



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
Monday, August 4, 2-9 p.m.
Mathews Yacht Club
Dinner @ 6 p.m.

bring your favorite dish to share
fried chicken provided

casual attire

pool open for all -
lifeguard on duty

UMW ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR EVERYONE!

You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish luncheon on **Sunday, August 31** following the joint worship service. Bring your favorite side dish to share.



Installation Service

The Installation Service for our new District Superintendent, Rev. Seonyoung Kim, will be Sunday, August 10 at 3:00 pm. The service will be held at St. Luke's UMC, 300 Ella Taylor Road, Yorktown, VA. All are invited to welcome our new DS.

Child care will be provided. Please call the St. Luke's office at (757) 898-3017, and let Joyce or Josie know the number and age of the children. Please RSVP by August 7 to ensure enough child care providers are present to watch the children.

Welcome to Our New Members!



Welcome to Glen and Sandi Morgan. The Morgans joined our Central family on July 27.

CPR-AED Training in August

Glen Mantell with the Mathews Rescue Squad is offering two classes in CPR, AED (automated external defibrillator) and first-aid. These classes have been scheduled for Salem UMC and Glen thought to include Central because it has been a couple of years since we had our training. Plus, new members and new attendees may want to learn or brush-up on these skills. Please contact Glen at 725 - 3869 or 824 -1627 to sign up for the class. The classes will be held at the Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad in Hudgins.



Date	Class	Cost for materials
August 16	CPR AED	\$15
August 30	CPR	\$5

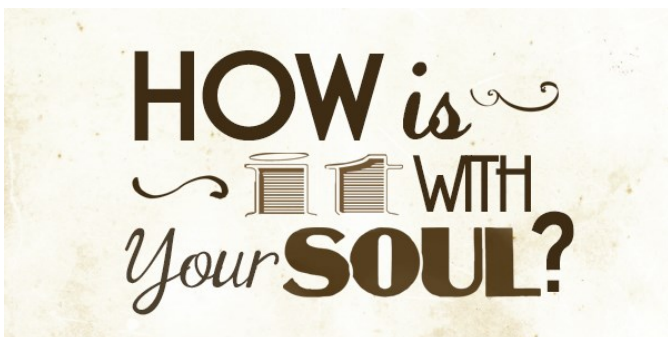
From the Pastor's Pen...

"Would you come for dinner?" the caller asked.

"Thank you, I'd be delighted!" And I was! We enjoyed our time together – the delicious meal, the lively conversation, the delightful evening weather. Time passed by quickly and it was past my bedtime when I left, weary but joyful and content.

I believe this is the kind of relationship God invites us to enjoy – one of good fellowship, holy conversation, and rich nourishment – a relationship in which we get so caught up in our time together that we even become blissfully unaware of the passage of time.

What is your relationship with God like at this moment? To use one of John Wesley's questions used weekly when early Methodists met in their class meetings, "How is it with your soul?"



It's a deliberately probing question! Wesley realized that each person needed to respond to Christ's gracious invitation to follow him and experience eternal life. Wesley also understood human nature: on our own, none of us will exercise the discipline necessary to live the Christian life fully – we can only do it with other believers, in community. (Granted, you might experience the presence of God in the mountains or while fishing, but that will never substitute for regularly gathering with your brothers and sisters for corporate worship or for spending intentional time with God in prayer, study, and service.)

So, how is it with *your* soul? How alive and satisfying is your relationship with Jesus Christ, our Savior? Do you relish a vibrant daily dialogue with the One whose breath enlivens

and sustains you – one in which you listen as well as talk? Do you read scripture daily and find it shaping the way you live and interact with others? Are you growing in your love for Christ and the people around you?

Caring for your soul is the most important thing you will ever do in this life - all else is secondary. If you've ever flown, you'll remember the flight attendant's instructions about what to do if the oxygen masks drop from the cabin ceiling during an emergency: put your own mask on first and get that oxygen flowing for yourself before helping your child or someone else with their mask. Is that selfish? Not at all. You cannot help others live for Christ if you aren't taking care of your own spiritual needs.

Are you feeling "stuck" and need help getting started with tending to your soul's needs? Please ask. Resources abound. A simple conversation may be all you need to get your soul headed in the right direction!

On the journey together,
Suzanne

Image Source: <http://parkwayumc.org/page.asp?nvc=1122&page=6137&topic=How%20is%20it%20with%20Your%20Soul>



Richie Hogge was baptized on July 20. Richie, on the right, is pictured with his brother, Danny, his parents, Richard & Carey Hogge and Pastor Suzanne.

United Methodist Women

CUMW's August 11 meeting will be a program on *Mental Health and Children*. The meeting time is 7:00 pm.

UMW will hold their annual Candle Burning Service on August 31, which is the 5th Sunday of the month (More information will be provided in the church bulletin.) . We will also sponsor a covered dish Birthday Luncheon in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

September 12, the CUMW will host a program entitled *Health of the Planet*.

All women are welcome.

