



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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From the Pastor's Pen

The evening news has been soul-crushing lately. The war rages on in Europe. Inflation persists, and our politics is a war zone. Then this week another mass shooting has shattered lives. I cannot imagine the unbearable pain of those who have lost their little ones. It is truly sad.

It is easy to feel overwhelmed when faced with such reality. That is especially the case when it appears few things will change thanks to political gridlock, or because a dictator with nuclear weapons is bent on destruction. But as we turn to Christ, we may find several truthful ways to respond.

First, we grieve. We share the sorrows of those wounded by war and violence. We "weep with those who weep." (Rom. 12:15)

Second, the followers of Jesus are uniquely positioned to speak truth. Many will voice their political convictions, and while they are not necessarily evil, they do often fall short of truth and love. At worst they are blinded by self-interest. Christians must not parrot the soundbites of the interested parties; instead, we must seek truth. We must speak truth in love. In the same way, we must demand that our governments seek justice.

Third, we must pray and act. Whereas "thoughts and prayers" are often belittled these days, praying to the God of power, truth, and compassion is our first authentic response in the face of evil. It is a vain hope to do true good in this world without remaining in Christ (Jn. 15:5). Out of truthful prayers come acts that are good. Indeed we must then act as God leads us for justice, compassion and faith (Mt. 23:23).

Join us for Worship!

Sunday Worship—9:15 a.m.
Sunday school—10:15 a.m.

Finally I cannot help but remember our calling as the church: To make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are stewards of the Gospel which changes the hearts and lives of people. As we see the reality of evil, it is not a waste of effort if we seek to help one more person become a follower of Jesus—not to mention it is our commission received from Christ.

The scripture says that the children of God are the hope of the world (Rom. 8:19). While I was having my health issues, I experienced the blessing of people who are kind, who are dedicated to their works, who give themselves in service. They made me feel that there is hope in this society. Wherever we are, let us walk with the One who said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (Jn. 8:12)

Peace of Christ,
John





Blessing and Dedication of Hats, Blankets, and Crayon boxes (5/08). Top photo by Dee Bane.



2022 Annual Conference

The 2022 Annual Conference session will be held starting at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 16 to noon on Saturday, June 18, in person, at the Hampton Convention Center based on John 4:24 (CEB):

"God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth."

Journey with God

Sunday, June 12, 5:00 pm

Always an uplifting evening with fellow believers listening to faith stories together.

Join us as we gather for music, testimony and prayer.

All are invited.



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

Dick Hollerith



UWIF Partners with Community

Central United Women in Faith met in the Fellowship Hall on May 9th.

Exciting News! There is an article about our Central UWIF that was published in the YRD newsletter, "The Bridge." A copy of the article will be posted on our bulletin board.

We welcomed Beverly Childress to our meeting and hope that she will continue to join us and become a member.

Debbie Lancucki, the director of Three Rivers Healthy Families, was our guest speaker. She has been with Three Rivers for 13 years. She explained her role at Three Rivers and that of her staff. The organization of Three Rivers Healthy Families encourages families to interact with the staff and to join in the programs offered by the organization. Central United Women in Faith have had a long and fruitful relationship with Three Rivers. We have hosted numerous picnics and Thanksgiving celebrations. We have also collaborated with Debbie and her staff to plan a variety of programs and events. We look forward to many more rewarding activities.

After her presentation, we loaded Debbie's car with the blankets, hats, crayon boxes, and all the items created by Anne South and her faithful helpers. Debbie was very grateful for the donation and looks forward to sharing these with the parents and children of Three Rivers. Anne's knitting ministry is such a blessing. A big thank you to Dee Bane for taking over the co-ordination and administration of Anne's ministry. And a thank you to Nancy Goldman for helping with the display in the sanctuary.

We have been invited, along with the other UWIF groups in Mathews County, to attend a meeting with Sylvia Rumsey, our York River District President. This meeting will be held in June, and she will be discussing the rebranding of our new UWIF organization and the impact that the reorganization will have on our local groups and the YRD in the future.

