



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

P.O. Box 297 ♦ 121 Church Street ♦ Mathews, VA 23109
Office: (804) 725-2832 ♦ Parsonage: (804) 725-3332
Pastor Suzanne Gibson ♦ Pastor's E-mail: sgibson555@gmail.com

S.O.S.

"Service on Sunday"
June 29

S.O.S.

8:30 a.m. - Fellowship Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Worship in Place
9:30 a.m. - Action!

Begin your day right – with a hearty breakfast, coffee and good conversation. Then remain at your table for a time of worship and praise, followed by organizing into teams for our work in the Mathews community or remain at the church to be a blessing in other ways. Dress casually or in work clothes, depending on the project(s) you choose to work on.

Nelda Gibbs will prepare some of us to box up a special Sunday lunch for Meals on Wheels recipients – our children can help with this. We'll need volunteers to deliver the meals to around 55 people.

Hands Across Mathews is working on a list of things we can do to help them better serve the community. Men, women and possibly children will be able to help, depending on the tasks.

Some of our neighbors need assistance with projects in and around their home. Weeding, planting, and minor home repairs are possible needs. People volunteering for such projects should bring their own tools, unless those assisted indicate they have what's needed for the job. (We will know what's needed ahead of time.)

If you know of someone who could use a hand, please call or email Suzanne, who is maintaining the list. If you can help head up a project and/or

have special skills, such as gardener, plumber, handyman or woman 😊, house cleaning, please sign up. Sign-up sheets will be passed through the congregation during the month of June.

We will have a couple of projects available at the church for those who prefer a less-strenuous activity. We will have a center set up for writing cards and letters to our deployed military personnel – even the postage will be provided. If interest is shown, a group could work on making sympathy, get-well and thinking-of-you cards to send from the church as the need arises. Do you have another idea? Let your pastor know, please!

Projects are expected to take anywhere from 30 minutes to 2 hours or so.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ on this special day.

Lord, Make me a Blessing!

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE CHALLENGE

Bishop Cho has challenged the Virginia Conference (1,200 churches) to reach the goal of \$200,000 for the Annual Conference Offering. Our Administrative Council is challenging this congregation to give **\$500** to this offering. Go to page 9 or [click here](#) for a description of the missions that this offering will bless.



Virginia Annual
Conference, Hampton
June 20 -22

From the Pastor's Pen...

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." (Read Luke 10:25-37)

You might remember this story. While traveling on a Sunday morning, a man stops at a Friends (Quaker) church and goes in for worship. He sits down next to another man and waits for worship to begin. Others come and also sit quietly. No one says anything – no one plays the piano, no one stands up to give a call to worship – there is just silence.

The visitor is perplexed. After a long time, he quietly turns to the man next to him and asks, "When does the service begin?" The man replies, "As soon as we leave the building."

As the saying goes, "We enter to worship; we leave to serve." This is in keeping with Jesus' pattern of ministry. He and his disciples regularly attend worship, yet most of his ministry takes place outside the walls of the synagogue: in homes and village streets, in desert places and on mountain heights, in boats and by the shore. Wherever he goes, Jesus transforms lives through what he says and what he does. He commissions his disciples (and us) to do the same.

As followers of Christ, we gather weekly to worship and praise God. But how well do we practice our faith once we leave the building? Do those in the community see Central Church as a building where certain people worship each week? Or do they see the church called Central regularly engaged in service to the wider community and recognize that Christ's love is their motivation?

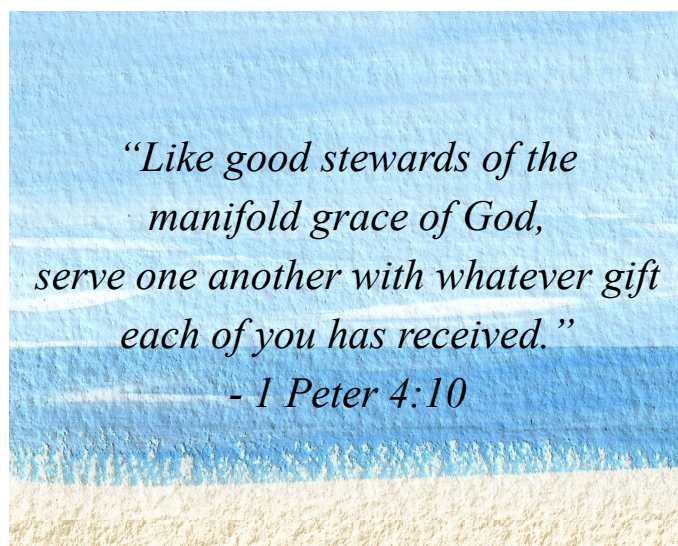
Worship and service are inseparable, just like loving God and loving neighbor are inseparable.



