



# THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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August 2015

## Annual Meals on Wheels Fundraiser

Wednesday, August 12  
Mathews High School



4:30 - 7:00 pm

Eat-in or Take-out  
Pork BBQ or Chicken BBQ

Tickets \$10

Advance tickets may  
be purchased at:  
YMCA, Visitor's Center or  
Mathews Pharmacy

Tickets available at the door



## UMW Birthday Luncheon

All are welcome to join us for  
a covered dish birthday  
celebration luncheon!

**Sunday, August 30**  
following the joint  
worship service.

Bring your favorite  
side dish to share.

Cake & chicken provided.



**August 30**

## 5th Sunday Joint Service

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service  
"UMW Candle Burning Service"

UMW Birthday Luncheon  
following worship service

2:15 pm Song Service  
at Riverside Convalescent Center

## Get Ready!

Household Chemical Collection &  
Electronic Recycling event is coming!

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## From the Pastor's Pen

It has been a month of joy for me here at Central Church and in Mathews. I say that despite feeling that, for the past couple of months, I have lived in a whirlwind. New church, new people and places—I have rarely felt less in control over what goes on around me. I have also felt the weight of responsibilities. There were times I was frustrated because I could not do everything I had meant to do during this time of transition.

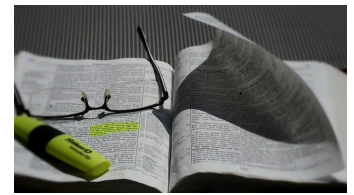
At the same time, wonderful works have been done that I could not have accomplished on my own. Our meetings have been warm and kind. The worship services have been uplifting. Children have welcomed me. There is a sense that, even as I write the story of my next chapter, more importantly I am a part of the story that God is writing. There was a time when I rather dismissed the idea, but since I put my faith in Christ, somehow it continues to be true. I have tried to be open to where the Spirit might be moving and to be responsive to what often feels like wind that blows in my face.

Above all else, the church is a story that God is writing. What may be truly important for us then is a posture of openness and listening. As Graham Standish wrote in his book, "Becoming a Blessed Church": "What I have consistently noticed in almost all thriving congregations ... is that what makes the difference is the extent to which the community is open to God at its core." This seems to be a message that I get repeatedly these days. From such openness comes the direction for the next faithful step, where we ride the surf that God has generated in his prevenient grace.

I am keenly aware that such openness begins with me, and that is why I have leaned on my spiritual disciplines. For some of you who wrestle with an idea of praying,

journaling, or reading the Scripture for a certain amount of time, such as an hour, my suggestion is:

Forget about the hour at first; focus on quality over quantity; adopt a child-like faith and be open to God's grace. You will soon find that time to be life-giving.



I look forward to what God will continue to do in our midst.

Gratefully, *John*

## Hospitality Ministry

We have had a very busy summer! We started off with our Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Suzanne Gibson on May 31 with 75 people in attendance.

On June 12 & 14, receptions were provided following funeral services.

Then on July 12, we welcomed Pastor John Choi with a brunch, serving approximately 85 people.

For all of these events, we have requested your donations of food. Without your generous contributions, none of these gatherings would have been possible. A special *thank you* to all who help set-up, serve, and clean-up. *Thank you for making these functions such a success!*

For the month of August, Hospitality will be providing coffee, juice, and pastries following the 8:30 am worship service. As always, we welcome and encourage everyone to join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings.

In September, we will resume asking for volunteers to provide refreshments. Please sign-up on the calendar in the kitchen.

With gratitude,  
*Emily Leap and Jean Sutton*

## Paul Townsend Memorial Class

During the month of June, the class voted to give \$100 to the Hospitality Committee to help defray the cost of food for recent large receptions.

We continue to have good attendance during Sunday School hour and invite all to join us.

The class welcomed Bobby back after his recent open heart surgery. He thanked everyone for their love and prayers. We especially thank God for answering those prayers. I thank all those who's kind words, cards and calls gave me strength as well. We both feel so blessed to have the support of our wonderful Church family and friends.

Our August class meeting will be an *End of Summer Picnic* at the home of Gerald and Frosty Taylor, on Gwynn's Island, at 6:00 pm, Thursday, August 13. A brief business meeting will follow.

Blessings to All,  
*Phyllis Hudgins,*  
Class President

## Central United Methodist Women

Central UMW met Monday night, July 13, for a very interesting and thought- provoking meeting. There were 24 people present including some from other churches in the area. After viewing a very disturbing film on human trafficking titled "Not My Life", Signe Langschultz facilitated a discussion.

UMW will hold their annual Candle Burning Service on August 30, 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.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, August 10 at 7:00 pm. We will continue our discussion on human trafficking. Please join us and hopefully be part of a solution.

