



# THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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## United Methodist Men **HOTLINE**

Most of us at some time or another have had an unexpected situation arise where a helping hand would have been a blessing. Usually we can call on family or friends, but they may not be readily available or are too far away for immediate assistance. That's where a new program that the United Methodist Men will be trying out to assist our church family (members and frequent attendees) comes in, if needed.

Here's how it works. You call any one of the three **HOTLINE** UMM members listed below and they will try to find a UMM volunteer available to assist you. This will not substitute for when a qualified, licensed professional is needed to deal with the problem, but in such cases we might be able to help with a possible stopgap measure until a qualified person gets there to resolve the issue. Here are just a few examples of how we might be able to help:

- You have an important appointment in Gloucester and you discover that your car won't start or you have a flat tire and need a ride.
- You are temporarily home bound and need someone to send and/or pick up your mail, groceries, or pharmacy.
- You have a tree limb down across your driveway or snow piled up and cannot get out
- You need someone to shovel or four wheel drive a path for your car to use.

- Your well pump is broken or you have a pipe leaking and you need containers of water or assistance until a plumber can get there to resolve the problem.
- Your heat pump or furnace is not working and it's not due to be repaired until tomorrow and it's going to be 15 degrees tonight - need someplace warm to spend the night.

The **HOTLINE** contacts: – please put the numbers someplace you can get to quickly if needed:

**Nate Houser** [804 380-7820](tel:8043807820)  
**Steve Leap** [804 794-4601](tel:8047944601)  
**Ben Leigh** [804 725-3883](tel:8047253883)

*Steve Leap*  
UM Men President



### **Congratulations to this year's Scholarship recipients**

**Emma Hudgins, of Mathews, is a graduating senior at Mathews High School and is working towards an Associate Degree through a dual enrollment program.**

**Olivia Gwyn, of Mathews, is a student at Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science.**



**Maunder  
Thursday  
service**

**March 29  
7:00 pm**



**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Westville Christian  
Church**

**Daily at Noon  
March 26-30**

**Sponsored by  
Ministerial Alliance**



**Easter Sunrise Service**

**Sunday, April 1**

**6:30 am**

**Old Field Point, Moon**



**Joint Easter Service**

**Sunday, April 1**

**Sunday School**

**9:00 am**

**Worship**

**10:00 am**

**Directions to Old Field  
Point**

- Take Buckley Hall Road (beside Hardee's) towards Moon.
- Turn left at Fitchett's Wharf Road (in sharp curve).
- Look for a large Old Field Point sign on right.
- Turn right and then make a left.
- Follow the road straight into the yard of the home.



**Fridays IN the Spirit**  
Mathews UMC Chapel

Friday, March 16

6:30 - 9:00 pm

Ages: K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

FINS nights include

dinner, bible activities, games and

**FUN, FUN, FUN!!**

**From the Pastor's Pen**

In June of 1999, fresh out of seminary and in the middle of a crisis of calling, I drove for three hours to Indianapolis to hear Billy Graham. At the packed RCA Dome the evangelist delivered a powerful message on the first evening. Somewhat unexpectedly from the "Just As I Am" evangelist, it was a clear call for obedience to Jesus Christ. I remember seeing the next morning a paper on a hotel breakfast table, with the front page showing Graham's picture and a headline, "Graham Extends God's Invitation." It was as if God was saying, "Yes, you heard from me yesterday."

The following night Graham took the pulpit only after several guests--Jeff Gordon, in particular, as I recall--gave lengthy speeches. Graham quipped, "Before coming up here I was watching the monitor with one eye and cutting my sermon with the other." That night his message did not seem to have power. He appeared to stumble through his sermon at times. He sat quietly during most of the altar call and finally surprised people by wrapping it up early. There were people still coming down! It occurred to me then that it had not been all glory days even for Billy Graham. He had long persevered in his obedience through elations and disappointments.