<http://readingacts.wordpress.com/2011/10/08/galatians-514-loving-your-neighbor/>

We will have a special congregational opportunity to do both in just a few hours on Sunday, June 29 (see "S.O.S. - Service on Sunday" on page 1). Let's see what God will do through us to bless our community!

On the journey together,
Suzanne



Pentecost Sunday, June 8



In celebration of Pentecost, feel free to wear red, orange and yellow clothing to worship service.

"Pentecost is the start of a movement of people who speak a blessing."
— Bradley E. Schmeling, *St. Paul, Minnesota*

United Methodist Women

CUMW would like to thank all those who contributed to the health kits that we are sending to the annual conference. We packed 41 kits. They will make a difference.

On Monday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m., a special program on *Spiritual Wellness* will be presented by UMW members. This program looks at the total well-being of our church family and ways to nurture and support our congregation in expanded ministries in the community. It makes the connection between the physical, mental and spiritual health through church initiatives. Everyone is welcome to attend this very thoughtful and uplifting program.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 27. It is time for the *UMW Ice Cream Social*. We are so pleased to have the *BayBells Hand Bell Choir* join us for the event. There will be home-made ice cream, games and good fun. Please save the date. We will have the social rain or shine. Hope to see you there.

Dee Bane, UMW Secretary



Christine churns the ice cream and Melba and Jean serve up the many different flavors at last year's Ice Cream Social.



Saturday, June 21
8:00 am
Breakfast & Fellowship

Photo Round-up



Paul Townsend Memorial Class prepares and presents flowers for Mother's Day.



Friendship Class Luncheon at Seabreeze Restaurant.



Colin "Bruno" Loraine sings at mission service on May 25.

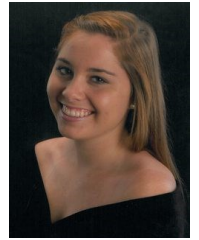
2014 Graduates Honored at Central UM Church

In honor of their graduation, the following graduates will be presented a gift Bible or a book of daily scripture by the Paul Townsend S.S. Class. A special recognitions ceremony will be held during both worship services on Sunday, June 8, 2014.

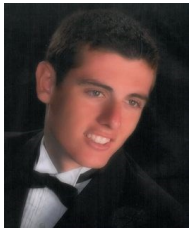
Olivia Burkett Allesee is the daughter of Bill and Joan Allesee of Troy, Michigan and the youngest granddaughter of Marilyn Tucker and Bob Allesee and step-granddaughter of Tom Tucker. Olivia will graduate in June from Cranbrook Academy of Art and Science in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She will be attending the College of Art Institute of Chicago, where her sister, Meredith Loree Allesee will be a senior.



Laine Madisson Haynes will graduate from Mathews High School on June 14th. Madisson is the daughter of Jay Haynes and Leandra Doane and the granddaughter of Jennings and Judy Haynes and Arlene Stone, all of Mathews. Madisson will be attending Longwood College this fall.



Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind. - Albert Einstein



William Tucker Blackwell is the son of Kim and Darryl Moore and the grandson of Jennings and Judy Haynes of Mathews. Tucker will graduate from Mathews High School on June 14, 2014. He plans to go to Rappahannock Community College and his field of study will be Mechanical Engineering.

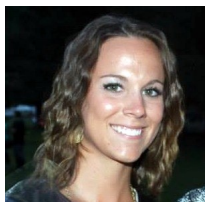
Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel. - Socrates



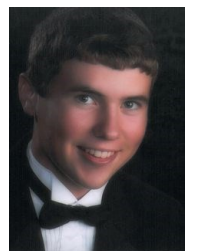
Jenna Michelle Jackles graduated from Coral Springs High School on May 30, 2014. Jenna is the daughter of Kimberleigh and Michael Jackles, of Coral Springs, Florida and is the granddaughter of Janet Burgess of Mathews. Jenna will attend American University in Washington D.C. and will be studying Art History as her major and will minor in Museum Studies.

