



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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Annual Conference In Hampton

Virginia Annual Conference is will be held during June 16-18 at Hampton Convention Center. This year marks our 235th session. You can follow the schedule, agenda, and worship at www.vaumc.org/AC2017. Annual Conference Delegates, Nancy Jagger, Judy Moughon (District) and Pastor John Choi, will bring UMCOR kits and AC offering to Conference.



From the Pastor's Pen

"On Offering"

Let me take this opportunity to thank you and commend you that you make giving a regular part of your discipleship. The offerings support the church's ministries of fellowship, worship and nurture; the operational expenses, such as salaries, insurance, utilities, building maintenance, supplies; our missionaries in covenant; and our outreach giving, much of which is also done through Sunday Schools, United Methodist Women, and United Methodist Men. Hands Across Mathews, Three Rivers Healthy Families, Heart Havens, Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic, are some of the organizations you have supported. Central has also been blessed with occasional special gifts designated for certain projects. All these help us to maintain worship, foster care and discipleship, and participate in outreach in the name of Jesus Christ, which is our mission.

By our giving we also participate in the shared mission works of the United Methodist Church. In addition to special gifts such as UMCOR Sunday

or Annual Conference offering, every month Central Church contributes to the larger connection of the United Methodist Church, as do all United Methodist churches. These Apportionments, as we call them, support—to name but several—the annual conference offices and their ministries, active and retired clergy healthcare, the office of bishop, the ministries of the General (denomination-wise) boards and agencies, scholarships in the thirteen United Methodist theological schools, Africa University in Zimbabwe. Apportionments giving has been aptly called our first mission giving. To see detailed description of these funds within Apportionments, search online "2017 Apportionment Interpretation" "Virginia United Methodist" and find 2017 *Apportionment Interpretation and Apportionment Formula*.



At times I feel as though we make one offering appeal after another, and it may be a challenge to keep track of them! My encouragement is to embrace the value of a small but heartfelt gift. In the cases of conference-wise or denomination-wise giving, small gifts come together to make lasting



Father's Day Tribute Bulletin

Nancy Wroten Memorial Class

Deadline: June 11

To place your listing, contact a member of the Nancy Wroten Class. Forms are available in the Sunday bulletin.

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differences. One biblical guideline for offering is "to give *cheerfully*." (2 Cor. 9:6-7) I will not deny, however, that at times we are challenged to give beyond our ordinary capabilities. The Bible on rare occasions have the stories of people who gave their *all*— Abraham gave Isaac, the widow of Zarephath gave her last remaining food (1 Kings 19), another woman gave all that she had to live on, two copper coins (Luke 21). The point is that giving should be a matter of faith and obedience, whether it is spontaneous or planned, whether it is small or great. More often than not, we discover that God is so much more generous than we can ever be.

Many of us realize that giving is not merely a member's obligation. We may borrow that form, but the substance is being faithful stewards of God-given resources in our life. We give in thankfulness, to honor God with our gifts, and to take part in God's work in this world. In doing so we affirm that God, and not wealth, is the Lord of our lives. 1 Timothy 6:17-19 says:

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Giving, when done in right spirit, is one of the most joyous acts of faith.

I have met people who are hesitant to take part in the church life because of what they view as its financial obligation. If you are one of them, please do not let it be a burden. It is Christ who welcomes us all by his grace. Do consider offering as a practical way to grow in a life of faith. "Humans look at the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart." (1 Sam 16:7)

Thank you again for sharing your faith with one another and with the world by your giving.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow –

John

UM Men

The United Methodist Men met on Saturday, May 20th, to review and discuss the results of the shrimp dinner. We made approximately \$ 2,900 from the dinner. The results are about \$ 500 to \$ 600 less than we made from the fall dinner. As in the past, we discussed how we should distribute the money we made. It was decided that we should give donations to Hands Across Mathews, the Rescue Squad, the Fire Department, Heart Haven, the church general fund, and the United Methodist Women.

