

From the Pastor's Pen...

What a grand day! I commend the congregation of Central UMC for turning out and participating in **Serving Our Neighbors** on June 29. The United Methodist Men gave us a jumpstart with a fantastic breakfast of eggs, sausage, bacon, ham, biscuits, pancakes, fruit, juice and coffee (I probably left something out) for around 80 hungry people. Several families overflowed to the outside, enjoying the mild early morning temperature.

Following worship, the church got up and went forth into the community to several work sites. A large group boxed up and delivered a special Sunday lunch to just over 40 Meals on Wheels recipients. Bethel UMC's monetary gift enabled Nelda Gibbs to provide the lunch menu; one of our members wrote cards to go with the meals.

In addition, we worked on Gwynn's Island, in Redart, Port Haywood and Mathews Court House. The church cleaned out a freezer and sorted clothing at Hands Across Mathews, hauled brush, cleaned gutters, washed a porch, cleaned out a drainage ditch, chopped roots, planted flowers, dug out old plantings, pulled up poison ivy, trimmed trees and bushes, weeded, painted, and did some much-needed electrical work. Our children participated in delivering meals or traveled to one of the worksites where they helped with trimming and played – they were a joy to have along! (I expect everyone slept well Sunday night!!)

A big **Thank-you** to everyone for volunteering their time, leadership, skills, tools, vehicles and bottled water! Feedback has been positive, with folks using words like *inspiring, exciting, meaningful, satisfying* and *a blessing*. **Serving Our Neighbors** is what it means to put legs on our prayers and our faith into action. I truly believe God smiled upon our day of fellowship, worship and service. Central Church, you are an amazing group of God's children! What a joy it is to serve among you!

On the journey together,
Suzanne



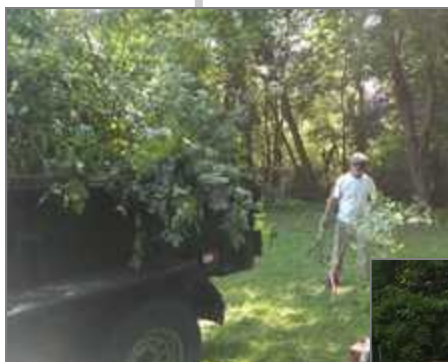
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Paul Townsend Memorial Class

The Paul Townsend Memorial S.S. Class had the pleasure this June to honor graduates of our church family. A special recognition ceremony was held during both services on June 8, 2014. This year we had eleven to graduate who were either children or grandchildren of Central members. The class gave gift Bibles or a book of daily worship to each student. Four gifts were presented early by their grandparents to our out-of-state seniors. They were: Olivia Burkett Allesee of Michigan; Jenna Michelle Jachles of Florida; Joshua David Lorenz of California; and Christopher Roman of Texas. Five Mathews High School seniors were given their gifts at the 8:30 service. Their parents and grandparents in attendance were also recognized. Those honored at that time were: Laine Madisson Haynes, William Tucker Blackwell, Austin Tyler Kemp, William Clayton Moughon and Joshua Tyler Boyer; all of Mathews.



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At the 11:00 am worship service we announced all the graduates as well as gave gifts to our last two

graduates: Wyatt Cole Weaver, Gloucester High School, and our only college graduate, Rachael Marie Dehoux, of Mathews. Their grandparents received their gift.

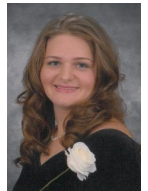
Our class hopes that the graduates will use these gifts to help guide them throughout their life. As these wonderful young people embark on the next phase in life, we have great hope for the future and pray that God's purpose for them will be fulfilled, as the scriptures give them guidance and direction. Congratulations to all! Our prayers and best wishes go with all the graduates.

We will not have class meetings this summer. Our regular monthly class meetings will resume in September.

Phyllis Hudgins, President

Correction: In the June 2014 *Central Chimes* Janet Burgess' granddaughter's name and high school were incorrect. Jenna Michelle Jachles graduated from J P Taravella High School in Coral Springs, FL.

Best wishes, Jenna!



Welcome to Our New Member!



