



# THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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## The Blessings of Change

I know that no one really likes "change." It is hard work. It means getting out of your comfort zone, being unsure about what is coming, wondering how it will affect you, trying to figure out what you will do. I was inspired by the commentary from Virginia United Methodist Foundation this week entitled "Jesus Changed Everything". No doubt about that statement. Jesus changed our calendar (BC – AD), how we celebrate holidays, the direction of our world, and so much more. How wonderful that change was for you and me. We are the beneficiaries of His sacrifice, and we need to reflect and give our thanks and praise for the doors he opened for us.

We will miss our beloved pastor John but think of the wonderful change the Lord has presented to him. We will always remember our love for him and his love for us. But now, he can expand his horizon, embrace a new family, and share his love of God with others, just as he did with us.

And we should be grateful that Rev. Rebecca will be with us soon to bring us opportunities that only she can bring. We will learn from her courage. We will benefit from her experience and wisdom. We will all continue to grow with her knowledge and her love of the Lord that she shares with us. How blessed we are that these opportunities will come our way because we are part of Central Church.

Blessings,

*Dee Bane*

Administrative Council Chairman



**Join us for Worship!**  
**Sunday Worship—9:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday school—10:15 a.m.**

PS. A huge "Thank You" to everyone who has worked so hard again this past week to make the occasion of John's farewell and the welcome of Rev. Rumburg and her family to Central a success. Your generosity, love and caring is overwhelming. It is truly a blessing to be a part of Central United Methodist Church in Mathews.

## ***This Is a Day of New Beginnings***

*This is a day of new beginnings,  
time to remember and move on,  
time to believe what love is bringing,  
laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

*For by the life and death of Jesus,  
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,  
can make for us a world of difference,  
as faith and hope are born again.*

*Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,  
step from the past and leave behind  
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,  
seeking new paths, and sure to find.*

*Christ is alive, and goes before us  
to show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings;  
our God is making all things new.*

*In faith we'll gather round the table  
to taste and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings;  
our God is making all things new.*

-United Methodist Hymnal

# Well-wish Luncheon for Pastor John



- photos above by John Lee Callis



Pastor John's beautiful voice & talents will be missed here at Central!  
- photo by Michael Cannon



Graduates were presented with a gift Bible or book of daily scripture by the Paul Townsend Memorial Sunday school class. (6/4)

- Grad photos by Greg Lewis



## Men's Fellowship Breaks for Summer

The Central United Methodist Men met on Friday, June 16. Pat Moughon provided her now famous "chicken crack" crock pot dish to sustain the nine members present.

The purpose of the Friday evening meeting was to prepare for the yard sale the next day. Unfortunately, the stormy weather kept us from setting up as much as we wanted to Friday night, but we had a good crew to come in early Saturday morning and with the help of the ladies from the Central Village Homemakers, we were ready to go by 7am. The two groups made a great team. The Homemakers provided the pricing and display expertise while the CUMM provided the church grounds and tables and the muscle to move the merchandise. Everyone either came before their signup time, or stayed past it, or both, so we always had a plenty of help. A very special thanks goes out to Martha and Joe Arnold. Joe was our project manager from the beginning, collecting and storing merchandise all spring. Martha coordinated the efforts of the CVH and the CUMM and picked up the slack for Joe when he ended up spending most of the week in the hospital. It is highly unlikely that we could have pulled it off without the two of them. Dan Reno deserves special recognition for donating a whole trailer load of stuff and helping move it, too. Thanks also to the members of both groups who pitched in to make it all happen. And, of course, thanks to all of you for your donations of merchandise and for the purchases you made as well.

The two organizations together took in a little over \$2000 which will split right down the middle. The United Methodist Women took in over \$300 from their bake sale going on at the same time, so it was a very successful day all around. Thanks again for your support! The men will decide what community groups that we'll donate to after our summer break. The next meeting will be Saturday, September 16, at 8am. It will, of course, be our first meeting without Pastor John. We cannot express how much we will miss him or how much we appreciate all he has done not only for the CUMM, but especially for Central United Methodist Church. We hope and pray for

nothing but the very best for him in all things.

Have a great summer,

*Chris Moughon*

CUMM President

## UM Men / Central Village Homemakers with UM Women Have successful Yard & Bake Sale

*-Photos by Martha Arnold*

*Top: Eileen Koch & Jan Kanner of CVH*

*Middle: Hope Merrill, Nancy Goldman, Grace Mortimer, and Nancy Jagger*



Above: Ken Childress & Joe Arnold

## United Methodist Women

CUMW held our monthly meeting on June 12th in the Fellowship Hall to review our events in June. It was an extremely busy month!

On June 17th, Central United Methodist Women held a Bake Sale in conjunction with the GIGANTIC Yard Sale that the United Methodist Men and the Central Village Homemakers had in the church parking lot. There were lots of great bargains and delicious baked goods. The proceeds for the Yard Sale were split between the UMM and CVH and will be given back to Mathews County. We made \$314 on our Baled Goods. This money will also be given back to Mathews County in our outreach program. A special thank you to all who contributed to our Bake Sale.

On June 20th, we were invited to Mathews Chapel to hear Andrew Soon Lee and his wife, Janice, speak about their ministry in Cambodia. There were six of us who attended. We enjoyed the meal prepared by Mathews Chapel UMW and the presentation given by the Lees.

On June 22nd, several of us went on a field trip to visit the Three Rivers Healthy Families facility in Urbanna. We met with Debbie Lancucki and her staff and were given a tour. Afterwards we enjoyed a nice lunch before driving home.

