



# THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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## From the Pastor's Pen

It dawns on me these days that so many people in our world are horribly suffering. That is not a new situation, but the war in Ukraine has laid bare its reality in stark detail. Here I am used to earnestly praying for one person at a time, one surgery at a time. But in Europe's second largest country, tens of thousands have been killing and being killed, their limbs blown to bits, their children caught in explosions, and entire cities trapped without food, water, or heat. Scores of hospitals and healthcare facilities have been bombed to rubbles. Millions of refugees have left behind their husbands, sons, and fathers. It is sickening; it is evil.

Ukraine is not the only violent conflict or massive disaster we can name from memory. I think of how half a million people perished in Syria. Bombings still continue in Yemen. They are forecasting a desperate food crisis in Afghanistan. North Korea is a prison state. Myanmar. China. Central America overrun by cartels. The list goes on. Our own country has sufferings of its own, as do our neighbors and friends.

If we as Christians can do something for some of these people to lessen their suffering, it would be a worthwhile effort. For example we will send our gifts to United Methodist Committee on Relief as well as to International Rescue Committee. It may be a small effort against what is happening, but with Jesus we can say, "My Father is still working, and I also am working." (John 5:17)

Our calling is to share with the world that God is still love. At such a time as this, it speaks to us deeply that God was incarnated into this

world, and that he suffered and died alongside us. He also rose again, overcoming death itself. If we could somehow learn of his spirit and love, we are bound to bring more hope into this world.

Even as we face the sufferings of our fellow humans, now is the time to deeply meditate on the passion of Christ and his resurrection.

Gratefully,  
*John*



*Good Friday*  
*Service*

**April 15th**  
**7:00 p.m.**



**Easter Sunrise Service**  
**April 17; 6:00 am**  
**Old Field Point, Moon**

### Directions to Old Field Point

- Take Buckley Hall Road (beside Hardee's) towards Moon.
- Turn left at Fitchett's Wharf Road (in sharp curve).
- Look for a large Old Field Point sign on right.
- Turn right and then make a left.
- Follow the road straight into the yard of the home.



**April 17th at Central UMC**  
**In person Worship Service**  
**& Online 9:15 am**  
**Sunday School – 10:15 am**



**Join us for Communion service on Palm Sunday, April 10th.**



**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Westville Christian Church  
261 Main Street, Mathews**

**Daily at Noon  
April 11-15**

**Presented by  
the Mathews County  
Christian Ministers  
Association**

**Kingston Episcopal Parish  
invites you to**



**Soup with Love**

**Wednesday, April 6th  
at Noon in the Parish House  
370 Main Street, Mathews**

Sponsored by the Kingston Parish Women

*There will be a short service beginning at Noon led by Fr. Gary of Kingston Parish with homilies given by the following clergy :*

The Rev. Dede Parrish, St. Paul's/Beulah UMC

*Donations will benefit the Mathews community.*

**Mission Focus for April:  
Hands Across Mathews**



Hand Across Mathews seeks to help local families who have suffered some crisis that puts them in need of the basic amenities of food, clothing, shelter, prescription medications or fuel. HAM has combined the efforts of 35 churches to provide non-denominational charitable aid to families, which have been evaluated and approved by the Mathews County Social Services Department. The following statistics summarize its efforts in the past year:

- The budget for programs exceeds \$140,000 annually;
- Between 95 and 100 families per week are receiving food;
- Approximately 70 volunteers provide over 9,000 hours of services each year.

For more information:

[www.handsacrossmathews.org](http://www.handsacrossmathews.org)



**2022 Graduates**

The Paul Townsend Memorial Class will again be honoring this year's high school and college graduates with Bibles and books of worship.

Please drop off, mail or email the following to the church office by **Sunday, May 22nd.**

*You may also call David Hudgins at 804-725-3273*

Full Name & type of diploma/degree and institution attended.

- Share your plans for the future
- Add names of parents and/or grandparents that are members of Central
- Include a Photo if you like, for the Chimes Newsletter (Please note if you need photo returned).

## Gifts to Mission and Disaster Response

The church's \$100 gift from Mission & Evangelism budget will be increased by special gifts during March: \$240 for United Methodist Committee in Relief and \$1,050 for International Rescue Mission, plus \$50 from UWIF.