Photo by Suzanne Gibson

Welcome to Cindy Bryant. Cindy joined our Central family on May 18.

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Lancaster, VA 22503

Virginia Annual Conference Offering Challenge

The Administrative Council challenged the congregation to give \$500 for the Conference Offering. **Thank you for your \$357 contribution.** The balance was covered by the Finance Contingency Fund.

United Methodist Women

On June 9, CUMW held a special meeting on spiritual well being. Members provided information on physical, mental and spiritual health.



Photo by Dee Bane

On June 20, CUMW hosted a picnic for moms, children and staff of the Three Rivers Healthy Families Program. The group gathered at Port Fun Park and moved to the fellowship hall for the picnic lunch. Special thanks to all who helped with this fun event

including Valerie Adams, Pat Gwaltney, Susan Hill, Phyllis Hudgins, Nancy Jagger, Judy Moughon, Ruth Ritter, Jean Sutton, and Dee Bane.

On Sunday, July 27, CUMW will sponsor an Ice Cream Social in the fellowship hall at 3:00 pm. There will be a concert by the BayBells and homemade ice cream. Donations are being accepted for the Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music and some sweet treats.

You're Invited

Ice Cream social

Sponsored by
Central UMW

<i>date-</i>	Sun., July 27
<i>time-</i>	3:00 pm
<i>where-</i>	Fellowship Hall

Donations to benefit the Healing Eagle Clinic on the Mattaponi Indian Reservation.



Mission & Evangelism and CUMW



Your M & E Team and CUMW have placed small containers in each classroom for your continued donations to The Henry Fork Service Center. The center is a Virginia Conference mission supported project in Rocky Mount, VA. See page 5 of the May 2014 issue of the *Central Chimes* for more information about Henry Fork Service Center.

The One Room Sunday School Class says,
"Thank You!"
for helping to assemble the 7 sewing kits sent to the VA Annual Conference.



The BayBells, a community handbell group, will be "ringing" at the Ice Cream Social, Sunday, July 27 at 3 pm, sponsored by Central UMW. Come and enjoy the yummy taste of homemade ice cream and the sweet tones of the bells.

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

Juanita Lyle and the Family of Faye Tipton
Debbie Whiteway and the Family of Paul D. Hare
The Family of Mary Powell

2014 VA Annual Conference Report

This year's theme for the Virginia Annual Conference was **Lord, Renew Us with Your Spirit**. We sang "*Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me*" every day.

Following the Clergy and Laity Sessions, the Conference opened with a general business session and Bishop Cho's Episcopal Address, "Are We Yet Alive?" That evening we attended a beautiful Service of Remembrance, honoring clergy, clergy spouses and Lay Members of the Annual Conference who had died since the 2013 Conference. The Rev. Dr. Rhonda VanDyke Colby, Vice President for Student Life at Shenandoah University, preached. Her sermon was "Go to Seed," imagining Jesus as the Gardner sowing seeds. She asked us to sow a seed to someone we knew would be around when we are gone. A moving Service of Holy Communion followed.

The annual Potato Drop began at 5 a.m. Saturday morning. Dr. Elmer Colyer, a United Methodist theologian and pastor from Iowa, led the first of three Bible study sessions on "Political Battles and Cultural Controversies that Keep the Church from Moving Forward." The business session included more reports, minutes, and an All Things New – Equipping Vital Congregations Report. More than 450 churches are reporting their "Vital Signs" on a weekly basis. This includes Central UMC. Bishop Cho announced that more than 200 churches have signed the Bishop's Prayer Covenant. Maybe it's time for Central to sign on now! Forty-one retirees were recognized in an afternoon service. There was also a powerful witness time from several new/revitalized faith communities.

In an effort to encourage every church in the VA Conference to join in the *Imagine No More Malaria Campaign*, Bishop Cho joined in with the youth and others in dancing to Pharrell Williams' "Happy" song. A joyous "party" atmosphere ensued. The bishop ended the merry time saying, "After the dancing...what's next? Open your check books!" The Bishop and his wife, the Rev. Kiok Chang Cho, gave a \$300 contribution to the project. Others gave, as well. George

Howard, the Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries presented the VA Conference an award for having the highest missions giving in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Central's 41 health kits and 7 sewing kits contributed towards more than 41,000 kits collected for conference, having a total value of \$533,834. Totals were 30,844 Health Kits; 11,306 School Kits; 5,325 Birthing Kits; 1,666 Layette Kits; 228 Cleaning Kits; 394 Bedding Kits and 1,455 Miscellaneous Kits. The 4 Cans for Conference collection totaled 8,500 lbs.