Rachel Marie Dehoux

graduated from Rappahannock Community College on May 9, 2014 with an associate degree in nursing as a registered nurse. She has a job at a dialysis center in Hampton this summer. Rachel plans to continue her education and earn a bachelor degree and eventually wants to earn her master's degree. Rachel is the daughter of Paul and Robin Dehoux and granddaughter of Jimmy and Betty Stewart, all of Mathews.

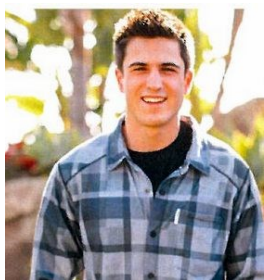


Austin Tyler Kemp will be graduating from Mathews High School on June 14, 2014. He is the son of Craig and Marie Kemp of Dutton and the grandson of Bobby and Phyllis Hudgins of Hudgins and Guy and Brenda Kemp of Dutton. Austin has been selected as an apprentice in the Newport News Apprentice School and will begin his apprenticeship as a millwright



continued on page 5

2014 Graduates Honored at Central UM Church



Joshua David Lorenz graduated from Saddleback Valley Christian School in Laguna Niguel, California on May 30, 2014 and will attend Saddleback College in California. Josh is the grandson of Carl and Kathy

Bochau of Cobbs Creek.

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

— Aristotle

Clayton Robert Moughon is the son of William and Suzanne Moughon and the grandson of the late Clayton Moughon and Judy Moughon of Mathews and Robert and Susie Welker of Gloucester. Clay will graduate from Mathews High School on June 14, 2014. This fall he will be attending William and Mary College. His major will be Computer Science.



Christopher Luis Roman, graduated May 17, 2014 from Roman Road Academy in Garland, Texas and plans to attend the community college there. Chris is the grandson of Carl and Kathy Bochau of Cobbs Creek.

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Wyatt Cole Weaver is the son of Steve and Tonya Weaver of Gloucester and the grandson of Coleman and Cheryl Wheeler of Mathews. Wyatt will be graduating on June 7, 2014 from Gloucester High School. He will enroll at Lynchburg College this fall. Wyatt will study nursing and wants to go on to be either an anesthesiologist or a physician assistant.



Elements of a "Great" Commencement Speech

(Excerpt from The Wired Word for the Week of May 25, 2014)

During the past week, NPR devoted a couple of program segments to "great" commencement speeches, analyzing not only those of the 2014 graduation season, but also many speeches from previous years. In one segment, Anya Kemenetz reported that the lectures typically contain some or all of the following elements, numbering down to those that occur most often:

- 12) Be kind.
- 11) You only live once.
- 10) Make art.
- 9) Seek balance between work and the rest of life.
- 8) Dream.
- 7) Remember the lessons of history.
- 6) Embrace failure.
- 5) Work hard.
- 4) Don't give up.

- 3) Listen to your inner voice.
- 2) General tips, such as "Use money to buy experiences, not things" and "Don't ruminate on bad events."
- 1) Change the world.

In the other NPR segment, Cory Turner noted that commencement messages in general fall into one of two different kinds. One is the type that tells the graduates, in some form, that they are special. Turner summarized this type as "Follow your heart because life is about *you* and *your specialness*."

The other kind, said Turner, is the speech that tells graduates, "You're not special." Turner said, "The goal of the 'You're Not Special' speech is to say to grads: *"As hard as you've worked, you also lucked into plenty, including your parents and your country."* This kind of speech includes the theme that with luck comes obligation, and thus, graduates should find a way to serve. Turner said that the two kinds of speeches complement each other, and that taken together, they say, "Congratulations. You are special. Just remember ... so is everybody else."

<http://www.thewiredword.com/subscriber/default.aspx?id=5077>

Mission Moments

Donald & Carol Paige

Field: Paraguay

Home State: Virginia

Children: Cora & Daniel



Donald and Carol Paige have been missionaries in Paraguay since July 2008. Donald has a degree in history and is a journeyman silversmith. He has developed friendships with, and ministers to, Paraguayan silversmiths. Carol has a master's degree in social work. She teaches English to two- and three-year olds in a local Christian school. Additionally, the Paiges have been called to serve as pastors of a small Methodist congregation in the town of Luque. It is their hearts' desire to share the love of Christ and to be effective witnesses for the kingdom of God.

