



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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Photo by Katherine Small

Vacation Bible School at Central UMC

After hosting a joint VBS with Salem United Methodist Church for a number of years, Central offered the children's event this year at our site during July 20-23. A total of 22 children took part in music, crafts, Bible stories, getting s'mores, enjoying snacks. It was a joy to meet and renew connections with the families in the community. Thanks be to God for all good and perfect gifts!

We also thank you for your prayers and gifts and the giving of your service for this ministry; Judy Moughon, our storyteller; Mike and Louise Witherspoon for serving as craft teachers and photographer; Peggy Leigh, Anne South, Mary Marshall, Karen Palmer, and Jean Sutton for delicious camp-themed snacks; Richard Moughon, Soles Small, Tom Robinson, Nancy Jagger, Jeff Hershberg, Heather Tolbert, Craig Small and Josh West, our crew leaders; Katherine Small and Pastor

John, the music leaders; Chris Moughon and the Moughons, Inc. for the s'mores experience plus donations; Melissa Moughon for helping with registration; Tom and Marilyn Tucker and Mackenzie Moughon for the daily skits; Greg Lewis for being games leader and putting together a slide show; Pat Gwaltney for serving as director. Several of you gave monetary gifts, which really helped.

Thanks be to God who makes us a community of good news of Jesus Christ!

Children's Ministry Team

From the Pastor's Pen

Christian and Meditation



"... you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:41-42)

"Unite the pair so long disjoined, Knowledge and vital piety." - Charles Wesley, from [A Prayer for Children](#)

While I am no expert on meditation, our sessions of Oases of the Spirit have recently made me pause and reflect on the topic. Generally speaking, we are very good at things requiring us to use our head: Gathering and analyzing information, speaking and communicating out loud, organizing tasks,

charting the course of action.

Those are vital skills and activities. What is the value, then, of “lingering” on a thought in silence? For us Christians, when we so delay in the Scripture, it allows us to *respond with our hearts* in worship. It is Mary’s posture in Luke 10. While her sister is properly busy as hostess, she sits and listens to Jesus!

I’d like to think that we each have an internal ‘battery’ that charges our life—our judgments, our courage, our joy, our faith, hope, and love. This battery is not charged by mere knowledge, beauty or action alone. It is filled by none other than God himself, who is Spirit. The proper way to receive God, is with the worship of our heart. “Be still and know that I am God.” (Ps. 46:10)

Therefore when we worship, we receive life itself, and it is the Spirit-led acts that build a fruitful life. “... but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water ...” (Psalm 1:2-3)

Let’s take time this summer to linger in silence over the Word of God, in prayer and worship. It is simply the stuff of life.

Gratefully,

John

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

- Ricky Haywood
- Audrey Ripley
- Jim White
- Virginia Williams



Church Picnic

Monday, August 7

Mathews Yacht Club

2:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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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Greeters/Ushers for August

8:30 am service	Chris & Pat Moughon
11:00 am service	Kenneth & Mary Marshall



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Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Sandi Morgan	4	Kenneth & Mary Marshall	9
Joice Davis	12	Steve & Emily Leap	11
Steve Eley	18	Carl & Kathy Bochau	23
Rebecca Love	18	Ben & Peggy Leigh	24
Jack Ward	21	Richard & Rebecca Love	28
Frances Ward	24		
Jean Sutton	26		

Reminder from Creation Care



Start gathering your household hazardous waste items including cleaners, paints, stains, varnishes, rechargeable batteries, motor oil, pesticides, etc. for free recycling. It will be on **Saturday August 19** from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. It will be held at Star Fields, LLC (Flag Factor). 2905 Buckley Hall Road, Cobbs Creek, VA 23035.

Directions: From town, Turn West on 198/ Buckley Hall Road. Go about 3.8 miles. Star Fields will be on your left.

A detailed brochure will be given out at Central's church service in August and also distributed to key places in town. **If you have any questions, please call VPPSA at 757-259-9850 or go to their website at www.vppsa.org "upcoming events."**

Michael Cannon, chair
Creation Care Team

Hospitality

Our month of July refreshments started with a very festive July 4th display of delicious foods and decorations by Phyllis and Bobby. Other participants were Patty, Karen, James, Dale, Ken, Mary Wade, Louise, David and Jean.

Those in attendance enjoy a cup of coffee and chit chat after the early service and before the Sunday school hour.

Thank you to all who provide this service and thank you to all who come and enjoy it.

Nancy & Jerry Jagger were our greeters and ushers for the 11:00 am service and Hal and Patty Hertzler as well as Gerald and Frosty Taylor were our 8:30 am greeters and ushers.

From The Hospitality Committee

The Administrative Council

The meetings of our council have been going very smoothly and in a timely manner.

This had been accomplished largely by the faithful counsel of our pastor Rev. John Choi and the dedication of all the chairman and committee members.

We will not have a meeting of the Council in August unless there is an urgent matter to be brought before us. In that event, we will hold a call meeting.

Be proud of Central Church and our Spiritual obligations. Your attendance is imperative for personnel spiritual growth as well as fulfilling our spiritual obligations at Central and to our community. Invite someone to join you at church to hear one of Pastor John's sermons. It may make a huge difference in their life.

