



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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February 2020

Mathews County Blood Drive

Piankatank Ruritan Club
Hudgins, VA



Tuesday, February 4
2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Hosted by Francis de Sales

Go to redcrossblood.org for appt.
Call 804-725-2485 for questions.

Journeys with God

February 9th
6:30 pm at Central UMC

Journeys with God is a service of hymns, reflection, communion and prayer for healing.

Come and worship with songs, hear a story of faith journey shared, take part in the sacrament, and pray for healing and wholeness.

All are invited.



From the Pastor's Pen

Remember Who We Are

I remember reading a parable on an oceanside community. Originally it was a group of volunteers dedicated to rescue people off the sea. They braved the waves to save those in shipwrecks. As more joined them, and as acclaims and money poured in, however, they built a large clubhouse and sponsored extra activities. Eventually, they spent all of their times on dinners, games and dances, with no one watching the seas.

What brings us together as a church? There are other opportunities to meet people, to serve, or to learn and grow personally. One can join a book club or a volunteer organization, play sport, practice meditation, or give to a charity. Is church simply one venue among many for like-minded people?

Church is unique in that it is founded on Jesus Christ. We are each a follower of Jesus. That is not something one does haphazardly. It is like taking on the Appalachian trail: It requires a radical, life-altering journey of faith that requires one's all. Yes, it does. To quote Christ himself, "No one can serve two masters." (Mt. 6:24) That is why those of us baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3) need one another, to walk upon this narrow path together. Not that any of us has already arrived, but since Christ called us, we press on towards the goal.

Therefore we should meet one another in the name of Jesus. We may be all sorts of things: neighbors, acquaintances, friends, family. But

insofar as we are the church, we meet one another in Jesus Christ.

For clues to what we are called to be, consider some of these Jesus' words:

If you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. (Mt. 5:22-23)

If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. (Mk. 9:42)

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. (Jn. 13:14)

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (Jn. 13:34)

These are lofty words, and yet they form our foundation, lest we should not be church at all. They are not laws; they are words of love. We do not have to give a kidney to everyone you meet. Simply yield to the Holy Spirit and honor Christ in every meeting, and we will be on our way to God's vision of the church.

What grace there must be when we commit to meet one another in Jesus Christ. It is good when we get along and do good things. But it is best when the love of Christ is the reason for everything we do, even the mundane, the meticulous, the anonymous. Let's not forget who we are by the grace of God. Jesus says, "I am with you always, till the end of the ages."

Gratefully,

John

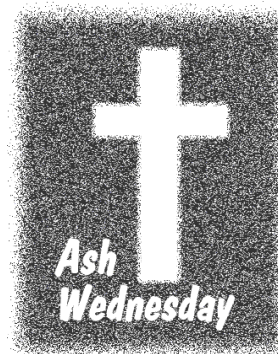


Souper Bowl Jubilee Project

This year Children & Youth will collect donations for Jubilee Project, Inc., a service organization and United Methodist mission project in Hancock County, TN. Its goal is to provide "food security, shelter, access to clean water, health, self-worth, and love."

(www.holston.org/jubileeproject)

Collection "pots" will be available beginning February 2nd



Service
February 26th
5:00 pm

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

- Joe Cromwell
- Bill Lee
- Betty Durkovich
- Esther Gauthier
- Keith Stillman



United Methodist Women

On February 10th, we will welcome *Nancy Yarborough* from the York River District UMW to speak about her mission trips to Cambodia. We will invite UMW members from Mathews County to join us for her presentation. Everyone is welcome.

On February 16th, our CUMW will participate in both church services. We will read the scriptures, be the greeters, take up the collection, help with the communion, and provide a musical duet.

We are planning our *Annual Volunteer Luncheon* for March 9th at 11:30. A list of Volunteers will be prepared and invitations extended. We will also invite members of the Mathews Rescue Squad and Mathews Volunteer Fire Department.

Future events include hosting Three Rivers Healthy Families on April 17th, preparing Kits for Conference in May, a Birthday Luncheon and Candle Burning in September, Bay Belles Concert/Ice Cream Social, hosting Three Rivers Healthy Families for our Annual Thanksgiving Celebration in November, and visiting our "Shut-ins" in December.