Seven Hygiene Kits were returned to us from Hands Across Mathews and were redistributed to Mathews County Social Services.

We continue our monthly \$50 donation to the

organizations that are chosen by the Mission and Evangelism Team. We donated \$70 to the York River District UWIF "Hands on Mission" Day on May 7th. This was a "Drop-by Baby Shower" in support of Bellamy UMC's Loaves and Britches Mission.

As a reminder, we continue to collect Non-Food items for HAM in a bin in the Fellowship Hall. There is also a need at HAM for canned vegetables and canned fruits as well as soup, cereal, pasta, and pasta sauce. These food items can be left in the vestibule between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

"The Good Measure Cookbook" is still available for \$12. The cookbook makes a great gift.

Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Martha Arnold

UWIF Chair



Hat, Blankets, and Crayon Boxes Donated

Following a prayer of blessing during the May 8 service, the hats, blankets and crayon boxes were handed to Debbie Lancucki of Three Rivers Healthy Families on the following Monday (pictured below, Dee Bane and Debbie Lancucki) Others not pictured who helped load the car: Martha Arnold, Bev Childress, Nancy Jagger, Judy Moughon, and Christine Ulrich. Photo by Beverly Childress.

M & E Plans Summer Youth Activities

At our May meeting, the Mission and Evangelism team renewed their intent that Three Rivers be our Mission Focus for June and voted to adopt the Mathews Community Foundation (MCF) as our Focus for July.

This Foundation was the result of a conversation among a small group of county residents in 1999. The mission of MCF is to improve the quality of life if those living and working in Mathews County by actively and effectively encouraging local philanthropy. It works with donors and local nonprofit organizations to achieve its goal.

The theme for MCF this year is "Let's Be Extraordinary," but it's hard to imagine how this Foundation could be more extraordinary than it has been in the past. For example, in 2021 it supported 23 Mathews County nonprofit organizations who utilized grants to help those in need. For example, the MCF:

- *Embarked on a 5 year grant process to update the Mathews County Middle School Media Center which had not been renovated for 10 years.

- * Approved annual as well as emergency funds to Hands across Mathews

- *Assisted with a grant to the Mathews YMCA Child Care Center where approximately 32 children attend, many of whom are in the after school program

- *Additional not for profit agencies also assisted by the Mathews County Foundation include, Bay Aging, Bay School, Gloucester-Mathews Care Clinic, Mathews County Triad, Mathews County Visitors Center, Helping the Homeless, and both the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad of Mathews County.

As you can see, funds really are used to improve life in our County and we believe this is a Mission Focus we would like to support.

For the Middle School Bible Club, the M&E team would like to provide a summertime program for wholesome recreation for the youth of our community. We asked these children what they would like and they agreed a Corn Hole Tournament (with a food

truck availability for refreshments) would be something they would like. We have tentatively agreed to 6/25 for the tournament. Eric will contact the County to reserve Port O Fun and Nancy will arrange for a food truck. The children also enthusiastically agreed that they would like to be a part of a Central UMC float for the Mathews County Christmas Parade.

Cards for our Central UMF high school graduates were signed by committee members.

Because our Journeys with God programs have been so positive, we agreed we would have one more before we adjourn for the summer. A date of 6/12 has been tentatively agreed on with a speaker to be determined.

As a reminder, our Food Pantry is an ongoing Church project. If you notice that it is running low on supplies, please help restock it. It is intended as good for the physical body as well as for food for the soul, so inspirational works are also welcomed.

Our "Remember When" column in Weekly News is asking for feedback as to where we can actively be a mission in our community. Please let an M&E committee know of any areas you are interested in.

Linda Dalgety
M & E Chair



Mission Focus for June: Three Rivers Healthy Families

Three Rivers Healthy Families is an affiliate of Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board. The organization has served families throughout the area since 1999. Their programs are designed for improving outcomes for young children and their families in the areas of development, social supports, health, safety and bonding and attachment.