On June 23rd, we hosted our annual picnic with the children and mothers of Three Rivers Healthy Families. It was supposed to be at Port Fun but because of the weather, it was held in the Fellowship Hall. We served hot dogs, beans, chips, juice, vegetables, etc. The Staff of Three Rivers provided the entertainment and activities for the 14 children who attended. The children were given a wide choice of books, some of which were donated by Michael Cannon, while others were from the church nursery library. Between the parents, the staff, the children, and CUMW we had 34 attendees. The remaining hot dogs were dropped off at the Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad.

On June 25th, we participated in the Farewell Luncheon for John Choi. Along with preparing

some of the food, we were also active in the set up and the cleanup after the luncheon. A good time was had by all, but we will certainly miss John.

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 to 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 in the Fellowship Hall and there is a bin for non-food items. 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*, CUMW President



**UMW host Three Rivers Healthy Families**

## Creation Care

This year our Creation Care Team was able to train 164 individuals on **how and why** we recycle in Mathews. This was a combination of adults and students. One thing they learned was that cardboard and paper, when recycled, give Mathews money that reduces our Convenience Center Bill. Some ask, where does this paper go? Are you sure it doesn't end up at the dump?

**Yes, I am sure.** Every month, Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority (VPPSA) checks with the recycle companies around Richmond or Suffolk to see what prices the different companies are paying for paper. The one with the best price for that month gets Mathews' papers. One example is Butler Paper in Suffolk.



They are one of the largest privately own waste paper companies on the East Coast.



A ton of recycle paper earns money for Mathews, saves 17 trees and keeps the paper out of the landfill where it can give off methane gas.

Let's do our part and recycle all paper.

*Michael Cannon*

Creation Care Team



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

Toni Montgomery  
Virginia Montgomery

Ginny Groff  
Gloria Haywood

## M and E Plan Events

At our June 20th meeting we worked on plans for the November 19th *Rise against Hunger* event. We will be packaging (with your help) 5,000 meals at a cost of \$2,000.00. The truck will be at the church at 11:30 on 11/19. We will need 6 people to unload the truck and to set up the Fellowship Hall. For the actual event which will begin at 1:00 that day and last until 3:00, we will need between 30-50 volunteers to help package the food. You'd be surprised how much fun this is!

Following the RAH event, we will celebrate with a church wide. Thanksgiving covered dish dinner. Betty Stewart volunteered to be in charge of the meal. She has a lot of experience in this role and always does a fantastic job!

Our Mission Focus for July will be Meals on Wheels. For August it will be the Back to School fund previously administered by Nelda. For September, the Mission Focus will be our Rise against Hunger. It was also suggested a homemade ice cream social could be another way to raise money to cover the cost of the RAH event.

Our next *Journey with God* will be held in August. We considered having hymn singing for the musical portion of the evening.

Judy Moughon will write our welcome home letters to our grads for July.

The Paige Family will visit our church in early September. Judy will host them and will make her car available to them. The meeting concluded with a prayer asking for God's blessing for Pastor John as he prepares to exit one chapter of his and begin another.

*Linda Dalgety,*

M & E chair.

### Just a Reminder!

Please indicate on the Disciples Engaged in Mission checklist, if you took part in any community service or outreach activities in April, May & June. Checklist is located in the Narthex. *Thank you!*



### Give the Gift of Life!

#### Mathews Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 18, 2:00 -7:00 pm  
Piankatank Ruritan Building

Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for appt.  
or Call [804-725-2485](tel:804-725-2485) for appt.  
and for questions.



### Mission Focus for July: Meals on Wheels



Home delivered meals are available to any person age 60 and older who meets program eligibility requirements. Volunteers deliver a hot, nutritional meal to the homebound frail and seniors daily. Bay Aging delivers about 166,000 meals annually.

Special gifts for Meals on Wheels during July may be placed in pew envelopes with "MOW" on the check memo. *Thank you!*

For Volunteer Opportunities contact Laura Matthews at 804-725-7850.

### Paige Family to Visit Central

The Paige family (our mission partners) will be in the states and plan to visit Central in early September and give a personal update on their mission in Spain through TMS global.

We look forward to seeing them soon!



Donald, Carol, Daniel and Cora Paige

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>July 2023</h1>			All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.			
2 Service, 9:15 am <i>Reception after Service</i> Sunday school 10:15 am	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 	5	6	7	8
9 Service, 9:15 am Sunday school 10:15 am	10 SPRC TBD	11	12	13 Finance 2:00 pm	14	15
16 Service, 9:15 am Sunday school 10:15 am	17	18 Community Blood Drive Piankatank Ruritan club 2:00 - 7:00pm 	19 Mission and Evangelism 10:00 am  Administrative Council 7:00 pm	20  Choir 7:00 pm	21	22
23 Service, 9:15 am Sun. school, 10:15 am <i>Central Chimes &amp; Report Submissions Due</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Service, 9:15 am Sunday school, 10:15 am	31					

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### Birthdays

Betty Lewis	1	Judy Moughon	20
Joe Arnold	2	Emily Moughon	20
Tom Robinson	6	James Martin	21
Mary Marshall	8	Tim Hill	26
Hope Merrill	8	David Hudgins	29

### Anniversaries

Ken & Bev Childress	9
Dickie & Bert Burroughs	10
Jim & Linda Dalgety	10
Jimmy & Betty Stewart	23