My two days in Indianapolis proved pivotal two months later, when I had an experience of spiritual reawakening. Mr. Graham will never know it, but I will always be grateful for his obedience.

We may not "hit it out of the park" every time as we serve God together. But if we are obedient, God has a way of bringing about his will. Nearly twenty years later, I still think of that time when I heard Billy Graham preach on Christ.

Gratefully,  
*John*



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## Creation Care



Creation Care has lately focused on the project of **repairing and recycling** children's books. Central recently received a lovely thank you note from **Continental Society** for the **90** children's books that were given to their Mathews Chapter. They expressed how much the children loved them! **Hands Across Mathews** gave out all our donated books and we were able to process additional books for them. Fifty children's books were repaired and recycled for **Three Rivers Healthy Families** for their next gathering. **Thirty** repaired books were given to the **Children's Hospital** of The Kings Daughters Healthy System.



Thanks to Louise Witherspoon and Martha Arnold for helping us deliver these books to the groups that wanted them.

Creation Care is aware that a projector screen is needed for the Fellowship Hall. Central is a church that encourages classes and presentations. The old screen that we have is too heavy and a challenge to set up and take down. We have asked Greg Lewis to research the plethora of options to determine what is important for use in our Fellowship Hall.

We will be meeting again on **Tuesday, March 6th** at 1:00 at the Cannons.

*Michael Cannon*, Creation Care Team

## Hospitality and Visitation



The month of February was both short and busy. The refreshments were wonderful. Thanks to those who give so generously of their time and

talents. We have had good response to **the First Sunday** being **Cookie Sunday** as well. Hospitality time is in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:00am. If you come to the early service, you are invited to stay or if you come to Sunday School, arrive a little early and join in the joy of getting to know your Church members. It's a great way to meet friends that you may not otherwise get to know.

The following served as refreshment hosts for February: Feb.4, Cookie or light snack Sun.; Feb. 11, Phyllis & Bobby Hudgins; Feb. 18, Grace Mortimer, with the help of Dennis, Susan & Tim Hill; Feb. 25, Dale and James Martin. Thanks to all for your gifts to others. If you have not signed up for a turn at serving refreshments yet, please do so and no, you don't have to cook. Everyone likes fruit & cheese, dips and chips, vegetable trays or even donuts and coffee.

Hospitality Host for February was Phyllis Hudgins and Emily Leap will be the March Hospitality Host. We thank Louise Witherspoon for sending out all the wonderful cards and notes to the shut-ins. Please remember to pray each day for those on our prayer list as well.



**Paul Townsend Memorial Class  
Valentine Luncheon**

Kingston Episcopal Parish  
invites you to



**Soup with Love**

Wednesdays

Beginning at Noon

370 Main Street, Mathews

Sponsored by the Kingston Parish Women

*There will be a short service beginning at Noon led by Fr. Gary of Kingston Parish with homilies given by the following area clergy:*

March 7:

Rev. Thomas J. Bunting, New Point Friends Church

March 14:

Rev. Gary Barker, Kingston Episcopal Parish

March 21:

Rev. John Choi, Central UMC



Greeters/Ushers for March

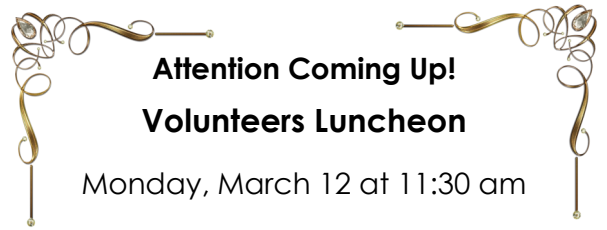
8:30 am service	Steve & Emily Leap
11:00 am service	Richard Moughon and Family

Hospitality Host for March

Emily Leap - 384-7811

Refreshments Providers for March

4	Cookie Sunday (Bring snacks to share)
11	John and Sherry Hodges
18	Bobby & Phyllis Hudgins
25	Ken & Karen Palmer



**Attention Coming Up!  
Volunteers Luncheon**

Monday, March 12 at 11:30 am  
at Central UMC

To All Community Volunteers:

We welcome you to a Volunteers Luncheon recognizing your service to our church and community.