The VA Conference was given an award by the *Stop Hunger Now* organization for packaging 2,369,000 meals during the past year.

Bishop Cho spoke about the human sexuality issues that are conference-wide and have been dominating the denomination's energies in recent years. The floor was opened up for discussion of Resolution #1 on the UMC's stand on homosexuality in the *2012 Book of Discipline*, but a vote was tabled until 2015 so there could be more discussion and explanation of this resolution and time to facilitate opportunities for listening to each other around the Conference. Resolution #2 was adopted, agreeing **not** to put the Church's investments in Fossil Fuel Companies since the covenant God made was not just with Noah but with all humanity and all future generations.

Bishop Robert E. Hayes Jr. from the Oklahoma Conference preached the Ordination Service Saturday evening: 27 women and men were licensed as Local Pastors, 22 were commissioned as Provisional Members, 1 was ordained a Deacon, 13 were ordained as Elders, and 1 person's orders (from another denomination) were recognized.

Nancy Jagger expresses her thanks for sending her as Central's lay delegate: "As always, the Conference was very informative, had great speakers and makes you proud to see what the VA Conference of the United Methodist Church is doing and to know you are part of the renewal that Bishop Cho wants to see take place among us through the connectional renewal of our Spirit."

Nancy Jagger, Central's Conference Member
Judy Moughon, York River District Lay Leader

Photo Round-up



Photo by Phyllis Hudgins

Grace Mortimer sang *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* at the early service on June 8.



Photo by Suzanne Gibson

Judy Moughon speaks at farewell for Joe and Donnie Carson at Bethany UMC, Gloucester Point on June 1.

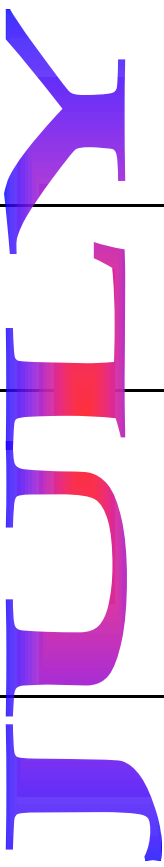





VBS at Salem UMC Central's kids participated with Salem for the second year. This was one of many activities.

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ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
 Monday, August 4, 2-9 p.m.
 Mathews Yacht Club
 Dinner @ 6 p.m.
 bring your favorite dish to share
 fried chicken provided
 casual attire
 pool open for all -
 lifeguard on duty

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Nominations & Leadership 7:00 pm at the parsonage	2 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 - 1:00 pm	3	4 Fourth of July 	5 Worship Committee 9:00 am
	6	7 Prayer Time 8:00 am	8	9	All meeting times & dates are subject to change.	
13	14 Prayer Time 8:00 am Creation Care 9:00 am UM Women 7:00 pm	15 2015 Budget Requests Due Trustees 7:00 pm	16 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am Finance 7:00 pm	17 Nominations & Leadership at the parsonage 7:00 pm	18	19
20	21 Prayer Time 8:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	22	23 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	24	25	26
27 Ice Cream Social 3:00 pm  Sponsored by Central UMW Donations benefit The Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic	28 Prayer Time 8:00 am	29	30	31 		
Chimes Submissions Due						

BIRTHDAYS

Betty Lewis	1	Judy Moughon	20
Mary Marshall	8	Terry Putt	20
Maymie Lambert	11	Tim Hill	26
Nancy Gibbs	13	Alvin Knight	27
Emily Hughes	16	David Hudgins	29
Emily Paige	20		



ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth Anne & Durward Anderson	2
Mark & ReNeé Planitz	2
Miriam & Joe Cromwell	7
Audrey & Alvin Knight	14
Paul & Peg Kava	20
Betty & Jimmy Stewart	23