<http://www.themissionsociety.org/connect/connectmissionaries/people/paige>

The following is the latest blog from Carol Paige. You can read more about the Paiges and their mission at www.seasoninparaguay.blogspot.com/

Let the Little Children Come



Being a teacher is definitely not for the faint of heart. It is one of the most difficult jobs I have ever done. Difficult, but definitely worth it!

I grew to love teaching preschool last year, so when asked to take on the 3rd grade class in the afternoon, I asked myself, "how much harder could it be?"

Well, after 2 weeks into the school year, I was seriously reconsidering the wisdom of my decision. I was also wondering what God's purpose was for

putting me with that group. Had I really heard his voice?

The two basic things that seemed to interest the class the most were talking and arguing. More of my time was spent trying to keep them quiet and putting out fires than actual teaching.

I teach at a Christian School that has relatively small class sizes. There are 16 in my 3rd grade class. The majority have been together since preschool and will stay together until they graduate. Needless to say, their interpersonal relationships are very important.

In addition to all the normal English learning stuff, I had also been trying to teach them about respecting and loving each other. However, nothing seemed to be sinking in.

Until One Rainy Day...

We went down to the covered parking area for recess. When I called them to come in, the boys were arguing and fighting about something. One was so angry that I had to physically restrain him from hitting one of his classmates. What really got to me, though was that several were continuing to taunt him even though they knew he had trouble controlling his anger. They were enjoying watching his reaction.

With the help of a male teacher, I was able to get my class safely upstairs and sitting at their desks. And, that is when IT happened.

I was so disappointed and frustrated that the moment I began to speak to them, tears starting trickling down my face. "Uh Oh, the teacher is crying!" The room fell into a complete silence.

"Do you know why I am crying?" I asked.

No answer.

"I am crying because you have no love for each other. God put us together in 3rd grade as a family. You were purposely trying to make a classmate angry and enjoying it. There is no love."

Then, **in that moment** God did something that I had been trying to do for almost 2 months. One of the boys stood up and asked to say something.

With tears flowing he said, "I do not feel safe at home. My family is always fighting. I am in a Christian school where I should feel safe, but all we do in this class is fight too. It should not be that way."

continued on page 7

continued from page 6

Suddenly the flood gates opened. Another boy started crying and shared that his parents were going through a divorce. As I looked around the majority of the class was crying, most of them boys. I was completely taken off guard as I strongly felt the presence of God in that room.

I opened my door and saw through the office window that the school's director was unoccupied. I explained to her what was going on. She came in the class, and both of us started praying with the children. I felt a great sense of compassion well up in me as I touched and prayed for each and every one of them. The children then began praying for each other.

I felt like I was part of a scene from the movie "Facing the Giants" as I watched my students ministering to each other.

With just a few minutes left of the school day, I had the students line up to leave. I then sat down on the floor. They all surrounded me, and one of them actually crawled into my lap. As I was sitting there with a rather large 8-year-old boy in my lap, it was then that I realized that it was indeed God's plan for me to teach this class this year.

It was His plan if for no other reason but to witness the miraculous way He used the honesty of an 8-year-old boy to accomplish His will and purposes within the hearts of many, including a frustrated school teacher.

"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." Matthew 19:14

<http://www.seasoninparaguay.blogspot.com/>

Health & Welfare

As we approach the summer months, the Health and Welfare Team has already handled several requests by Mathews County residents for assistance with utilities. As the weather gets hotter, the need for help will increase. As a giving and supportive church, we strive to assist residents whenever possible. You can be a blessing to many lives by contributing to the Health and Welfare fund. You can make out a check to Central UMC (notation: H&W Fund) at any time and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it on the altar rail on a Communion Sunday. Thank you for being in ministry to your neighbors!



Health & Welfare Team

Ministry Opportunities at Central

We have several opportunities for people who wish to serve in the congregation. Thank you!