## UMM Arts Sale (3/26)



## Easter People

I've heard it said that we are "Easter people" and not "Christmas people." I never really thought much about that statement until recently. If you compare the two holiday seasons, Easter gets the short end of the stick. Easter doesn't have anywhere near the amount of "hoopla" surrounding it compared to Christmas, which isn't a bad thing. And let's face it, it is much more pleasant to talk about the birth of a baby boy rather than the horrible, bloody death of a man on a cross. However, it is because of that death on a cross that Jesus suffered we are saved from our sins. That makes us "Easter people."

If you're not comfortable talking about the cross, that's okay, focus on the wonderful life that Jesus led and all the wonderful things He said and did. After all, how He changed the world during His life and afterwards is more important than how He came into the world and how He left it.

We all have heard it said, and probably have said it ourselves, "Jesus is the reason for the season." This can certainly apply not only to Christmas, but even more so to Easter. The more I think about it, the more I realize that we really are "Easter people."

Have a truly blessed Easter!

*Chris Moughon*

Administrative Council Chair

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

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Ron Bowman

Lola Hudgins Hamilton

Paul Owens

Tom Eley

Laura Nester



## UMM Sponsors Benefit Events

The Central United Methodist Men met on Saturday, March 19. Pastor John and Steve Eley headed up the breakfast detail and the 16 members present enjoyed their efforts. It was great to have Ben Leigh back with us as well as newcomer Chris Merrill.

We discussed the recent Brunswick Stew Sale and it was reported that we had a profit of about \$700 since we had containers left over from last time. Thanks to all who purchased some stew and thanks to all who labored on this project, especially our project manager, Gerald Taylor.

We also discussed the upcoming Art Sale that will be taking place on Saturday, March 26. Our project manager, Joe Arnold, reported that we'll be collecting and organizing donations this week to be ready to go at 7am. We're looking forward to having the United Women In Faith join us with a bake sale 9am to 1pm. This is a first-time event, so we're hoping for a good turnout and a successful sale.

Tentative plans were made for a roadside trash pickup sometime in May. We'll work on the details at the next meeting which will take place on Saturday, April 16, at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see an even better showing of men that morning!

*Chris Moughon,*  
CUMM President

### Paige Family Update

Dear Church family,

[See this video](#) showing the school where we serve and some of our missions in Spain. Carol is narrating. Also, see the links below for more about our missions.

Blessings,

Donald, Carol, Cora, and Daniel

Donald and Carol Paige

Missionaries to Spain

TMS Global

[www.tms-global.org](http://www.tms-global.org)

[www.paigefamilymissions.com](http://www.paigefamilymissions.com)

## Journey with God Well Received

At our March 23rd meeting we discussed a variety of topics. We voted to adopt Hands Across Mathews as our April mission focus and Avalon for May.

Our last *Journey with God* was well received and attended by many people. Pastor John's musical selection set a worshipful tone for the evening and Nancy Jagger's testimony had an emotional impact on her listeners.

We voted to present another *Journey with God* program on May 1st at 5:00 pm. Judy Moughon will offer her testimony. Once again, we will offer the opportunity to light a candle as a memory or as a prayer request. Following this will be the chance to pray at the altar. The evening will close with a benediction.

I plan to attend the Bible Club at the middle school on April 14th and offer a short lesson and craft to the students. I will talk with them and determine their interest in the various programs Central will have this Summer.

*Linda Dalgety*

Mission and Evangelism Chair

### Save the Date!

### *Journey with God*

**May 1st, 5:00 pm**

With 15 minutes of music & singing followed by a personal testimony by *Judy Moughon*.

Congregation members will be given the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of a loved one or as a symbol of prayer.

Evening will close with a benediction.



## UMW Is Now United Women In Faith

United Methodist Women have changed their name to United Women In Faith. Therefore, our new name is Central United Women in Faith (CUWIF). It may take us some time to become accustomed to this new name.

Central United Women In Faith participated in the March 13th Church Service. Nancy Goldman and Patty Hertzler were the greeters, Nancy Jagger led the Liturgy, and we joined together to sing two hymns. Judy Moughon led the Candle Burning liturgy. We collected \$544 for Candle Burning which equaled to 15 minutes and 10 seconds. We thank the congregation for their generous support. Your donations will also be represented in the District Candle Burning Service that will be held during the York River District United Women In Faith's Annual Meeting.