You may give by mailing a check to the office or placing it in an envelope in the pews to Central UMC, "3 Rivers" in the memo.

Thank you for the support!

On Being Blessed

It certainly doesn't seem like it, but it has been a year (May 20, 2021) since my heart attack. Some say that I'm lucky to be here. I prefer to say that I'm blessed.

I'm blessed because only in Mathews County would a young man up the street from me, who happens to be on the rescue squad, be listening to his scanner and immediately come to my house and begin tending to me while Pat is still on the phone with the dispatcher! The ambulance was there in minutes and I was on my way to meet the helicopter, which had to come from Dinwiddie County since the one in West Point was already on a call.

So, they had to take me to Walter Reed to meet the helicopter instead of the rescue squad building at Hudgins. We arrived at Walter Reed about a minute before the copter and then a quick flight to Riverside Newport News. The rescue squad handed me off to the copter crew seamlessly and the copter crew handed me off seamlessly to the cardio team at Riverside. The coordination between the three was amazing. My attack had begun around 8pm and before midnight, I had a stint in my clogged artery and was on my way to recovery!

I'm blessed because I know that I had my entire church family (and probably half the county) praying for me. It is truly a blessing to live in Mathews County with such a dedicated group of volunteers on the rescue squad and fire department. Likewise, it is truly a blessing to be a member of Central United Methodist Church where everybody really cares about each other, and we have a Pastor who comes out at night to be with me and my family. I highly recommend both!

Blessings,

Chris Moughon
Admin Council Chair



Vacation Bible school at Central UMC

June 20 - June 24

from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Kindergarten to 6th grade

Volunteers always Needed!

Contact Nancy Jagger for more information
and to register at 804-694-7017.

United Methodist Men

The Central United Methodist Men met on Saturday, May 21. Steve Eley and Pat Moughon provided the breakfast for the nine members present.

We held a final discussion of the Art Sale with most agreeing that they were surprised at the success we enjoyed. Joe and Martha Arnold were thanked once again for their tireless efforts.

We held a lengthy discussion on how to distribute our profits from the Brunswick Stew and the Art Sale. We decided to table the discussion until the June meeting after some members have a chance to research some of the ideas we came up with. There are so many worthwhile causes that deserve consideration that we didn't want to rush into donating our money without a little research.

It was also noted that attendance keeps dwindling and we hope to talk it up and reverse that trend at the next meeting on June 18, at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to come out and enjoy some good food and good fellowship!

Chris Moughon
President

Creation Care Team Successfully Presents Educational Program

Central's Creation Care Recycle Program at Thomas Hunter was exciting for the 6th graders. The Team taught the secrets of recycling to sixty students!

First, via a fun power point, they learned **WHY** you recycle each item. Next, they raced against the clock to **TRANSFORM** the Items from trash (going to the landfill) to valued recycle items.



Students cheered their classmates during the races. At the end of class, they each got to pick a prize.



Their 6th grade teacher: Leslie Hudgins, felt that the program was such a success that she was sure they would be taking some of those recycle ideas home with them.

We are thankful for the church members that helped this year for this event takes set-ups, take downs and much positive energy to support racing 6th graders. Thanks to Martha Arnold, David Hudgins, Dee Bane, Cindy Kloke, Nancy Goldman, Chris Moughon and Louise Witherspoon.



Michael Cannon
Creation Care Team

"The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it"



2022 Graduates

Graduates were presented a gift Bible or a book of daily scripture by the Paul Townsend Memorial Sunday School Class on Sunday, May 29th.

Joshua Brian Bennett

Joshua is a member of the National Honor Society. He is also a member of his high school's Scholastic Bowl Team and competed on the "Battle of the Brains" TV academic quiz show. He is a member of the Virginia Math Club. He has participated in several math competitions at local, regional, state, and national levels.



