



# *THE CENTRAL CHIMES*

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## **From the Pastor's Pen**

Virginia's United Methodist churches are moving towards gathering in person again. Bishop Sharma Lewis's team has recruited Pioneer Churches, which held their first in-person services on May 24. They are adhering to a protocol that prescribes among others: Twenty-five person limit, physical distancing, masks, no congregational singing, no handshakes or hugs, electronic bulletins, and drop-off offerings. As they report their findings, the next phase will include churches with fifty or less average attendance. This is where I hope Central will begin having people in the church for worship, since each of our services averaged around thirty persons. Even then, I believe that broadcasting services online will continue.

We do not ignore scientific findings, but we are not used to so many restraints on worship. What is the spiritual attitude that we should adopt at this time, especially when it comes to the life of the church? As a rule, the Bible teaches us to accept authority, but ultimately we are to obey Jesus Christ. So surely that is the way to go. The laws of Christ however does demand much more from us than the laws of any human authorities.

During the New Testament time, some Christians felt free to eat whatever meat available at the market, while others were reticent, fearing that some had been used in food sacrifices to idols. The truth was that *"nothing goes in can defile a person,"* as Jesus said (Mark 7:15), but in 1 Cor. 8 Paul was willing

to cede that freedom for love's sake! *"For you were called to freedom ... but through love become slaves to one another."* (Gal. 5:13) That is a high calling indeed.

When we do resume in-person services, for love's sake—for the sake of Christ—I ask that we wear masks and follow other guidelines. I say little of the reports that the coronavirus is here to stay until effective vaccine or treatment is developed. Meanwhile, God knows the future, and we will continue living in him.

I think that so many in our community are to be commended for the sacrifices they have made, including the students. They missed out on classes, proms and graduations. But hopefully they will be wiser and stronger as a result. Life is unpredictable, and there but for the grace of God go we.

God's peace be with you all.

Gratefully,

*John*



## Staff-Parish Relations Committee

The SPRC committee is required annually to complete a review of the church-owned parsonage. This was filed May 1 but was incomplete due to the restrictions of COVID-19.

A Parsonage Records and Information Notebook will be made for the Parsonage and the church office. This will include a list of all the church owned items in the parsonage as well as manuals for the equipment and appliances in the parsonage. In addition, Pastor John has been requested to complete list of his possessions and encouraged to obtain renters' insurance for those. Pastor John has requested some maintenance items to be attended to and there are needs which will be addressed by the Trustees.

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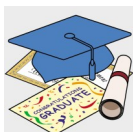


### Scholarship Offerings

*Give the gift of education!*

Central UMC Scholarships are awarded yearly to students returning for the spring term, and finalist(s) among applicants will be publicized in November.

Offerings to this fund are received throughout the year. Thank you for giving the gift of education! Scholarships are administered by the Administrative Council.



## Administrative Council

Well, another month has passed and nothing has really changed. Hopefully, a month from now, we won't be saying that. I don't know if we'll be open for regular worship by then or not, but we'll definitely be working in that direction.

The Admin Council opted to not be a "pioneer church" (one of the first to open up as a model for other churches in the conference) and to delay our opening until we all had a better handle on the situation. Pastor John will be selecting a "Healthy Church Team" that will be sorting through the recommendations and requirements set forth by the Virginia Conference and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Next will come the implementation of these guidelines and then, hopefully, we'll be able to have "in house" worship services. All this may take a while, but we want to get it right the first time and not have to backtrack or start over, so slow and steady is the way to go. I'm sure that we'll be getting the ball rolling soon!

Take care and stay healthy, everyone!

*Chris Moughon*

Administrative Council Chair

### Children's Ministry

After a lot of thought and conversation with Pastor John, it was decided we should postpone Vacation Bible school this summer as there is still some uncertainty.

Thank you to those of you who offered to help. You may be needed at a later date.

*Nancy Jagger,*

Children & Youth Ministry

## 2020 Graduates

### Elise Hanson Carter



Elise is the daughter of Julie and Carl Carter, granddaughter of Don and Donna Hanson and Nita and the late Carl Carter.

Elise will graduate from Madison High school in Fairfax, Virginia. Next year's plans are up in the

air due to Covid-19, but she plans to do an Internship in Physical Therapy and take classes at Northern Virginia Community college.

Elise has a variety of interests and was very busy in high school with athletics, both volleyball and running track. She loves horses and is extremely talented in vaulting. She loves to travel both inside the United States and abroad and was in England when Covid-19 was just starting.

She enjoys hiking with particular interest in The Junior Ranger Program of the National Park System. While painting with her grandmother, Elise discovered a love and talent for painting.



**"I will reach for the stars no matter how hard it seems, and fly like a bird with the knowledge this journey brings."**

*Semetra C. Vanison*

### Nicholas Ethan Dunn



Nicholas' parents are Ashley Dunn and Adam Black. His proud grandparents are Jim and Linda Dalgety. Nicholas will graduate from Rouse High school in Georgetown, Texas.