Our United Women In Faith prepared baked goods which were available for sale at the Art Sale the United Methodist Men had on March 26th in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds from the bake sale went to UMM.

We have had word that UMCOR is once again accepting kits to be distributed throughout their global relief efforts. At our April meeting we will be assembling 48 UMCOR Hygiene Kits to take to the Annual Conference. The price of each Hygiene kit is \$12.00. If you would like to donate to the UMCOR kits, please make your check payable to CUWIF.

Dee, Christine, and Martha attended a viewing of a film called "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools" presented by Peggy Newsome, Mathews Chapel UWIF. This event was a welcome invitation from another Mathews County UWIF organization. It is our hope that there will be future events that we can share.

We continue our monthly \$50 donation to the organizations that are chosen by the Mission and Evangelism Team.

As a reminder, we still have a few bags of Schermer's Pecans to sell. The pecans are \$11 per bag and are available in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the sale of the pecans

will be sent directly to the Wesley Community Service Center. "The Good Measure Cookbook" is still available for \$12. Both the pecans and the cookbook make great gifts.

We continue to collect Non-Food items for HAM in a bin in the Fellowship Hall There is also a need at HAM for canned vegetables and canned fruits as well as soup, cereal, pasta, and pasta sauce. These food items can be left in the vestibule between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

*Martha Arnold*  
CUWIF President



United  
Women  
in Faith

**Central UMC  
YouTube Channel  
Join us at 9:15 a.m.  
for church services online.**

Go to:  
[www.centralumcmathews.org](http://www.centralumcmathews.org)  
and click on the YouTube link.



### ***Give the Gift of Life!***

Mathews Community Blood Drive  
Tuesday, April 19, 2:00 -7:00 pm

Piankatank Ruritan Building

**Must call for an appointment!**

Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for appt.  
or Call 804-725-2485 for appt.  
and for questions.



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## Recycling Saves Money for the County

Each time a trash truck takes paper and cardboard to the landfill with other items, it costs Mathews about \$209. Instead, we could take time to throw the paper into the recycle bin. Why is it important?



- 1) Because every truckload of paper that goes to be recycled brings in to Mathews \$350 to \$450 revenue.
- 2) Because 1 ton of recycle paper can save 17 trees.
- 3) Because paper accounts for 25% of landfill waste. When paper or cardboard starts to decompose in a landfill, it gives off methane gas, a big contributing factor to climate change.



Help Mathews and your planet—recycle paper!

*Michael Cannon*

Creation Care Team

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



**Vacation Bible School is coming  
to Central this Summer!**

Dates to be announced!

Likely Mon-Fri (6:30 to 8:30 pm)

Volunteers are needed!

Contact Nancy Jagger at 804-694-7017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>April 2022</h1>					1	2 UM Men Art Works Sale 8:00 am- Noon
3	4	5  Bible Study 7:00 pm	6  Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  Bible Study 10:00 am	7  Tai Chi 9:30 am	8	9
10 <b>Palm Sunday Communion Service</b>   Deadline for Lily orders	11 <b>Holy Week</b>  UWIF 10:00 am  SPRC 7:00 pm	12  Bible Study 7:00 pm	13  Bible Study 10:00 am  Finance 1:30 pm  <b>Service Daily at Noon Westville Christian Church</b>	14  Tai Chi 9:30 am  Paul Townsend Class lunch 12:00 Noon	15  <b>Good Friday Service 7:00 pm</b>	16  UM Men 8:00 am
17 <b>Sunrise Service 6:00 am at Old Field Pt.</b>   <b>Easter Sunday 9:15 am</b>	18  NAACP 6:00 pm	19  Blood Drive Piankatank Ruritan Club 2:00 - 7:00pm	20  Mission & Evangelism 9:00 am	21  Tai Chi 9:30 am  Trustees 2:00 pm	22	23
24	25	26  Bible Study 7:00 pm	27  Bible Study 10:00 am  Administrative Council 7:00 pm	28  Tai Chi 9:30 am	29	30

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

### Birthdays

Lisa Zerbe	4	Christine Ulrich	14
Dale Robinson	9	Marcia Fry	18
Bobby Hudgins	11	Janet Burgess	20
Mark Lewis	12	Helen Lee	20
Kathy Bochau	13	Diana More	21
Janet Bowman	13		

### Anniversaries

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