- 1) Usher Coordinator - Central needs a responsible man or woman to make sure there are two ushers for Sunday worship, funerals and other special services. Ushers have an important role in worship, and ushers who are ready to serve convey that importance. While they may be called upon to assist with a variety of tasks, ushers primarily receive the weekly offering and light/extinguish the altar candles in the 8:30 service. Please contact your pastor (725-3332) if you are interested or need more information.
- 2) Counters - One of our Finance Committee members (usually the Financial Secretary) and two volunteer members count our offerings after the 11:00 service each Sunday. The process usually takes no longer than 45 minutes. Volunteers are asked to sign up for a month at a time. Please contact Mark Planitz at 804-384-9344 if you will help in this important area.
- 3) Weed-Pullers - In 2012 the landscape around the church's foundation was professionally installed. It is a beautiful and welcoming sight year-round. To keep it in top condition, several people are needed to keep the space weeded on a consistent basis. Please contact Gerald Taylor, head of Buildings and Grounds, at 725-3680 if you are willing to volunteer.
- 4) Porch & Sidewalk Sweepers - To increase the curb appeal of Central Church, volunteers are needed to sweep the porches and sidewalks before Sunday services, funerals, and special events.

[Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers go to the Families and Loved Ones of...](#)

Marion Grey Trusch
Lynne Comstock
Gazelle Ashberry
Mary Whitty

Trustees Note to the Congregation

There are currently discussions in our Church community about what physical enhancements are needed to make our church more appealing to our community, not to mention more enjoyable



for our current members. The Trustees want to present to the congregation a short list of enhancements being considered so you know we

are serious about transparency and we solicit your input on any or all of these projects. Any Trustee would be pleased to meet / discuss any project with you. There has been much talk and little action – well, with your support, that is all about to change!

All of these projects will need funding and we want your input on that as well. The Trustees and the Finance Committee are actively engaged in efforts to utilize all available funds as effectively as possible to both fund ongoing church expenses and provide for these upgrades. If you have a strong desire to support any of these projects, we would welcome your support to augment the funds available for Finance Committee project allocation!

- 1) Sanctuary Doors - Replace the sanctuary doors with attractive wooden doors - beautifying the front of the church and improving ingress / egress. This project was approved unanimously by the Trustees and we want this improvement completed by year end 2014. What the door/doors would look like and how they would be installed have yet to be determined – we want your input! We prefer to fund this project with gifts since it was not budgeted in 2014.
- 2) Bathrooms – Expand both bathrooms bringing them up to current public building standards and significantly enhance their appearance / function.
- 3) Kitchen expansion – We need more space and professional appliances to utilize the kitchen for many of the functions we support. We all have safety concerns when the kitchen is used for large functions such as the twice

annual shrimp dinner. A fine kitchen makes a fine friend for church functions! We plan to get a professional kitchen designer to help provide designs for congregation comments so we can arrive at the best solution.

- 4) Fellowship Hall redecorations to make the fellowship hall more closely reflect the colors / beauty of our sanctuary. (This would occur after, or in concert with, the kitchen expansion). We plan to get a professional interior designer to provide designs for congregation comments so we can have a very functional/attractive social hall!

The Trustees - in your service are:

Mike Witherspoon –
Chairman

John Hodges –
Secretary

James Martin -
Member

Steve Leap –
Member

Nancy Jagger –
Member

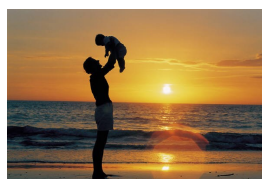
Gerald Taylor – Vice
Chairman

Durward Anderson –
Member

Karen Palmer –
Member

Judy Moughon –
Member

Suzanne Gibson –
Non-voting Member



Father's Day Tribute Bulletin

Nancy Wroten Memorial Class

Deadline: June 8

Listings in memory or in honor of our fathers or other special men in our lives are **\$1each**. Call Melissa Moughon 725-2523 or Leigh Lewis 725-1749 / 725-2832 to place your listing. Forms are available in the Sunday bulletin. All proceeds will be used for class community projects. Thank you for your participation.

2014 Annual Conference offering goal is \$200,000

Each year members of local churches are encouraged to help raise money for global mission projects designated by the bishop. The pastor or lay representative of each church will take that money to Annual Conference where it will be collected during a special time of the session.

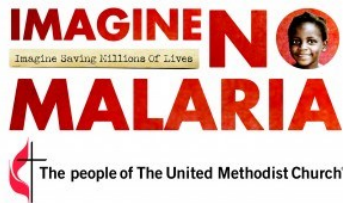
This year the Annual Conference special offering goal is \$200,000. Bishop Young Jin Cho is requesting contributions to support eight different ministries.

