



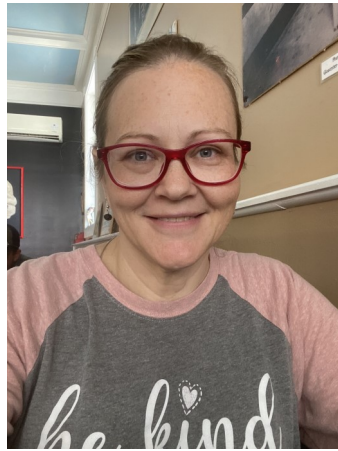
THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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Central Welcomes Rev. Rebecca

Hailing from the mountains of Southwestern Virginia, Rev. Rebecca comes to Central UMC to begin her 21st year of ministry in The United Methodist Church. As a cradle United Methodist, she became a preacher's child at the age of three. Raised in the United Methodist Church, she never anticipated that she would be called by God to serve among his people as a United Methodist pastor. This is where she finds the most peace as she serves among God's people!



Prior to arriving in Mathews in late June, she has served as the Pastor of The Prospect Charge, on the then Farmville District. She began ministry among the three churches of the Charge, Prospect, Smyrna and Olive Branch United Methodist Churches, while she concluded her seminary studies at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington D.C. For five year, she was loved into ministry by these folks. She then served among the people of Annandale United Methodist Church, on the then Alexandria District, as the Associate Pastor for two years following her ordination as an elder in the summer of 2008. After leaving that appointment, for the next three years she served as the pastor of St. James United Methodist church on the then, Staunton District prior to her most recent appointment as the Senior Pastor of Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Oldhams, VA, on

Join us for Worship!

Sunday Worship—9:15 a.m.
Sunday school—10:15 a.m.

[Live stream on YouTube](#)



the current Mission Rivers District, for the last 10 years.

She and her son, Charles, look forward to what God has in store, as they serve among the people of Central United Methodist Church and the larger Mathews community. She is blessed to have her parent's and family's love and influence in her life and ministry. She is also blessed by the love and support of her boyfriend, who serves the communities of southern Westmoreland County, as their Volunteer Fire Chief, with the members of Cople District Volunteer Fire Department. His daughters and extended family are also sources of great joy and support in her life.

Come and join her and the people of Central United Methodist Church any Sunday at 121 Church St. in the heart of Mathews, for worship at 9:15a.m. followed by Sunday School at 10:15a.m.



Homemade Ice Cream Social Sunday, August 6, 4:00 pm

Hosted by
the Mission and Evangelism team

Donations will be accepted to help with expenses associated with the *Rise against Hunger* event being held in November.

If you would like to contribute your homemade ice cream, please contact Linda Dalgety.

Rev. Rebecca lends her voice with the choir (7/2)

-Photo by Michael Cannon



Urgent Appeal Continues

The CUMW did not meet in the month of July. Our next meeting will be on August 21st, and we look forward to welcoming Rebecca to our group if she is able to attend.

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

WE CONTINUE WITH THIS URGENT APPEAL! Hands Across Mathews is still having difficulty in obtaining food from the Peninsula food bank. They are appealing to churches and organizations to donate canned vegetables and fruits, soups, proteins such as tuna fish and chicken, cereals, peanut butter, rice, beans, pasta, etc. As well, they continue need Non-Food items such as toilet paper, shampoos, soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, etc. There are bins for the food in the vestibule between the church and the Fellowship Hall and there is a bin for non-food items in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity.

"The Good Measure Cookbook" is still available for \$12. The cookbook makes a great gift.

Your support and generosity to our organization are greatly appreciated.

Martha Arnold

UM Women President



Better to be Interested than Interesting

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path"*

With all the information that comes our way from so many sources, sometimes I feel like I just want to tune the noise out. But the consequence of tuning out is that I might miss something important that I need to know or miss hearing something that might be meaningful. So, I set about looking for guidance on how to be a better listener. From the Internet source of Christlike Dialogue, I found this:



"When it comes to being a good listener, it's better to be interested than interesting. To do this, be quick to listen and slow to speak and learn to ask open ended questions. Seeking first to understand instead of to be understood will create a safe environment for the other person to feel heard and valued. By becoming genuinely interested in the other person's perspective, you help the other person trust you and share honestly what they believe and why they believe it. Who knows — you might be able to learn a thing or two from a different point of view."