Martha Arnold
President UMW

United Methodist Women
Sunday Services
February 16th

Members will lead both services
and share UMW history
and ministries.



United Methodist Men

Our next Brunswick Stew sale will occur February 22nd! It'll be really cold and everyone will be wanting some stew to keep warm so you better buy your tickets early. We will be making 120 quarts (same as last November) and the price will remain \$8 per quart. Last year was a sell-out and we hope it will once again be that popular.

For this year's shrimp dinner (May 16th), we will be raising the price of the dinner to \$19 eat-in and \$18 for takeout. We do so in anticipation of increased expenses across the board and we hope the shrimp costs will not exceed \$8 per pound (we're never sure). We plan to pre-sell 350 tickets and reserve 50 tickets for "walk ins". We will once again have the dinner the same weekend as the Tour de Chesapeake.

Blessings,

Steve Leap
President UMM



United Methodist Men's
Valentine Breakfast

The United Methodist Men cordially invite the ladies of Central to a Valentine Breakfast.

Saturday, February 15th
8:00 am to 9:00 am.

In the Fellowship hall

Please RSVP to the church office (804-725-2832) the # of persons attending by Sunday, February 9th.

Mission and Evangelism

On Sunday January 19th, the Mission and Evangelism team hosted our annual 4S's program. Musical performances were by Katherine Diggs, Thelma Rice, Yosub Namgung, Minjung Kim, Lynda Smith Greve, The Ebenezer Baptist Church Men's Choir, and our own Women's Trio and Pastor John. Each contributed to an evening of either powerful rocking gospel or hauntingly beautiful music. This was followed by a delicious soup, salad, and sweets dinner prepared by the members of our church. \$390 was received for United Methodist Family Services. Thank you.

On February 9 we will present what we hope will be the first of a monthly program we've named *Journeys with God*. This will be a service of music, testimony, communion, and prayer. We invite you to join us for a new opportunity to share God's love and grace and to hear personal testimonies on how He walks with us throughout our lives. If you or someone you know needs prayer, there will be someone there to pray with you and share God's love. Eric Stewart will testify at our first meeting to share his story.

Linda Dalgety, Mission and Evangelism Chair

Songs, Soups, Salads & Sweets (1/19)



Photos by Linda Dalgety & Louise Witherspoon

Hospitality

Schedule of Greeters for this coming year:

8:30/11:00

January: Steve & Emily Leap/Ben & Peggy Leigh

February: Bobby & Phyllis Hudgins/Linda Dalgety

March: John & Sherry Hodges/Kenneth & Mary
Marshall

April: Ken & Karen Palmer/Christine Ulrich

May: Hal & Patty Hertzler/Marcia Fry

June: Dee Bane/Mark & Brenda Lewis

July: Gerald & Frosty Taylor/Louise Witherspoon

August: Pat & Chris Moughon/Cheryl Wheeler

September: Ken & Helen Lee/Carey Hogge &
boys

October: Grace Mortimer/Richard Moughon &
family

November: James & Dale Martin/Catherine
Small & family

December: Tom & Dale Robinson/_____

We are grateful to all of you who have agreed to serve and thank you to Patty and Peggy for securing these positions. Should your plans change, please find someone to trade with, or notify me, Patty, or Peggy. We will send reminders prior to your month of commitment unless you tell us otherwise.

Refreshments in January following the 8:30 worship service were provided by:

1/5: 1st Sunday of the month - Cookie Sunday
Thank you to everyone who brought something to share.

1/12: Nate & Melba Houser with Michael
Cannon

1/19: James & Dale Martin

1/26: Frosty Taylor & David Hudgins

February Schedule for Refreshments:

2/2: Cookie Sunday - please bring something to share.

2/9: Bobby & Phyllis Hudgins

2/16: Dee Bane & Mary Wade Smith

2/23: Steve & Emily Leap



The signup calendar is in the kitchen above the trash can. We have commitments through the 2nd week of April of which we are most appreciative. Your good food and hospitality provide a wonderful social time for all. Thank you to Dale Martin for getting us off to a great start. If you have not volunteered yet, please take a Sunday.

We are grateful to all of you who provide for our congregation with your time and gifts.