Please mark your calendars.  
You will be contacted by a member of the UMW.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 8th to the member contacting you or Pat Gwaltney (804-725-0210)

*We look forward to thanking you for your talents and gifts!*

Birthdays

Sally Thompson	1	Brenda Lewis	20
Bill Hutson	3	Michael Cannon	21
Dennis Gillikin	6	Ellie Tolbert	21
Eric Stewart	6	John Hodges	22
Sarah Moughon	13	Gregory Lewis	22
Joice Small	17	Elma Moughon	24

Anniversaries

John Robert & Peggy Pierce	6
Nate & Melba Houser	26
Jack & Frances Ward	30

Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers

Michael Brown  
Bill Sterling



## Finance Committee

The financial condition of Central United Methodist Church remains strong as 2018 gets underway. Your giving remained constant throughout the year which enabled us to take care of needed repairs and upgrades last year while still maintaining a healthy bank account.

Thanks again for your continued support of your church.

Blessings,

*Chris Moughon,*  
Finance Chair

**UMCOR Sunday is March 11th**

## A SPECIAL SUNDAY **GIVE NOW**

Your offering today enables  
the relief efforts all  
over the world through UMCOR –  
United Methodist Committee on Relief.

**On UMCOR Sunday, we give so that  
others may share compassion.**



## Financial Secretary

If anyone is willing to volunteer counting June-December, please let me know. Your service to the church is always appreciated.

*Marcia Fry,*  
Financial Secretary



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### **Order your Easter Tulips**

Honor or remember someone with a beautiful pot of tulips on the altar Easter Sunday.

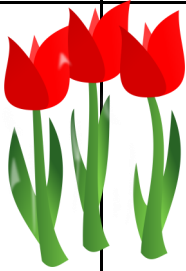


*Please see insert in the Sunday Bulletin!*



**Join UM Women  
for a day of prayer  
on**

**Good Friday  
March 30**

**Sanctuary will be  
open between  
8:00 am to 6:00 pm**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <h1 style="margin: 0;">March 2018</h1>				1 Children's Choir 6:30 pm   Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	2	3
4 Begin Tulips Orders	5 Prayer Time 8:00 am Women's Choir Practice 7:00 pm	6 Creation Care at Cannons 1:00 pm Disciple Class 7:00 pm	7 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Disciple Class 10:00 am Soup with Love 12:00 pm (Kingston Parish)	8 Bay Quilters 9:00 am P. Townsend 6:00 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm   Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	9	10 5 Talent Academy 9:00am to 3:00 pm Turn clocks forward 
11 <b>UMCOR Sunday</b> Daylight Savings Time begins	12 Prayer Time 8:00 am <b>UMW Volunteer Luncheon 11:30 am-2:00 pm</b> SPRC 7:00 pm Queen's Creek 7:00 pm Children's Ministry 7:00pm	13 Disciple Class 7:00 pm	14 Disciple Class 10:00 am Soup with Love 12:00 pm (Kingston Parish) Finance 7:00 pm	15 Altar Committee 2:00 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm   Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	16 FINS 6:30 pm Mathews UMC Chapel	17 UM Men 8:00 am <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             All meeting times &amp; dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.           </div>
18 <b>Central Chimes Articles Due</b>	19 Prayer Time 8:00 am Trustees 7:00pm	20	21 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am Soup with Love 12:00 pm (Kingston Parish)	22 Children's Choir 6:30 pm   Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	23	24
25 <b>Palm Sunday</b>  Last Day to order tulips	26 Prayer Time 8:00 am	27	28 Administrative Council 7:00 pm <b>Holy Week Service Noon at Westville Christian Church</b>	29 <b>Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm</b>	30 Good Friday UM Women Prayer 8:00 am to 6:00 pm	31 Easter Eve 