"With renewed confidence and commitment our offering will be broad in its scope," Bishop Cho wrote in a letter to all Virginia Conference United Methodists, "as we reach out across Virginia and around the world to renew and strengthen our commitment to those with whom we partner in God's mission."

Contributions are asked for the following ministries:

◆ Imagine No Malaria - \$50,000

Every 60 seconds, malaria claims a life in Africa. Millions of lives, needlessly lost each year. Entire nations...slipping away. Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa. Achieving this goal requires an integrated strategy against the disease, including prevention, treatment, improving infrastructure, education and communications.



education materials and scholarships for youths and young adults.

\$25,000 for Mozambique. These funds will help strengthen lay leadership training and provide needed improvements in the Mozambique Conference Communications department.

◆ Initiatives of Hope - \$90,000

\$50,000 for Cambodia. We want to continue to strengthen our partnership with Cambodia by offering support for church construction, Christian

\$15,000 for Brazil. These funds will help grow and expand the Brazil Methodist Church's Shade and Fresh Water program for at-risk street children.



◆ Engaging/Connecting God's Mission Funds - \$10,000

This ministry will promote mission engagement of Virginia Conference small membership churches by offering grants to individuals and churches desiring to begin or strengthen participation in short-term Volunteers in Mission (VIM) trips.

◆ Children Out of Poverty in Virginia - \$30,000

This will provide financial support for two United Methodist ministries serving at-risk children in Virginia:

The Community Outreach Program of Roanoke works to improve the quality of life of inner city children by providing tutoring, school supplies and programs such as You Feed Others weekend meals, Clothing Closet, Christmas Angels and Camp.



www.easternshoredistrictumc.org/507964

The Agape Christian Children's Community Center in the small rural ethnic minority community of Horntown on the Eastern Shore strives to provide a

healthy nurturing environment for at-risk children. The center operates a preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds that is open 11 hours daily, Monday through Friday; after-school program for kindergarten through second grade; and Vacation Bible School during the summer months.

◆ Haiti - Connecting Hope - \$20,000

These funds will help connect and coordinate the mission work of Virginia Conference churches that have a long-term commitment to the ministry of the Methodist Church in Haiti.



Courtesy of Christian Education in Haiti

<http://www.vaumc.org/page.aspx?pid=5185>

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT						
1 	2 Prayer Time 8:00 am	3	4 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 - 1:00 pm	5 Children's Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	6	7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">All meeting times & dates are subject to change.</div>						
8 Pentecost Graduate Recognition Day at Central  Baccalaureate Gwynn's Island Baptist 2:00 pm Deadline for Father's Day Listings	9 Prayer Time 8:00 am UM Women 7:00 pm	10	11 Finance 7:00 pm	12 Children's Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	13	14 Mathews High School Graduation 						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;">Vacation Bible School at Salem UMC</div>												
15 Father's Day 	16 Prayer Time 8:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	17 Trustees 7:00 pm	18 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am	19 HAM Meeting 3:00 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	20 Three Rivers Healthy Families 9:00 - 1:00 pm	21 UM Men 8:00 am						
					<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;">Annual Conference Hampton, VA 20 - 22</div>							
22	23 Prayer Time 8:00 am	24	25 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	26 Adult Choir 7:15 pm	27	28						
29 Service on Sunday S.O.S.	30 Prayer Time 8:00 am											
<table><tr><td>Fellowship Breakfast</td><td>8:30 am</td></tr><tr><td>Service in Place</td><td>9:00 am</td></tr><tr><td>Action!</td><td>9:30 am</td></tr><tr><td>Song Service at the Nursing Home</td><td>2:15 pm</td></tr></table>		Fellowship Breakfast	8:30 am	Service in Place			9:00 am	Action!	9:30 am	Song Service at the Nursing Home	2:15 pm	
Fellowship Breakfast	8:30 am											
Service in Place	9:00 am											
Action!	9:30 am											
Song Service at the Nursing Home	2:15 pm											

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Keen	4	Ken Lee	25
Nancy Jagger	15	Danny Hogge	27
Becky Pittman	16	Janet Gomez	29



ANNIVERSARIES

Judy & Jennings Haynes	2	Phyllis & Bobby Hudgins	13
Elma & Allen Moughon	5	Grace & David Mortimer	15
Sandi & Glen Morgan	8	Janet & Gene Gomez	17