We served ham, chili, casseroles, salads, and cookies to 18 honored guests. The Fellowship Hall looked very festive as we decorated with greenery brought in for St. Patrick's Day. There was plenty to eat and we even sent some of the leftovers to the Mathews Rescue Squad since they were unable to attend this year. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the good food.

Dee Bane is still working on the CUMW cookbook. It is near to completion. We are delighted to share our recipes along with some Three Rivers Healthy Families Recipes. We hope to have the cookbook ready for sale in the next couple of months.

In May, we will be preparing Health Kits for Conference. We are requesting monetary donations as well as donations of supplies. The list of items that make up a health kit are being announced in the weekly bulletin and in the Chimes. The deadline will be May 12th. Thank you for your generosity.

Martha Arnold
CUMW President



2019 Volunteer Luncheon

Photos by:
Judy Moughon
&
John Choi

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 28th.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Happy
Mothers day

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2019 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*. **Deadline is May 31.**

UM Women UMCOR Hygiene Kit Drive

Central's UMW will be assembling hygiene kits to send to UMCOR. Hygiene kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Hygiene kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes. Below is a list of items for each kit. If participating, please place the items in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Contact Martha Arnold at 1-201-232-5890 or marjoe5050@gmail.com for questions. **Deadline is May 12.**

Hygiene Kit Materials:

- 1-Hand towel (15 x 25—17 x 27 inches)**
No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels.
- 1-Washcloth**
No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels.
- 1-Comb**
Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth.
No pocket combs or picks.
Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth.
- 1-Toenail or fingernail clipper**
No emery boards or metal nail files.
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)**
No Ivory or Jergen's soap.
Do not remove from packaging.
- 1-Adult Toothbrush**
Do not remove from packaging.
Personal advertising not acceptable.
- 10-Adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches)**
Common household bandages acceptable.
- 1-One-gallon size re-sealable bag**



(Value: \$12 per kit)

Important notes

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

CENTRAL U M MEN'S Steamed Shrimp Dinner



Friday, May 17th



4:00-7:00 P.M.

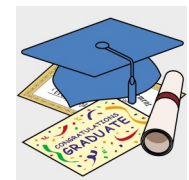
Donation

\$17.00 Eat-in or \$16.00 Take-out

Children Age 5 -10 \$6.00 Under 5 FREE

Purchase tickets in advance from any member of the Central United Methodist Men or call 725-8673, 725-2488 or 725-3751 today!

Congratulations to Emma Hudgins, of Mathews
Emma is studying at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and is our 2019 Central church Scholarship recipient.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Blood Drive 1:30-7:00pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	3 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Bible Study 10:00 am Soup with Love at Kingston Parish 12:00 Noon	4 Choir Practice 7:15 pm	5	6
		All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.				
7	8 UM Women/ Avalon Center Presentation 10:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	9	10 Finance 7:00 pm Soup with Love at Kingston Parish 12:00 Noon	11 Bay Quilters 9:00 am - 1:00 pm P. Townsend Class 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:15 pm	12	13
14 Palm Sunday  Last day to order Lilies	15 Trustees 7:00 pm	16	17 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am Holy Week Service Daily at Noon Westville Christian Church	18 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm	19 Good Friday	20 UM Men Breakfast 8:00 am
21  Easter Sunrise Service 6:15 am (Old Field Point) Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	22	23	24 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	25 Choir Practice 7:15 pm	26	27
28	29	30	April 2019			

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