*Grace Mortimer,*  
CUMW Recording Secretary

## Mission & Evangelism

September 11 & 12 Friday & Saturday 8:00 am - ? 	Market Days Early Bird Breakfast Our "famous" English muffin with fried egg, Swiss cheese and Black Forest ham Cinnamon rolls
November 	Shoe Boxes for Christmas
January 31, 2016 Sunday 5:00 pm 	Songs, Soups, Salads & Sweets Music & Dinner

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### 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

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

Family of Ellsworth German  
Family of Mary Davis Edwards  
Family of John Digges  
Family of Barbara Walters Williams  
Family of Sheldon Mickleborough



**Moving Day, July 1  
Many Hands Make Light Work**



Pastor John had a lot of help moving his belongings into the parsonage. A group of Central's members were there to lend a hand.

His parents were, also, a part of the moving team. John's father single-handedly unloaded the moving truck passing the items on to others.

Pastor Jeongin Kim from Emmanuel and Grace-Providence was there to welcome our new pastor. Pastor Kim was a speedy mover!



Photos by Becky Pittman

**Welcome Brunch for Pastor John, July 12  
Good Food, Good Fellowship**



Photos by Louise Witherspoon





## Church Picnic: What a Great Time We Had!

Thanks to all who were there and "We Missed You" to all who weren't! Our Central UMC annual picnic, hosted by the Nancy Wroten Memorial Class, was held at the Mathews Yacht Club on Monday, July 27. The festivities began about 2:00 pm with pool time enjoyed by most of the kids and young folks and a few older folks as well.



Set-up for hospitality and dining was arranged by the class; dozens of others assisted in set-up, brought food, ice and drinks and arranged a beautiful buffet.

About 4:00 pm folks began arriving for socializing on the deck. There was a pleasant breeze and beautiful views of the grounds and water. Many of us chatted over hors d'oeuvres and iced tea on the deck while waiting for the dinner hour.

Around 6:00 pm we gathered outside for the blessing led by Pastor John, then proceeded through the buffet line, dismayed by the number of choices. Once served, folks sat at tables on the deck and at picnic tables on the lawn. The Mathews Yacht Club facilities were perfect for our gathering.

Photos by Louise Witherspoon



During and following dinner, some of the youngsters played games on the lawn with each other or with grandparents. All were awaiting the serving of homemade ice cream prepared by Peggy and Ben Leigh, Christine Ulrich, Betty and Jimmy Stewart and Nate and Melba Houser. All of us were pleased with the available choices of flavors.

Socializing and pool time continued 'til 9:00 pm much to everyone's pleasure, in fact, Pastor John, Greg Lewis, Chris Moughon and Richard Moughon swam with, and played games with the kids for an hour following dinner.

Thanks to the Nancy Wroten Class for a great event!



## 2015 Annual Conference Report

Once again thank you for the privilege of being your Annual Conference representative.

Bishop Young Jin Cho opened the conference with his Episcopacy Address, stating that the most important mission of the Virginia Conference is that of making disciples of Christ. He challenged our churches to focus on going "From Members to Disciples." He also mentioned that 429 faith communities were started since 2008 and an additional 33 are slated to open between now and the 2016 General conference.

Throughout the conference we voted for the 2016 General Conference and Southeast Jurisdictional Conference delegates. This year we used electronic balloting, using handheld devices that looked much like a remote control. Following multiple ballots throughout the conference, 11 clergy and 11 lay delegates were elected for General Conference, with additional 22 delegates and alternates elected for the Southeast Jurisdictional Conference.

A Service of Remembrance was held for the conference members who had died in the past year. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Young Bong Kim, who emphasized that the Kingdom of God is not just in Heaven but also is here now and to be embraced and lived out. He closed by saying "We are God's Kingdom People." He quoted Mr. Wesley as saying: "We should be in the world and not of it." Holy Communion was then received.

Marcia Maxwell reported on the Imagine No More Malaria campaign. She told the delegates that the giving totals from the churches in our conference stood at more than \$864,540, meaning that 86,454 lives have been saved. Our Bishop made an appeal for "extra mile giving," himself giving additional \$2,000 towards the conference goal of 1 million dollars. Bishop's appeal resulted in an impromptu giving from the floor of \$28,560 in cash and \$22,000 in pledges. The revised total was \$917,100. We may make it yet!

Former bishop Charlene Kammerer presented a lovely message for the Service for the Ordering of Ministry. Her sermon for the newly licensed, commissioned and ordained clergy as well as delegates centered on the Scripture: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in

weakness." The 2015 annual Conference ended with worship and the Fixing of Appointments by Bishop Cho.