The advice echoes the words of James 1:19, our recent Sunday School lessons, and Scripture from last Sunday which encourages us, who have ears, to hear. Tuning out is not the answer; listening well may help.

Blessings,

Dee Bane

Administrative Council Chair

Mission and Evangelism Upcoming Events

The Mission & Evangelism met on July 19th in the Fellowship Hall. After welcoming Pastor Rebecca to her first meeting, we began discussing further points of our *Rise against Hunger* event scheduled for November 19th. Specifically, we will provide sign up posters for set-up (11/18), loading supplies off the truck (11/19 at 11:30 am), food packaging (11/19 from 1-3:00 pm).

We will sponsor the Church Thanksgiving Dinner at 4:30 pm for members of the Congregation and volunteers of RAH.

On August 6 we will host a homemade ice cream social at 4:00 pm. Donations will be accepted to help with expenses associated with Rise against Hunger. If you would like to contribute your homemade ice cream, please contact Linda Dalgety.

Our next *Journey with God* will be on September 17. It will begin with an old-fashioned hymn-sing. Our guest speaker will be our own Miriam Crowell. We all know Miriam and know that her presentation will be fantastic! You don't want to miss this Journey!

We will continue writing former Central high school graduates. Nancy Jagger will write them in September.

We have had a lot of positive feedback for our appreciation of local businesses. Judy Moughon will let the employees of the Mathews Post Office know how much we value their hard work with a delicious treat this month.

Carol and Donald Paige (pictured below), our covenant missionaries with TMS Global, will visit our church on September 10 to update us on their ministry. We will have a covered dish luncheon following the service for them.

Linda Dalgety

Mission and Evangelism Team



Donald, Carol, Daniel and Cora Paige

Note From Hands Across Mathews

Dear Central United Methodist Church,

The Board of Directors of Hands Across Mathews would like to thank you for the very generous donation of \$250. We want to assure you that every penny of your donation will be used to supply food or other assistance necessary to help those in need in our community.

We continue to receive requests for assistance and we very much appreciate your continued support. On our weekly good distribution days we help approximately 85 families from our food pantry. The need is especially great. Each family has received certification from Social Services indicating that our help is needed.

Thank you again for your continued support. Your donation is truly a blessing! Together we make a difference.

Sincerely,

Beatriz H. Lipinski

Corresponding Secretary



Central Church Picnic August 20, 5:00 pm

Our Annual Church Picnic will be on August 20, 5:00 pm at the church parsonage under the big shade tree.

Bring a dish to share. Fried chicken and drinks provided with Homemade ice cream!

All are welcome....Invite family & friends!

Don't miss a great time of fellowship!

Sponsored by Nancy Wroten Mem. / Faith in the Now SS class.



Donations for Mathews Convalescence Center

From Bev Childress:

Hi Friends. I learned of a recent community post requesting donations of nice body wash and shampoos etc. which we can donate to Mathews Convalescence Center. Today I picked up a basket and some items to share with residents. I'm going to leave this in the fellowship hall and hopefully by Sunday August 13th, we will have this added to with your generosity and ready for delivery. Many thanks in advance as we share these gifts to help our seniors.

Note: Some residents need milder soaps and lotions just a step above "hospital" grade and it would be a pleasant and caring share to help with their daily routines, adding more choices and fragrances.



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

June Rowe

Alvin Tommy Lewis, Jr.

Gary Wayne Brownley



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>August 2023</h1>			 pixabay.com			
		1	2 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am-1:00pm	3	4	5
6 Service, 9:15 am Sunday school 10:15 am Ice Cream Social 4:00 pm	7	8	9	10 Trustees TBD Finance 2:00 pm	11	12
13 Service, 9:15 am Sunday school 10:15 am	14 SPRC 7:00 pm	15 Trustees 3:00 pm	16 Mission and Evangelism 10:00 am	17 Choir 7:00 pm	18	19
20 Service, 9:15 am Sun. school, 10:15 am Church Picnic 5:00 pm 	21 UM Women 10:00 am	22 <i>Central Chimes & Report Submissions Due</i>	23 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	24	25	26
27 Service, 9:15 am Sunday school, 10:15 am	28	29	30	31		
All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.						

Birthdays

Steve Eley	18
Rebecca Love	18
Frances Ward	24
Jean Sutton	26

Anniversaries

Ken & Mary Marshall	9
Ben & Peggy Leigh	24
Richard & Rebecca Love	28