Most recently, he placed first at the Christopher Newport University's Annual Regional High school Mathematics contest, both in the individual and team rounds. He placed 6th in the nation and 3rd in the state in the Math Kangaroo Contest, and he scored in the top 5% in the American Mathematics Competition (AMC 12).

Joshua enjoys helping others and strives to give back to his community. He volunteers at the Virginia Living Museum, educating guests about various animals at the museum. He has also helped with several special events held at the museum. Joshua has also volunteered at his local library and at New Creation United Methodist church.

Joshua will be graduating from Western Branch High school on June 15, 2022. He is the son of Joy and Brian Bennett of Chesapeake, VA, and the grandson of Bobby and Phyllis Hudgins of Mathews, VA. Joshua has been accepted into the engineering program at Virginia Tech, and plans to study computer science.



Cristin Caleb Cromwell

Cris is graduating from Grassfield High school in Chesapeake, VA on June 17th with academic honors. Cris is the grandson of Miriam and the late Joseph Cromwell.

Cris plans to continue his education at Tidewater Community College with an interest in carcinoma pediatric nursing. He fills his spare time as a cashier at his local Harris Teeter grocery.

"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



Alya Renee Hertzler

Alya is the daughter of Stephen Hertzler and granddaughter of Hal & Patty Hertzler. Alya will graduate from Broad Run High school in Loudoun County. She has excelled in cheer and was on her high school's cheer team which won the state championship in their division. Alya will attend West Virginia University in the fall. She is undecided about a major.



2022 Graduates Cont.

Richard Dennis Hogge

Richie Hogge, son of Richard Hogge and the late Carey Sterling Hogge, is a member of Central church. After graduating from Mathews High school, Richie plans to work with his uncle this summer. He hopes to get his CDL and in the Fall, plans to attend Rappahannock Community college for 2 years for core classes.

Richie hopes to pursue an electrical engineering degree.



*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*

Emily Patrice Lewis

Emily is the daughter of Jonathan and Amanda Lewis. Her grandparents are Mark and Brenda Lewis. She will graduate from Mathews High school with an Advanced Diploma. Emily plans to study Forensic Science.



Jordan Lynn Hunley

Jordan Lynn Hunley will be a graduate of Mathews High School, Class of 2022.

Throughout all her years of schooling so far, Jordan has entered and won many art competitions at local, state, regional and national levels. She has been commissioned to do numerous personalized projects for local individuals and organizations, including a 45 ft. mural at Hudgins Horn Harbor Marina and most recently a limited-edition print of the old Blakes Post Office.

After high school, Jordan will be attending Christopher Newport University in Newport News, VA, studying Art Education in her pursuit of a career as an art teacher.

Jordan is the daughter of James Hunley of Deltaville and Jamie Hunley of Cobbs Creek and granddaughter of the late James and Sally C. Hunley. (pictured on the right)



2022 Graduates Cont.

Bryce Mortimer

Bryce will be graduating from Maggie Walker Governor's School in Richmond, VA. He is the grandson of Grace and the late David Mortimer. He plans to study Sports Management in the Perry Honors College at Old Dominion University.



Bryce will be swimming NCAA D1 for Old Dominion University and plans to pursue a career in Sports Management, whether it be coaching, or Athletic Director, preferably basketball or swimming.



Daniel Richard Moughon

Daniel is the son of Richard George Moughon and Melissa Ewell Moughon, both of Mathews. He will receive a general studies diploma from Mathews High school on June 4, 2022.

Daniel plans on attending Hampden Sydney college in the Fall to peruse a degree in civil engineering.

Daniel is a member of Central church and so are his parents and grandmother, Judy Moughon, as was his late grandfather Clayton Moughon. His other grandmother is Barbara Ewell and the late Walter Vincent "Buddy" Ewell was his grandfather.



Alexander Reece Riddett

Alexander will receive a diploma from York High school where he resides. He is the proud grandson of Eric Stewart, who is a member here at Central church. He is uncertain of his next plans.