It was also decided to have a fall shrimp dinner. This dinner will be held on October 20, 2017. Please mark your calendars for that date. The UMM will not be meeting in June, July or August.

Ken Palmer, President



(Photos by Louise Witherspoon)

Creation Care

We Did It!



Eighteen young people came over from Mathews Boys and Girls Club to participate in Central's Creation Care Recycle Program Class. The above youngsters were cheering when they managed to transform 4 tables of "trash" into 4 tables of recycled material and thus win prizes.



The older children encouraged each other to "beat the clock" as they raced to recycle more than 200 items. They learned how they could help their planet and save Mathews County money. They also each enjoyed picking a prize. Thanks to the whole C. C. Team for the hours they spent making this happen!

Michael Cannon, Creation Care

Mission and Evangelism Committee

Our Covenant Missionary Team of the Paiges (Donald and Carol) has been sponsored for this year. Funds have been forwarded. We will consider again next year after assessing their plans to go to Spain. We talked at length about sponsoring a second team or individual. We ask the congregation to keep the Paiges in your daily prayers concerning their future outreach in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our committee will be contacting SOSA, Society of St. Andrew, for a community potato drop, scheduling to be announced. The Potato Project is a produce salvage program that provides direct food relief to our nation's poor while addressing one of the major causes of hunger...food waste. An average of 15 million pounds of produce is salvaged and distributed per year. At a cost of about six cents per pound, nutritious produce is salvaged and distributed to food banks, soup kitchens, and other feeding agencies.

Our next Fellowship lunch on a fifth Sunday will be in July.

September Market Days will be upon us before we realize. Plans for our "Early Bird Breakfast" and waters are on the drawing board. We would welcome anyone who would like to assist.

Our committee will recognize our Confirmation Youth with book markers on June 4th, 2017.

Pat Gwaltney,

Chairperson of Mission and Evangelism

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School at Central will be **July 20, 21, 22, and 23**, Thursday thru Sunday from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. Our theme will be "Camping Out, S'mores for Jesus". Invitations will be coming soon. Volunteers who are interested in helping in any capacity please see Pat Gwaltney, Katherine Small, Janet Gomez or Pastor John Choi. Sunday closing will be at the 11:00 A.M. worship service. Mark the calendar! Learning with the Spirit will be enjoyable.

Pat Gwaltney,
Children's Ministry



A New Singing Group

It is time to have our first rehearsal for all the ladies wishing to join a new group of voices to sing in the 8:30 service. Our thoughts are to sing on the 2nd Sunday of every month. We hope to rehearse on the Monday before singing. So, we will meet on June 5th in the sanctuary, with hopes of singing on June 11th. We will have a very talented pianist to accompany us.

Bring ideas of what you would like to hear the group sing. Our initial thoughts are to stick with the oldies but goodies. (AKA "Cokesbury worship Hymnal")

Thanks so much for all the good feedback so far on this project!

Helen Lee

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

Sharyn Gay Robins
Elsie Haynes



Congratulations To Graduates

Ali Haynes is the daughter of Jay Haynes and Leandra Doane and granddaughter of Judy and Jennings Haynes. She will be graduating high school with a 4.1 GPA and will be attending Palm Beach Atlantic University in the fall to pursue a degree in the Medical Field.

Anna Nicole Hudgins is the daughter of Robie and Lynn Hudgins. She graduated from RCC with an Associate Degree. She will be attending ODU in the Fall. Grandparents are Dianne Hudgins, the late Robert Forrest Hudgins, Sherrard Pugh and the late William Robert Pugh.



Paul Townsend Memorial Class

The Paul Townsend Memorial class, with the members of the congregation celebrated Mother's Day with flowers and donations in memory or in honor of family members. Donations have been made to local organizations.