May our Lord and Savior be with you.

Bobby Hudgins, chair
Administrative Council

News from Our Mission Partners



Donald, Carol, Cora & Daniel

"Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord." Psalm 27:14 (NLT)

We were waiting . . . then, suddenly, we have been released to GO!

This verse has been a source of encouragement during our season of actively waiting. We like how this version uses the words "brave and courageous." It has taken both faith and courage for us to stand firm on the promises of the Lord during this time. Meanwhile, He has taught us to serve Him well in the present while preparing for the future.

We are humbled as God continues to refine us for His purpose. We are excited as we have been released to the next step on our journey!

Paraguay is the mission ahead of us. Less than 2 weeks ago, an opportunity opened for Carol to teach at Asunción Christian Academy (ACA). The school also has a furnished 3 bedroom apartment that we can rent for a nominal price. This is an answer to prayer since we sold most of our furniture and household goods before we came back to the States.

We have plane tickets to leave from Richmond, VA on August 3rd!

This is an outline of our plans:

- Return to Paraguay (August 2017 to July 2018)
- Training with a local church in church planting, forming and leading cell groups, spiritual warfare and intercession
- Obtain necessary visa documents for Spain
- Donald – assist the church with a new church plant
- Carol – teach in Asuncion Christian Academy and continue coursework online toward a doctorate in Christian Education Leadership through Regent University
- Transition time in the U.S. (July to September 2018)
- Finalize visa requirements for Spain
- Visit families, friends, and partnering churches
- Prepare for trip to Spain
- Arrive in Spain by September 2018

Cora and Daniel

Cora is excited and Daniel is apprehensive about returning to Paraguay. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to reunite with old friends and start 1st and 7th grades at a new school (ACA).

(From Donald & Carol Paiges' Newsletter)

From Hands Across Mathews

Central United Methodist Church,

This is an information Letter from Hands Across Mathews in our on-going effort to inform you all of the good things we have accomplished these last couple of months. Your congregation continues to be very supportive and we believe that the tremendously uplifting feeling of a good deed done should be communicated, so please share this very

important letter with your congregation so that they may be assured that Matthew 25:40 is alive and well in Mathews!

We continue to feed more than 100 families each week through our food distribution program on Wednesdays as well as offer a good selection of gently used clothing on Thursdays. During the last two months we also have been able to....

- Assist a person on disability to pay her power bill. Her medication takes most of her funds.
- Help a young single mother working hard to improve her situation by going to nursing school who, struggling to make ends meet had no funds to fix a leaking roof in her trailer.
- Another on disability with limited funds needed help to meet her mortgage payment after she used all of her available money to pay personal property taxes.
- We made a mortgage payment for another who, due to neck surgery will be out of work until August and receives no sick pay.

These are just a few of the things we've been able to do these last several weeks, and we wanted you to know!

Very soon, I will be sharing information about an up-coming concert in October that you won't want to miss. Our community is blessed to have some extraordinary talent in our midst, and a musical presentation with the sole purpose of bringing attention to the good work that Hands Across Mathews offers the disadvantaged in our community is in the works. More to come...

Thank you in advance for sharing these accomplishments with your people. If you have ideas and suggestions on how we can better communicate the needs and the successes of our partnership, please let me know.

Maurine Frank
Hands Across Mathews

Oases of the Spirit

On Tuesday evenings we meet to sing hymns and hear Scripture read. It is not a Bible study, but a time of worship and meditation. All are welcome.

(Tuesdays during August, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall)

Staff Profile: Michele Evans

This past April, we welcomed a new Administrative Assistant here at Central UMC. Michele Evans resides in Gloucester County with her husband, Norwood, who is a Retired Captain from the Fire Department in Hampton, and their son, Brian (age 25). They have another son, Christopher (age 27), who lives and works in Newport News.

The family shares their home with two busy Pembroke Welsh Corgis.

The Evans family are active members at Bridgepoint Church on Harcum Road in Gloucester County.

During her free time Michele volunteers as Coordinator for Middle Peninsula Teen Community Bible study, a weekly Christian bible study for teens that meet during the school year in Gloucester County. She also enjoys spending time with family, gardening, reading and exercising at CrossFit.







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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 Service 10 am Covered-dish luncheon 11:00 am	31 Women's Choir Practice 7:00 pm	1 Oases 7:00 pm	2 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	3	4	5
All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.						
6	7 Prayer Time 8:00 am Church Picnic 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm	8 Oases 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12
13 YRD Workshop 3:00 to 5:00 pm	14 Prayer Time 8:00 am UM Women 10:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm	15 Creation Care (at the Cannon's) 9:00 am Oases 7:00 pm	16 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am  pixabay.com	17 Nominations 2:30 pm	18	19 Household Chemical Collection 8:00 am - Noon Star Fields, LLC Cobbs Creek  cliparthut.com
20 Central Chimes Submissions Due	21 Prayer Time 8:00 am	22 Oases 7:00 pm	23	24	25 Um Women 3 Rivers Healthy Families Picnic 2:30 pm	26
27	28 Prayer Time 8:00 am	29 Oases 7:00 pm	30	31 Budget Requests Due		