Other bits and highlights include:

- The Harry Denman Award for Evangelism was given in 3 categories: Clergy, laity and youth. The Clergy winner was Rev. Paul Beighley, III. in recognition of his prison Ministry. Patricia Hobbs received the laity Award for her outreach. The Denman Award for Youth was given to Anna Lopynski for her work as an encourager.

- It was announced that the Annual Conference offering total was \$128,890. Conference members brought 42,743 disaster relief kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Kits included 23,672 health kits; 11,835 school kits; 4,533 birthing kits; 1,965 layette kits; 180 cleaning kits; 111 bedding kits and 547 sewing kits. The total number of donated kits exceeded last year's offerings by more than 1,500. Central UMW donated 55 Health Kits this year. In addition, more than 8500 lb. of cans were collected as a result of the Cans 4 Conference Mission.

- We were given a report from United Methodist Family Services. As an unwavering presence to children and families at risk, they have a goal to develop 100 partner churches in the next year.

- Denise Honeycutt, Deputy General Secretary of the Conference, gave the Virginia Conference an award for its giving to UMCOR, which is celebrating 75 years of service this year.

- Dr. Timothy Bias, General Secretary of the General Board of Discipleship, led two moving and challenging sessions of Bible studies.

- Resolutions: Discussions included caring for God's creation through improved investment policies. Petitions to the 2016 General Conference on human sexuality were discussed and then voted on by written ballot.

For daily recaps, election results and other further details, please check out the Conference webpage on 2015 Annual Conference: <http://www.vaumc.org/AC2015>

*Nancy Jagger*  
Lay Representative to 2015 Virginia Annual  
Conference




# Household Chemical Collection & Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, August 22 8:00 am - Noon  
 Cornerstone Fellowship Church, Mathews

Check your garage, storage shed, basement, kitchen and bath for items to bring to the collection!

*Bring old cell phones to be donated to Cell Phones for Soldiers.*

## Acceptable Items

Household	Miscellaneous Electronics	Computers	Auto	Lawn & Garden
oil or latex paint stains solvents Glue oven cleaners floor waxes dyes metal polishes bleach degreasers toilet/septic cleaners other types of cleaners charcoal fluid pool chemicals fluorescent bulbs including CFLs	any item that: - plugs into the wall - uses rechargeable batteries - is smaller than a microwave cameras PDAs video games game consoles stereo equipment DVD players & VCRs Ipods & MP3s battery back-ups	CPUs monitors Mice keyboards printers servers laptops copiers scanners jump drives	gasoline and other fuels waxes gas/oil mixtures brake fluid engine cleaner tar remover	insecticides weed killers pesticides fertilizers
		<b>Telephones</b> hard line phones cell phones fax machines		

## Unacceptable Items

Motor oil  
 antifreeze  
 medications  
 alkaline batteries  
 household trash  
 explosives  
 compressed gas cylinders  
 radioactive products  
 ammunition  
 gun powder  
 business or medical waste  
 large quantities of  
 unknown products  
**NO televisions**

## Helpful Tips

Purchase alternative, non-toxic products.  
 Use latex paint instead of oil paint.  
 Share excess products with neighbors, schools, etc.  
 Keep children and pets away from chemicals.  
 Do not mix or pour chemicals together.  
 Never pour chemicals down storm drains or on the ground.

**NO TELEVISIONS, PLEASE!**

**NO MATERIALS FROM ANY BUSINESS.**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <h1 style="font-family: cursive;">August 2015</h1>						1
2 Kensler/Hall Birthday Celebration 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	3 Prayer Time 8:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	4 Nominations & Leadership 7:00 pm	5 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	6	7	8 
9	10 Prayer Time 8:00 am UM Women 7:00 pm	11 Creation Care Presentation 9:00 am - 3:30 pm	12 Creation Care Presentation 9:00 am - 3:30 pm Finance 7:00 pm	13 P. Townsend Class <i>End of Summer Picnic</i> at the Taylor's 6:00 pm	14	15
16	17 Prayer Time 8:00 am Creation Care 9:00 am (at the Cannons)	18	19 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am	20	21	22 Household Chemical Collection at Cornerstone Fellowship Church 8:00 am - Noon 
23 <b>Chimes Submissions Due</b>	24 Prayer Time 8:00 am Trustees 7:00 pm	25	26 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	27 Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm	28	29 
30	31 Prayer Time 8:00 am					
<p>5th Sunday Joint Service - August 30  "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</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>				All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.		

Greeters/Ushers for August

8:30 am service	Kathy & Carl Bochau
11:00 am service	Brenda & Mark Lewis

August Refreshments provided by  
Hospitality the first 4 Sundays.  
None on the 5th Sunday.

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