



# THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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## From the Pastor's Pen

*"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (My. 6:33)*

In July you will begin seeing some works done around the fellowship hall. The trustees have worked on a plan to renovate and update the looks of the fellowship hall, ever since it became clear that the floor needed to be replaced early this year. This includes works on floor, painting, and lightings. Multiple bids were sought, as well as professional opinions.

As you see the works being done, I would like for us to know and remember several things. First, I appreciate the integrity and unity that the trustees displayed throughout the decision process. The members were united from day one to do what they thought was the best for the room and for the church.

Secondly, not everyone is going to be completely happy with the changes coming to our beloved space, and that is normal for the life of the church. What is also ordinary for church, is that we rely on the grace of God to make all things work for the good. Let us remember that God is the one who ultimately orders our steps (Prov. 16:9), and we should put our faith in God. We humans are not perfect; God is. Let us show mercy to one another, and let us trust in God.

Thirdly, our mission as church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We renovate this room to serve its purpose - to support the church and the community's fellowship and activities - in route to following Jesus. Following Jesus is

the goal, and not just having the room we can most feel proud of.

Last but not least, the funding for this series of projects come from the bequest by the late Bailey Hudgins. In his will he specified that the gift be used for the improvement of the interior and exterior of the church building and its grounds. We should be grateful for the generosity of those who gave and the faithfulness of those who have managed and administered the gift.

I know that this sizeable gift has been in the past a source of disagreements. While we are fortunate to have no such questions this time around, now is the time more than ever to remember that the church is built not by money alone but "by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." We are grateful for every single gift regardless of the size, because the church does not sink or swim due to the availability of any single gift. If the Lord opens

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Women's Choir

Photo by  
Phyllis Hudgins

the door, and if we follow the Spirit, money will be there; and if heaven closes the door, no amount of money will avail. "Not by power, not by might, but by my spirit, says the Lord." (Zech. 4:6) The important thing is to seek God's will, and we should be grateful when our resources are used for God's work. After all, we are merely stewards of God's gifts, and our rewards will come from the Lord.

I am so thankful that you support the mission of the church through your giving in so many ways. May we together make disciples of Christ, who taught us "to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." "I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ." (Philemon 1:6)

Gratefully,

*John*

**"Out of This World"  
Bible School**

**When:** Tuesday nights until  
July 16th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Where:** Central UMC  
121 Church Street  
Mathews, VA

**Contact:** Nancy Jagger  
804-694-7017 or  
John Choi  
804-725-3332



**Central's Annual Conference Contributions**

Central Church delivered 55 Health Kits towards the United Methodist Committee on Relief in addition to \$250 to Conference Mission projects.

Thank you!



**Mathews County Blood Drive  
Piankatank Ruritan Club**

**Tuesday, July 16 , 1:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Please help prevent a summer shortage  
and save a life!**

**Mission and Evangelism**

The Mission and Evangelism team was pleased to host a visit by missionaries Donald and Carol Paige. They shared during the worship service on Sunday, June 30th a message on building altars and spiritual milestones. A covered dish luncheon followed the service in the Fellowship Hall with the Paige family as our guests.

We will be hosting a *Paint Night* in July, proceeds of which will help finance a new and exciting mission project. Look for more information about this fun opportunity to explore your artistic efforts with your friends soon.

Blessings,

*Linda Dalgety*

Mission and Evangelism Chair



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

Reba Carney Hinkley

Betsy Paul

Greg Hubbard

Arthur Walden

Harriett Loving



## Creation Care

This summer Creation Care worked with Mathews' Boys and Girls Club.



Mathews young people learned the "Secrets of the Dump" and then eagerly volunteered to race and recycle.



They loved picking prizes as rewards for their team effort to help the planet. Many went home with some new insights.

It took a team to handle 25 young people. Thanks to all who help put on these programs.

*Michael Cannon,*  
Creation Care Team





## United Methodist Women

In our June meeting we planned for the Three Rivers Healthy Families Picnic, to be held in the Church Fellowship Hall on July 19th, beginning at 10:30 am. We will demonstrate to the group the ways of canning, freezing, and preserving fresh fruits and vegetables.

Our menu will be hot dogs with buns, beans, chips, tea, water, cookies and ice pops. If anyone would like to help, please bring fruit, salad, or a vegetable tray.

To learn more about the history of CUMW's long-standing relationship with Three Rivers Healthy Families you can read the outstanding article written by Dee Bane, which was subsequently published in the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal on July 13th, 2019.

Also, for our June meeting, we each reviewed a book taken from our own collection or from the books donated by Marilyn and Tom Tucker. The books that the Tuckers donated are available to anyone in the congregation for their perusal. The books are presently located in boxes in the choir room. Please help yourselves.