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

--John Wesley

Staff / Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC)

The SPPRC is here to listen to you; we serve alongside the pastor as the eyes and ears of the church. Feel free to share your concerns, joys, thoughts and ideas about the mission of the church and the church staff with members of the committee at any time. The committee includes Greg Lewis, Durward Anderson, Cheryl Wheeler, Carl Bochau, Rebecca Love, Michael Cannon, Ben Leigh, Chris Moughon, Melba Houser and Marilyn Tucker. Pastor Suzanne Gibson also attends our meetings. Individuals that have concerns may wish to write down their concern, date and sign it and pass it to any SPPRC member - we do not address anonymous notes. All concerns received will be discussed in confidence at our next meeting.

Greg Lewis, Chair

God's Green Earth

Our team is helping with the maintenance of supplies for the church and need your help. If your committee or group is in need of specific supplies such as plates, cups, containers and other items, please contact David Hudgins either by email (dlhudgins@gmail.com) or by telephone (725-3273) as soon as your needs are known, but hopefully before you run out. We are also reviewing the list of needs on the refrigerator in the kitchen. If the need is not urgent, you can add to the list. Thanks in advance for letting us know.

In keeping with our recognition of local businesses who support the environment, we would like to give a shout out to *Crawford Moving and Storage*. The company will take your **Styrofoam peanuts** that come in your mailed packages and reuse them. This will keep them out of your vacuum cleaner, away from your pets and kids and they won't



stick to your jacket when you take it from the closet. What a great help. Put them in a container and take them to the company

office or bring them to the church. We will make sure we get them to a place where they are needed. Crawford's can also use any **bubble wrap** that you might have. Giving peanuts and bubble wrap to Crawford's will keep it out of the landfill and also help a Mathews local business.

Your Creation Care Team

[Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers go to:](#)

Betsy and Family of Ron Duff

The Family of Paul Smith

Emily Leap and the Family of Wanda Wyant

Camp Rainbow Connection



Camp Rainbow Connection is a week-long respite camp held once in July and once in August for individuals with intellectual difficulties. It's held at the Blackstone Conference & Retreat Center. There are 120 campers ranging from age 16 to 84, with a staff of over 100 volunteers.

I was privileged to be a staff member. Each member is placed with a camper (buddy) for the entire week. We share the same sleeping room and look out for one another. There are 4 structured classes in the morning: Arts & Crafts, Fitness, Mission, and Music. After lunch and rest time, an hour is set aside for organized games and activities. Then, one hour is allotted for "free time". The all time favorite was bingo....everyone was a winner and they could get prizes! Alas, as I was life guarding, we did not give awards, but had a great time.

This year's theme was "Every Day is a Holy Day" celebrating, Christmas, Valentine's Day (love), Easter, and Birthdays (Pentecost).

There is a Camper Talent Show, a Staff Follies, and much more. It all culminates in a dress-up dance. Mary Kay reps even come to apply make-up and nail polish to the ladies.

These are the basics of the program. However, it's the amazing bond that's created among all staff and campers. The joy and pride in the campers eyes as they complete any activity or project is humbling. There's a trust and loving feeling among all. Many times, had I not been sitting, I would have been brought to my knees. The love, joy and reverence for Jesus Christ is paramount in all aspects of the camp.

I will be there next July. It is an experience that will transform you.

Kathy Bochau

For more information about Camp Rainbow Connection visit www.vaumc.org/campirainbow.

Does Your Name Belong on the Honor Roll?



Just outside the prayer room at the sanctuary entrance hangs a plaque honoring the men and women of Central UMC who have served their country in times of peace and war.

If your name is not among them and you have served in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard, then your name belongs on the Honor Roll. Please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or in Leigh Lewis's mail folder outside the fellowship hall. We hope to have the plaque ready in time for Veteran's Day, November 11.



Name _____

Served in (circle): Army Navy Air Force
 Marine Corps Merchant Marine Coast Guard

Rank at end of service: _____ Years Served (e.g., 1967-1970): _____

Place(s) stationed: _____

Served during these wars and conflicts: _____

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> All meeting times & dates are subject to change. </div>			1	2
3	4 Prayer Time 8:00 am Annual Church Picnic 2-9 pm 	5 Finance 7:00 pm	6 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 - 1:00 pm Nominations & Leadership 7:00 pm at the parsonage	7	8	9	
10 <i>Installation Service for our new District Superintendent 3:00 pm at St. Luke's UMC, Yorktown</i>	11 Prayer Time 8:00 am UM Women 7:00 pm	12	13	14	15	16	
17 Chimes Submissions Due	18 Prayer Time 8:00 am Creation Care 9:00 am	19 Trustees 7:00 pm	20 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am	21	22	23	
24	25 Prayer Time 8:00 am	26	27 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	28 Adult Choir 7:15 pm	29	30	
31	5th Sunday Joint Service "UMW Candle Burning Service" 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service UMW Birthday Luncheon following worship service 2:15 pm Song Service at Riverside Convalescent Center						

BIRTHDAYS

Sandi Morgan	4	Jack Ward	21
Joice Davis	12	Frances Ward	24
Steve Eley	18	Jean Sutton	26
Rebecca Love	18		

ANNIVERSARIES

Kenneth & Mary Marshall	9
Steve & Emily Leap	11
Carl & Kathy Bochau	23
Ben & Peggy Leigh	24
Richard & Rebecca Love	28