



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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AUGUST 2016

Church Picnic

Monday, August 1	2:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Mathews Yacht Club	Dinner at 6:00 pm

- bring your favorite dish to share (fried chicken provided)
- pool open for all
- lifeguard on duty
- casual attire
- homemade ice cream

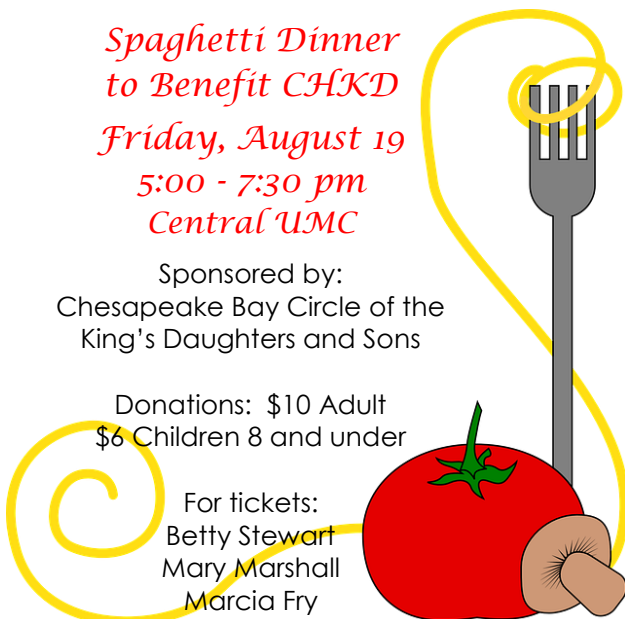
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Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit CHKD
Friday, August 19
5:00 - 7:30 pm
Central UMC

Sponsored by:
Chesapeake Bay Circle of the King's Daughters and Sons

Donations: \$10 Adult
\$6 Children 8 and under

For tickets:
Betty Stewart
Mary Marshall
Marcia Fry



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From the Pastor's Pen

Friends, many faithful ministries at Central go largely anonymous or hidden. I take liberty to share some of them here without their permission. While I hate to bring unsolicited spotlight on their work, I believe you would appreciate knowing about them.

-Mark Lewis makes the flower arrangements for Sundays. He started working with flowers when he was young but never took classes or formal training. In his words it has come natural for him; he simply puts them together in the way that fits his eyes.



-Financial Secretary, Marcia Fry, supervises offering counting, coordinates volunteer counters and keeps necessary records. It has her stay for an additional hour after the service each Sunday. Diana More and Eric Stewart serve as assistant financial secretaries.

-Louise Witherspoon writes cards on behalf of the church. As you may have noticed in the *Chimes* issues, she is also a photographer and enjoys capturing unrehearsed moments in the life of our congregation.

-Richard Sadler sends bulletins or newsletters every week to the homebound and the folks in nursing homes, as well as to others whom he did not see on Sunday that week.

-Kenneth Marshall cuts the grass at the church during the summer. He has done it for more than 20 years for the same fee; it is a ministry and service.

-When there has been a luncheon, a reception or other events in the Fellowship Hall, the inevitable trash is often emptied and disposed away by David Hudgins.

-Volunteers led by Miriam Cromwell make sure that the bread and the cup are ready for the Holy Communion.

For others whom I have not yet discovered, remembered here or outed in front of everyone, I say, congratulations! Your reward remains even greater.

“But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” (Mt. 6:4-5)

Gratefully,
John

**The family of
Ida Mae Miles
acknowledges with grateful
appreciation your kind expressions
of Sympathy**

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

- James Franklin Hudgins
- Charville Faulkner
- Dorothy Kopp Dick
- Elizabeth Diggs Morgan
- Warren Shipley
- Tom Green

Hospitality

Come and join us at Fellowship Time between the 8:30 am Worship Service and Sunday School. It is a wonderful time for Christian handshakes and hugs. You are welcome to sign-up to serve (the calendar is posted in the kitchen), contribute an item to share or just grace us with your presence. It is a place to learn needs as well as blessings from those who attend. We accept elegance and we accept simplicity and all in-between. God is in the works. Our Hospitality Committee is at work promoting love and compassion at Central Church. Please join us and feel the spirit.

The greeters and ushers are doing a fantastic job. Thank you one and all.

Jean Sutton,
Co-Chair

Greeters/Ushers for August

8:30 am service	Pat & Chris Moughon
11:00 am service	Marcia Fry & Greg Lewis

Refreshments Providers for August

7	Ed & Michael Cannon Nate & Melba Houser
14	Open
21	Mary Wade Smith & Anne South
28	Open

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

United Methodist Women

The UMW met at *Port Fun* with families from Three Rivers Healthy Families. Everyone had a



Photo provided by Louise Witherspoon

wonderful time playing on the playground equipment and learning about plants. It was very hot that day, so everyone was grateful to return to the church for lunch. As always, we had a wonderful variety

of food. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the meal.

We will meet at our regularly scheduled time on Monday, August 8 at 10:00 am. Dee Bane will lead a follow-up on Human Trafficking. We hope you can join us.

Grace Mortimer,
CUMW Recording Secretary



Greetings From MO!

We want to thank everyone for the love and support from the Central Church family while we were in Mathews. We both felt your prayers and concern, especially during the weeks after Becky's fall and during our move to Springfield, MO. We miss you and look forward to staying in touch.