We wished Dee and Judy God's speed as they headed off to the annual VA conference, where, in addition to attending the conference, they delivered our Health Kits to UMCOR. Thank you both for doing this service.

*Martha Arnold,*

CUMW President

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## Hospitality and Visitation Committee

June was a busy month with graduations, Vacation Bible School, summer fun and vacations, outdoor work etc. With all the wonderful rain and sunshine as well, the crops, flowers, and grass also, is flourishing. Let's give God Thanks for His daily blessings.

Hospitality time has gone well and continues to be enjoyed at our Church. Thanks goes to Judy Moughon for serving as June Hospitality Host. Those serving as Refreshment Host were as follows: June 2nd Cookie Sunday, my thanks to those who participated. Dale Robinson graciously took Jean Sutton's Sunday, on the 9th. Jean is healing from an injury and we all wish her a speedy recovery. On the 16th, Cindy Hall, Bob Tabor and Bill were scheduled; however Bill Loving's mom passed and Bob & Bill were in Richmond during that time. Our love and prayers go out to the family. Here again everyone pulls together. Cindy, with the help of Debbie Flounders, followed through with the refreshments at Church as scheduled. On the 23rd Frosty Taylor hosted hospitality with the help of Cindy Butterworth.

Our July Hospitality Host will be Dee Bane. Please call her if anyone needs a card at 384-8098.

July refreshments will be served by Mary Wade and Dee Bane on July the 14th. Nate and Melba Houser, Michael and ED Cannon will host on the 21st and Emily and Steve Leap will furnish refreshments and host hospitality time following the 8:30 AM worship service on the 28th. Just a reminder, we will have "Cookie Sunday" on July 7th. Snacks are also welcome.

Blessings to All,

*Phyllis Hudgins*

Hospitality and Visitation



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### Hospitality Host for July

Dee Bane - 804-384-8098

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### Greeters/Ushers for July

	<u>7/1 &amp; 7/21</u>
8:30 am service	Gerald & Frosty Taylor <u>7/14 &amp; 7/28</u> Martha & Joe Arnold
11:00 am service	Marcia Fry & Greg Lewis

## Graduation Recognition at Central

Below: Tom Robinson, President of Paul Townsend Memorial Sunday school class presenting Ashley Bennett, senior grad, a Bible. Standing next to them are Pastor John, Joshua, Ashley's brother and Joy, Ashley Bennett's mother. Second photo: With Bobby and Phyllis Hudgins, the proud grandparents.



### Nancy Wroten Memorial Class

The Nancy Wroten Memorial Class would like to thank everyone who donated to the Mother's & Father's Day Tribute Bulletin. The proceeds will be used to aid those in need in our community.

## United Methodist Men

In the June 15th meeting, the UMM group allocated or disbursed the shrimp dinner profits thusly:

- \$ 450 Society for St. Andrews
- \$ 450 Hands across Mathews - Christmas Blessing Fund
- \$1,000 Nelda Gibbs school lunch fund for disadvantaged children
- \$ 400 Mathews TRIAD Medical Alert
- \$ 700 Mathews Volunteer Fire Department
- \$ 700 Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad
- \$ 500 Hands Across Mathews - back to school program
- \$ 500 Heart Havens
- \$4,700 TOTAL

At the end of the June meeting, we voted to take our three month summer break and start once again with our October meeting. Everyone have a safe and happy summer.

*Steve Leap*

President CUMM



## Church Picnic

Save The Date!!!

**Monday, August 5**




2:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Mathews Yacht Club

Dinner @ 6 pm

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

*Invite A Friend!*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
J U L Y	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Office closed  pixabay.com	5	6
	7	8 UM Women 10:00 am  SPRC 7:00 pm	9	10 Central Village Homemakers 1:30 - 4:30 pm  Finance 7:00 pm	11 Bay Quilters 9:00am - 1:00pm	12
14	15  Trustees 7:00 pm	16 Blood Drive Piankatank Ruritan club 1:30 - 7:00pm 	17 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am	18	19 UM Women 3 Rivers Healthy Families Picnic 10:30 am	20
21 <i>Central Chimes Submissions Due</i>	22	23	24 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	25	26	27
28	29	30 Office Closed	31 Office Closed	 pixabay.com		
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### Birthdays

Betty Lewis	1	Tim Hill	26
Mary Marshall	8	Alvin Knight	27
Maymie Lambert	11	David Hudgins	29
Judy Moughon	20	Sandi Morgan	8/4
Emily Moughon	20		

### Anniversaries

Miriam & Joe Cromwell	7
Audrey & Alvin Knight	14
Richard & Deborah Robertson	17
Betty & Jimmy Stewart	23