Patty Hertzler,
President



Hospitality Committee

The hospitality committee continues to be active in many areas. Our greeters and ushers for the month of May include Carl and Kathy Bochau at the 8:30 service and Billy and Shirley Snow at the 11:00 service. Servers of refreshments assisting the hospitality committee were the Cannons, Hausers, Mary Wade Smith and Louise Witherspoon. We have female elves who continue to bring delicious assorted treats and male elves that help make the coffee and clean the pots afterwards. We are so appreciative of all the help that is offered so willingly.

Our prayers are for warm hospitality to be offered to all who enter the doors of our church.

Blessings from the Hospitality Committee

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has been working on tidying up the written procedures for counting the Sunday morning offerings. This is to make it easier for future counters to take over the job and be consistent. We have also been updating the treasurer's report to make it easier to understand and provide more information.

Stewardship remains strong as revenues outpaced expenditures for the quarter and we thank all of you for placing a high priority on your offering to Central United Methodist Church.

Chris Moughon

Health and Welfare

The Health and Welfare committee has helped five families and one individual from April 11, 2017 through May 17th, 2017. Four of those requests were for help in paying past due electric bills and two requests were for help in paying past due rent payments. We

had assistance from Salem Church for one individual and Central helped Salem with one family. Those that we have helped over the last month have found themselves in desperate need and were very grateful for Central's help. In return, the committee is very grateful to all those kind people that leave money gifts on the railing during communion to support this mission.

Thank all of you so much.

Helen Lee, Chair

UM Women

The Central UMW took lunch to the Healing Eagle Free Clinic on Saturday, May 20th. We will be having our annual Bay Belles Ice Cream Social later in the summer. We are also working on our School Kits for Conference. They will go to Conference on June 16th. Our goal this year is 50 kits. We appreciate your donations.

Blessings,

Nancy Jagger, UMW President

2017 VA Annual Conference Special Offering

2017 Annual Conference offering goal will be \$200,000 and will focus on missional priorities and projects in Cambodia, Mozambique, Brazil, and Virginia. The offering goal includes:

- Methodist Mission in Cambodia - \$50,000
- Methodist Church in Brazil - \$25,000
- Methodist Churches in Mozambique: \$25,000
- Long Term Disaster Recovery in Virginia - \$50,000
- Ethnic Minority Missional Ministries - \$25,000
- Virginia Volunteers In Mission - \$25,000

For more information:

<https://www.vaumc.org/AC2017>

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>June</h1>				1 Choirs Children's - 6:30 pm Youth - 6:45 pm Adult - 7:15 pm	2	3
4 Confirmation (11:00) Reception - 12:05 pm Annual Conference Orientation - 4:00 pm (Crooks Mem. UMC)	5 Prayer Time 8:00 am	6	7 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 - 1:00 pm	8 Choirs Children's - 6:30 pm Youth - 6:45 pm Adult - 7:15 pm	9	10
11 <i>Deadline for Father's Day Listings</i> <i>Deadline for Annual Conference Offering</i> <i>MHS Baccalaureate Gwynn's Island Baptist 1:00 pm</i>	12 Prayer Time 8:00 am UM Women 10:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	13	14 Finance 7:00 pm	15 Choirs Children's - 6:30 pm Youth - 6:45 pm Adult - 7:15 pm	16 <i>Annual Conference Begins</i>	17
18 <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Central Chimes Submissions Due</i> Annual Conference Ends	19 Prayer Time 8:00 am Trustees 7:00 pm	20	21 Mission and Evangelism 9:00 am	22 Choirs Children's - 6:30 pm Youth - 6:45 pm Adult - 7:15 pm	23	24
25 New carpet dedication	26 Prayer Time 8:00 am	27	28 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	29 Choirs Children's - 6:30 pm Youth - 6:45 pm Adult - 7:15 pm	30	

All meeting times & dates are subject to change.
If in doubt, contact the committee chair.

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Judy & Jennings Haynes	2
Elma & Allen Moughon	5
Sandi & Glen Morgan	8
Phyllis & Bobby Hudgins	13
Janet & Gene Gomez	17
Tom & Dale Robinson	17