Nicholas plans to attend Texas State and major in Education and History.



### Brandon Robert Fry

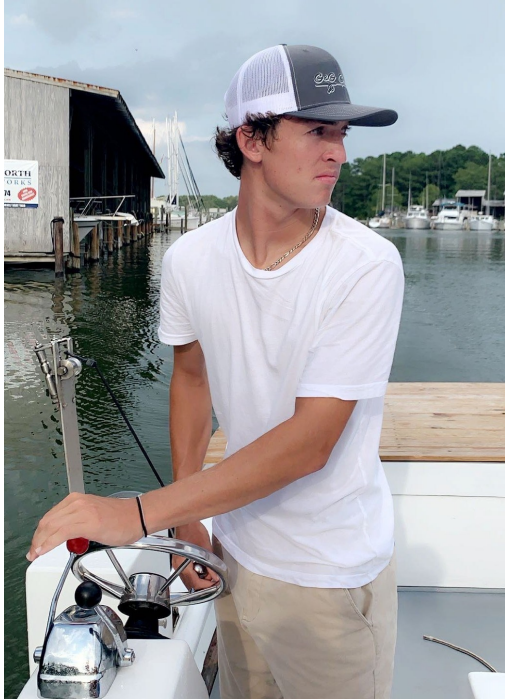
Brandon's parents are Mark and Kendall Fry and he is the grandson of Marcia Fry. He will graduate from Grafton High school in York County.

Brandon is a member of the National Honor Society and the Tri-M Honor Society. During his four years of high school, he has been a member of the marching band and symphonic band as a clarinetist. His senior year, he served as section leader in the marching band. He also made first chair in District Band his junior and senior years.

Brandon has won several photography awards and participated in AAU basketball for several years. He plans to attend James Madison University in the fall and pursue a degree in Graphic Design.

## 2020 Graduates Cont.

### James Braden Hunley



James Braden Hunley will be a graduate of Mathews High School, Class of 2020. Throughout high school Braden has played baseball, basketball, cross country and football, advancing to Regional and State Championships with his teams. He enjoys hanging with his friends, hunting and being on the water and is currently working at Hudgins Horn Harbor Marina.

After graduation, Braden will be pursuing a career in Maritime Transportation at Vane Brothers Company. Braden is the son of James and Theresa Hunley of Deltaville and Jamie Hunley of Cobbs Creek and grandson of the late James and Sally C. Hunley.



### Jason Todd Moughon

Jason's parents are Bernard and Christy Moughon and his proud grandparents are Judy Moughon and Richard Clements.

Jason received a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Physics and has accepted a job with Framatome in Lynchburg, VA, as a Design Engineering Specialist.

### Jason Todd Moughon - Cont.



### Mackenzie Leigh Moughon

Chris and Pat Moughon are the proud parents of Mackenzie. She is the granddaughter of Allen and Elma Moughon and is graduating from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her major is Communications with an emphasis in Strategic Advertising.

Mackenzie is currently interviewing for internships hoping one of them will lead to a full time position in the Richmond area.



## 2020 Graduates Cont.

### Aidan Joseph Nettik



Aidan's parents are Dusty and Rebah Nettik and he is the proud grandson of Joe and Martha Arnold. He will graduate from Satellite High school in Satellite Beach, Florida.

Academically, Aidan has been nominated for the

National Honor Society for all four years of high school. He rowed for the Space Coast Crew for four years, posting the fastest time in the boathouse for the 2019-2020 season. He will be attending Florida Tech, where he has been recruited to the rowing program, when classes resume.

In addition to his passion for rowing, Aidan has the utmost respect for the preservation and conservation of marine life and he will be pursuing a major in Marine Biology. Aidan is also an artist and his work includes multimedia art, ink, and charcoal.



### Hunter James Nettik

Hunter's parents are Shane and Robie Nettik and the proud grandparents are Joe and Martha Arnold. He will graduate from Mathews High school this year with a special degree in love and happiness. His greatest gift is reminding people of what is important.

Hunter has attended Mathews county schools from Kindergarten through graduation. He has spent the last two years working at the Thrifty Spot thrift store, where he is very helpful in folding and hanging clothes, helping with large items that are donated, and emptying the trash.

### Hunter James Nettik - Cont.



Hunter loves to paint and make really cool chalk art. He loves puzzles and is a computer geek, guaranteed to break any password known to his parents and grandparents. He adores music: everything from Disney to Grateful Dead.

From Joe and Martha Arnold:

*"Hunter is a very special grandson and we are so proud of him and of his many accomplishments."*

*For surely I know the plans I have for you,  
says the Lord, plans for your welfare  
and not for harm, to give you  
a future with hope.  
Jeremiah 29:11 NRSV*

### Nathan Warren Shaw



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## 2020 Graduates Cont.