Joice Ranier Small



Joice is a member at Central and the daughter of Craig Small and Katherine Davis Small of Mathews. Her grandparents are Billy and Charlene Small and Joice and the late Frank Davis. She will graduate from the

Chesapeake Bay Governor's school and is a member of the National Honors Society and the National Beta Club.

Joice has been a member of the Mathews Basketball program for five years with four years on the varsity team. This year she represented as the program team captain.

Joice also plays volleyball, softball, and throws for the track team. She has been a member of the volleyball and softball teams since eighth grade, and was a member of the track team last year. Last season, Joice was a member of the 2020-2021 Regional Championship Basketball team, and she was selected Second Team All State.

At school, Joice has been a member of the band for four years, has been class president for 3 years including her senior year, and was voted Homecoming Queen.

After high school, Joice will be attending the University of Virginia to pursue a degree in Engineering with a hopes of becoming an Environmental Engineer.

2022 Graduates Cont.

Cole Owens Wheeler

Cole is the son of Shannon and Tiffanie Wheeler of Mathews. He is the grandson of Cheryl and the late Coleman Wheeler also of Mathews, and William and Paula Nixon of Rapidan, VA.

Cole will be graduating with honors from Mathews High school. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Senior National Beta club, a six year member of the Mobjack Rowing Association and Mathews High school crew team and football team. Cole is currently employed at Morningstar Marina's and will be studying Civil Engineering at Liberty University in the Fall.



Katherine Elizabeth Wilhelm

Katherine is the daughter of Mathew and Carrie-Anne Hertzler Wilhelm and the granddaughter of Hal and Patty Hertzler. She attends Grafton High school in Yorktown and is a member of the National Honor Society. She will be attending James Madison University's honors program in the Fall, majoring in physics.



Congratulations to all 2022 Graduates!

Central Village Homemakers

Will participate in the
Mathews Community Wide Yard Sale
Central UMC parking lot

**Saturday, June 4th
8:00 am to 1:00 pm**



Update from the Paige Family

Greetings Church Family,

I just wanted to drop you a line to thank you for your continued support and tell you a little of what is going on here in Spain. We are thanking God for a busy and blessed time. We are blessed to have a group of parents who come in every day and pray for our students, teachers, and staff. Because so many of our families are staying after school to socialize and share, we have started after school clubs. Chess, ping pong, and the Good News Club are among the favorites. We have also been blessed with seven new students this year and are expecting 20 more for next year. It is with this in mind that we ask for your prayers for the following people and needs:

1. Teacher for preschool
2. Preschool Aide
3. 2 Upper Elementary Teachers
4. Secondary Math Teacher

The need is for teachers with a Christian worldview who can fill their classrooms with Christ's love. The best complaint that I have heard about our school is when a mom who was considering sending her kids to Life International School asked her sister, who is a public school teacher, about us and she responded, "Oh, no! God is good but those people are too serious about Him! They put Him in everything!"

Blessings,

Donald and Carol

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>June 2022</h1>			1 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	2 Tai Chi 9:30 am	3	4 Mathews High school Commencement 10:00 am
5 Worship, 9:15 am Sunday school, 10:15 am	6	7 Finance 10:00 am	8	9 Tai Chi 9:30 am	10	11
12 Worship, 9:15 am Sunday school, 10:15 am Journey with God 5:00 pm	13 UWIF 10:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	14	15 Mission and Evangelism 10:00 am	16 Tai Chi 9:30 am Trustees 2:30 pm	Annual Conference Hampton, VA 16 - 18	
19 Worship, 9:15 am Sunday school, 10:15 am Happy Father's Day 	20 Central Chimes Submissions & Reports Due	-----Vacation Bible School----- 20-24, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm			24	25 Cornhole Tournament At Port Fun
26 Worship, 9:15 am Sunday school, 10:15 am	27	28	29 Administrative Council 7:00 pm, Zoom	30 Tai Chi 9:30 am		

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
Ken & Helen Lee	17
Tom & Dale Robinson	17