New address:
3771 S. Suburban Ave. Springfield, MO, 65807.
Cell phones and emails remain the same.

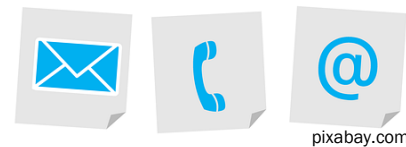
Brenda Rice & Becky Pittman

Finance

We are half way through the year and we are doing much better than last year. General budget offering is up around 10% compared to 2015 and the previous four year average. General offering at the end of June was \$82,343, while general expenses were \$79,549. This does not include unusual expenses for new heat pumps for the Sanctuary and a new computer purchased for the office. We have existing funds to cover these. Thank you Central for your continued stewardship.

Some of you may wonder how your contributions are processed, so I would like to say a few words about that. Each Sunday after the 11:00 service, our Financial Secretary, Marcia Fry, and two volunteers gather all the collections for counting. Each and every contribution, whether check, cash, or coin is sorted and entered by computer into our record system. It is carefully cross checked for accuracy as to the amount, contributor, and whether it is for general, designated, or some other requested application. We use a very good software system, *PowerChurch*, to facilitate this process. All of this is carried out in the spirit of trust and confidentiality. It usually takes less than one hour to finish this task. There are 52 Sundays, so it is asking a lot for this to fall on the shoulders of a few volunteers, and even more for Marcia. You are invited to help us out, even just a few times, or if you live nearby, be a substitute when needed on short notice. No experience necessary.

Nate Houser, Chair



Please notify the church office
(725-2832) and your Sunday School class
of any changes in your contact information.

Trustees

There are four initiatives in the Trustees efforts for July / August actions.

First, one of our two central air conditioners failed that cool the Sanctuary. As we looked at the options, we determined it would be prudent to replace both units as they were installed at the same time (1998). A big "Thank You" to Gerald Taylor for replacing both with heat pumps and he installed the units the weekend of July 4th at a price that was well below other bidders! These heat pumps are significantly more efficient than the old units and will also heat the Sanctuary during above freezing Sundays saving us expensive fuel oil!

Second is the Carillon system replacement.



After much effort and "trial and error" testing, we have decided what units to install and they will be dedicated at the end of the month. We are looking for volunteers to learn how our Carillon system works and to

develop the best way to use all the many capabilities - if you are interested, please contact a Trustee!

Third is the etched glass project for the three interior sanctuary doors. The designs have been finalized and Art Miller is now in possession of the designs. He will order glass, make the necessary templates to aid in etching and then we will install them in the doors. At this time, Art has not provided a completion estimate (busy man).

Fourth, there are issues with the floor structure in the Sanctuary and we are in the process of finding skilled workers that can institute repairs at a reasonable price - more in the September *Central Chimes*.

Steve Leap,
Trustee Chair



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Choir Potluck

Sunday, August 28, 6:00 pm
Judy Moughon's home - Pecan Point

All Are Welcome!
Bring a dish to share.

Join our choir fellowship and discover the delight in making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

School Supply Project Mathews Department of Social Services

With your donations in 2015, we were able to help over 265 children with school supplies. We hope you will be able to contribute either school supplies or a monetary donation to our project.



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Monetary donations can be made payable to Mathews Dept. of Social Services, with a notation for school supplies. If you prefer to contribute school supplies, our most needed items are:

One inch 3 ring binders	Loose leaf paper
5 subject spiral notebooks	Pocket folders (with & without prongs)
Highlighters	Glue sticks
No. 2 pencils	Pens, black, blue & red
Colored markers & pencils	Subject dividers
Dry erase markers	Pencil pouches/boxes

Your contributions and donations are needed in the Social Services office by Monday, August 1 to give ample time to shop and prepare for distribution but, receipt of your contributions before mid-August are most welcome.

Household Chemical Collection & Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, August 20 8:00 am - Noon
 Hartfield Volunteer Fire Department, Hartfield
 3309 Twiggs Ferry Road

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 and 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
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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.






Questions?

Please call the Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority at 757-259-9850 or go to www.vppsa.org

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Prayer Time 8:00 am  Church Picnic 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm (see page 1)	2	3 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	4	5	6
	All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.					
7	8 Prayer Time 8:00 am United Methodist Women 10:00 am	9	10 Finance 7:00 pm	11 Nominations & Leadership 2:00 pm	12	13
14	15 Prayer Time 8:00 am Creation Care (at the Cannon's) 9:00 am Disaster Response Team 2:00 pm SPRC 7:00 pm  pixabay.com	16 Improved Order of Red Men 6:30 pm	17 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am	18 Spaghetti Dinner Prep 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Chesapeake Bay Circle of the King's Daughters and Sons	19 Spaghetti Dinner Prep through Clean-up 9:00 am - 10:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 - 7:30 pm Chesapeake Bay Circle of the King's Daughters and Sons (see page 1)  pixabay.com	20 Household Chemical Collection 8:00 am - Noon Hartfield Volunteer Fire Department (see page 5)  cliparthut.com
21 Central Chimes Submissions Due	22 Prayer Time 8:00 am Trustees 7:00 pm	23	24 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	25	26	27 No Walls Community Day Port Fun 2:00 pm to dusk
28 Choir Potluck 6:30 pm (see page 2)  pixabay.com	29 Prayer Time 8:00 am	30	31			