Emily Leap

Hospitality Chair



Nate and Melba went out in their yard and amazingly were able to find enough flowers in January to make this lovely center piece for the fellowship table. - Michael Cannon

Rhythms of Grace at Abingdon Episcopal Church

We joyfully welcome children and adults of all abilities particularly those who have difficulty in a traditional church setting.

Parents, siblings, grandparents, other family members, and friends all take part in the service.

The pattern of worship is traditional and predictable, so that everyone feels comfortable.

In the Parish House (building on the left).

Every 3rd Sunday of each month
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

4645 George Washington Memorial Hwy
White Marsh, VA (804-693-3035)

Administrative Council Chair

Welcome to a new year at Central United Methodist Church! I hope that everyone had a wonderful and meaningful Christmas Season and that you got to spend time with loved ones.

My first official act as your new Admin Council Chairperson is to thank the three retiring members of the Council, Bobby and Phyllis Hudgins, and Hal Hertzler. For the last three years they have served as Admin Council Chairperson, Hospitality/Visitation Chairperson, and Trustees Chairperson, respectively, and have done outstanding jobs. They leave big shoes to fill, for sure! Next time you see them, thank them for all they have done and will continue to do, no doubt, for our Church.

I also want to welcome our two new members to the Council. Emily Leap will be taking over for Phyllis at Hospitality/Visitation and Patty Hertzler will take over for Tim Hill at Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations. Tim will be succeeding me as Finance Chair. The Trustees Chairperson will be selected at their next meeting.

Central United Methodist Men's

Brunswick Stew Sale

Saturday, February 22nd
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Central United Methodist Church
Church Street in Mathews Court House



DONATION
\$8 per Quart

Reserve yours in advance by
purchasing tickets from
any member of the
Central United Methodist Men or
purchase at the door while available.
Call 725-8673, 725-3751 or
794-4601 today!

We face some big challenges in the months and years ahead, not only here at Central, but for the United Methodist Church as a whole. But, if we always keep in mind that we're all on the same team, and with God's help, we'll get through it.

May God bless each one of you, and may God bless Central United Methodist Church,

Chris Moughon

Administrative Council Chair

United Methodist Women cordially invite you to our meeting at Central UMC

on February 10th at 10:30 am






Our Guest speaker is Nancy Yarborough,
Lay Leader for York River District.

Nancy has traveled nine times to Cambodia as well as once to the Philippines and Kenya. She will bring native goods from each of these countries which will be displayed and available for purchase. She will send the proceeds from the sale of these goods back to the country of origin to support the women, children, and youth of that country.

*Please join us in welcoming Nancy to
Mathews County!*

*We look forward to an exciting and
inspiring meeting
with UMW fellowship and goodwill.*



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1 style="color: red;">February 2020</h1>				<p>All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.</p>		1
2 Souper Bowl Jubilee Project begins	3 SPRC 7:00 pm	4  Blood Drive Piankatank Ruritan Club 2:00 - 7:00 pm	5 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	6 Choir 6:45 pm	7	8
9 <i style="color: red;">Journeys with God 6:30 pm</i>	10 UM Women 10:00 am Speaker: Nancy Yarborough	11	12 Finance 7:00 pm	13 Bay Quilters 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Choir 6:45 pm	14 <i style="color: red;">Valentine's Day</i> 	15 UM Men Valentine Breakfast 8:00 am to 9:00 am
16 <i style="color: red;">UM Women Sunday</i>	17 Trustees 7:00 pm	18	19 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am	20 Choir 7:15 pm	21	22 UM Men Brunswick Stew Sale 1:00 to 4:00 pm 
23	24	25 The Call 7:00 pm	26 The Call 10:00 am <i style="color: red;">Ash Wednesday Service 5:00 pm</i>  Administrative Council 7:00pm	27 Choir 7:15 pm	28	29

Birthdays

Peggy Kava	1	Ruth Ann Hutson	12
Susan Hill	3	Kenneth Marshall	13
Bob Tabor	8	Elizabeth Anderson	16
Sherry Hodges	9	Bill Loving	23

Anniversaries

Mary Wade Smith	25	Jean & Donnie Hall	14
Frosty Taylor	29	Richard & Carey Hogge	24