### Nathan Warren Shaw - Cont.

Nathan is the son of James Michael and Casey Shaw and grandson of Richard and Rebecca Love, David and Susan Rowe, Anna V. Deagle and Cecil and Debbie Shaw and the late Sally C. Hunley, Margaret A. Love and Reginald Deagle.

Nathan is a Mathews High school 2020 graduate. He has played football since fifth grade and has also participated in track & field and baseball. This year, he received the Dutton-Martin Lineman Award.

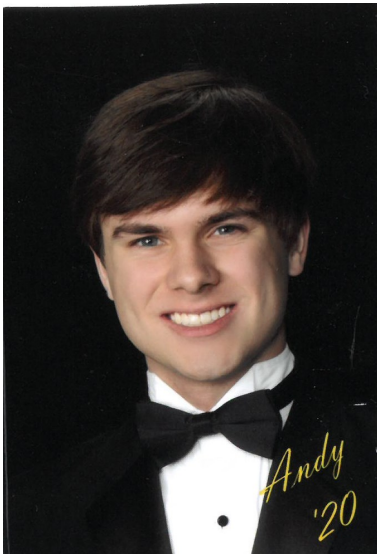
Nathan will be attending Ferrum College in the fall to pursue a degree in Human and Health Performance with a minor in Coaching, as well as playing football. He hopes to become an athletic director and coach football.

*Congratulations to all 2020 Graduates!*

### Andrew Curry Sutton

Steve and Emily Leap are the proud grandparents of Andrew and his parents are Donnie and Christy Sutton.

Andrew is graduating from Deep Run High school in Henrico County, VA. and plans to attend VCU in Richmond in the fall and major in Marketing.



### Emily Grace Wilhelm

Hal and Patty Hertzler are the proud grandparents of Emily and her parents are Matthew and Carrie-Anne Hertzler Wilhelm.

Emily will graduate from Grafton High school in York county and then will attend VCU Honors program in the fall.



### Melanie Alyssa Zerbe

Melanie is the daughter of Clint and Audrey Zerbe and the oldest granddaughter of Jerry and Nancy Jagger.

Melanie is a Mathews High school Honor graduate, Class of 2020 and plans to pursue a career in the medical field.



*Graduates will be presented a gift Bible or a book of daily scripture by the Paul Townsend Sunday School Class.*

## Reid Strangways



Reid is the son of Gregg and Beth (Anderson) Strangways, the grandson of Durward and Elizabeth Anderson and Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Strangways. He will graduate with Honors from Frank W Cox High school in Virginia Beach this June.

Reid was the class of 2020 Treasurer, in the NHS (National Honor Society) all 4 years of HS and the NSHS (National Science Honor Society). He ran Track and Cross Country all 4 years of HS, and was in the Foreign Exchange Student Program (he went to Germany and stayed with a family for 14 days).

Reid will be heading to JMU in the fall to study for a Business Degree.



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The SPRC committee is also required annually an Evaluation for the Clergy. Through emails with the committee members, a brief paragraph summarizing our evaluation of Pastor John, including highlights of his areas of strength. Additionally were listed several areas of growth identified for Pastor John to focus on in the coming year. Pastor John identified specific actions which he intends to take to address those identified areas of growth.

Accompanying this was statistical history of the congregation which was completed by Pastor John. These materials were submitted to the Bishop by June 1.

*Patty Hertzler*  
SPRC Chair

June 2020

## Mimi Ford Remembered

Most of you did not know my mom personally. Mimi was born in Ohio. She lived in many places including Santa Barbara, California, Hammond Indiana, Tallahassee, Florida, and Alexandria, Virginia. She was married to Hank Ford for 58 years. She had a grandson, granddaughter-in-law, and a great granddaughter, whom she dearly loved. We were blessed to have a large extended family, mostly because Mom had a large and loving heart. We came to Moon in 2007. The Mathews community and Central Church took us in with open arms and I will be forever grateful for it.

I wanted to share a glimpse of family history through photographs with you and thank you so much for your kindness and prayers during this time.

*Dee Bane*



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

Mimi Ford



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Online Service 9:15 am Mathews High school Graduation w/ parents 2:00 pm	8 UM Women 10:00 am	9	10	11	12	13
14 Online Service 9:15 am	15 Trustees 7:00 pm	16	17 Finance 7:00 pm	18 Central Chimes Submissions Due	19	20 UM Men 8:00 am
21 Online Service 9:15 am  Happy Father's Day 	22	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed  Administrative Council 7:00 pm	25 Office Closed	26	27
28 Online Service 9:15 am	29	30				

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



### Birthdays

Richard Moughon	5/30
Frances Ellis	6/13
Nancy Jagger	6/15
Ken Lee	6/25
John Choi	6/27
Danny Hogge	6/27
Betty Lewis	7/1

### Anniversaries

Judy & Jennings Haynes	2
Elma & Allen Moughon	5
Phyllis & Bobby Hudgins	13
Tom & Dale Robinson	17