



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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Volunteers Luncheon

**Monday, March 9 at 11:30 am
at Central UMC**

To our church family volunteers,
Volunteer Rescue Squad
and Volunteer Fire Department:

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 4th

to the member contacting you or

Martha Arnold

(marjoe5050@gmail.com)

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

From the Pastor's Pen

Central Will Support Another Mission

Last year our Administrative Council approved \$1,000 to support another missionary in 2020 and per Evangelism & Mission Team's recommendation chose Henry Fork Service Center in Rocky Mount, Virginia. Started in 1967, the center offers various afterschool and summer programs for children and youth. It recently welcomed a new executive director. I received its new brochure last week; look for copies this Sunday. We will send our support monthly from budget, but if you designate any offering to Henry Fork Service Center we will make sure for it to go to the mission.

One of Jesus' spiritual maxims was, "Give, and it will be given to you." I thank each of you for your continued support for the church's mission and ministry, and I am thankful that we can take yet another step in giving, in addition to our current partnership with Donald and Carol Paige (whose latest correspondence is included in this issue of the Chimes).



Speaking of mission, have you ever wondered where Anne South gets her yarns which she turns into beautiful blankets and hats every year? They come from your donations, of course, as is reported every September; and Anne tells me that recently most of it came from folks at Mathews Baptist Church. So here I take liberty to remind you of a mission-giving

opportunity right in our midst.

During Lent we recall Jesus' faith, obedience and sacrifice, and people often adopt a spiritual discipline such as fasting. Reaching out to those in need of help, is one of the ways we draw closer to Christ.

Thank you for being fellow travelers on the road of discipleship.

Gratefully,
John



www.henryforkcenter.org



Bay Quilters

Monthly every 2nd Thursday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Contact: Lynn Dreelin
804-776-0390 or
mikelynne@va.metrocast.com



General Conference Information Session for Laity York River District

Mar. 17, 2020
1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
St. Luke's UMC
300 Ella Taylor Rd., Yorktown
RSVP through
www.stlukesyorktown.org

Kingston Episcopal Parish invites you to



Soup with Love

Five Wednesdays, beginning
March 4th 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 4:

Rev. Jennifer Mercer,
Grace/Emmanuel UMC

March 11:

Rev. Brett Isernhagen,
Mathews Chapel UMC

March 18:

Rev. Dede Parrish,
St. Paul's/Beulah UMC

March 25:

Rev. Pearl Foster,
Believers Heritage Kingdom Training Center

April 1:

Rev. Gary Barker,
Kingston Episcopal Parish

*Donations will benefit the
Mathews community.*

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

Raymond Mountford

Joe Bly

John C. Bing

Agnese Dull

Keith Mulroney

Stuart Keats



United Methodist Women

Central United Methodist Women met on February 10th to welcome our guest speaker, Nancy Yarborough. Nancy is a Lay Leader from the York River District UMW. She spoke to us about her mission trips to Cambodia, Kenya, and the Philippines. She brought an array of goods from these countries to showcase their native handiwork. These items were made available for purchase. Nancy sends the proceeds from the sale of these goods back to the countries of origin to help support the women, children, and youths. We had 9 guests for a total of 16 attendees.

On February 16th, our CUMW participated in both church services. We read the scriptures, served as greeters, helped with the collection and the communion, and presented the history of the UMW as well as our 2019 accomplishments. Grace and Christine performed a beautiful musical duet accompanied by Janet Bowman in the first service and by Pastor John in the second service. Both services were lovely.

We are planning our Annual Volunteer Luncheon for March 9th at 11:30. We host this luncheon every year to thank our Volunteers for their service to our Church and to our Community. A list of Volunteers has been prepared and invitations have been extended. We have also invited members of the Mathews Rescue Squad and Mathews Volunteer Fire Departments. If you receive an invitation, please R.S.V. P. no later than March 6th so that we can plan our menu accordingly.

In the next two months we will be collecting supplies for the UMCOR Kits for the Annual Conference. This year we will be collecting items for the School Kit. A list of the requested supplies will be placed in the Church bulletins starting in March. There will be a container in the Fellowship Hall to collect the supplies. Last year, your generous monetary donations, as well as the donated items for the kits, enabled us to prepare 53 kits to take to Conference.

We are again asking for your support.

Future events include hosting Three Rivers Healthy Families on April 17th, preparing Kits for Conference in May, a Birthday Luncheon and Candle Burning Ceremony in September, Bay Belles Concert/Ice Cream Social, hosting Three Rivers Healthy Families for our Annual Thanksgiving Celebration in November, and visiting our "Shut-ins" in December.

Martha Arnold,
President UMW

Nancy Yarborough



Photo by Martha Arnold

Mission and Evangelism

We began our new opportunity for worship, *Journeys with God* on February 9. Eric Stewart shared a deeply moving personal testimony about his relationship with the Lord. We participated in communion and raised our voices singing beloved, familiar hymns.

Please join us in March as you experience your own Journey with God.

Linda Dalgety
Mission and Evangelism Chair

Hospitality

Our greeters for March, serving at the 8:30 service, are John and Sherry Hodges. Kenneth and Mary Marshall are serving at the 11:00 worship service.

Refreshments for the month will be provided as follows:

March 1: Cookie Sunday - something to share; coffee and juice provided.

March 8: Chris & Pat Moughon

March 15: Grace Mortimer & Martha Arnold

March 22: James & Dale Martin and John & Sherry Hodges

March 29: 5th Sunday, combined service; no refreshments

The sign-up calendar is located in the kitchen above the trash can. We will need your help for April, so thank you in advance for volunteering. All are welcome and encouraged to join in this time of fellowship.

Those using the fellowship hall will note there are 2 new trash cans. One is placed in the fellowship hall beside the coffee so that trash can be deposited there instead of laying it on the table. The other new can is located in the kitchen. Unless we are having a large gathering, these 13 gallon cans should be used instead of the big cans. David Hudgins has suggested this as they are more cost effective and easier to handle.

Blessings,
Emily Leap
Hospitality Chair



Greeters/Ushers for March

8:30 am service	John & Sherry Hodges
11:00 am service	Kenneth & Mary Marshall

Children's Ministry

The Children's Department is again planning a Bible school in June. It will be the same as last year beginning with a 5:30 light supper and a 6:15 opening. It will run until 8:30 p.m. on a Wednesday night to hopefully not compete with ball practice.



Help will be needed for the meals. Either money or food donations for the suppers of Pizza, hot dogs, macaroni, fruit, spaghetti, chick filet, cookies, brownies.

This went well last year. They seemed to enjoy the food and fellowship.

I will need someone to help with serving food, crafts, teach the class, set up outside or inside activities. Also a registrar.....

Again I will circulate flyers to the local churches and do a newspaper article. Our group was small last year but I hope to see it grow this year.

Jesus will be there regardless!

Thank you,
Nancy Jagger
Children's Ministry

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.

**UMCOR
Sunday
is March 22**



United Methodist Men

Central United Methodist Men had their semi-annual Brunswick stew sale this past Saturday (2/22/2020). It was a team effort and I wish to thank the following for their hands on efforts:

David Hudgins - supplies purchase and vegetable chopping
James Martin - vegetable chopping, pot supplier and cook
Gerald Taylor - vegetable chopping, pot supplier and cook
Chris Moughon - cook
Bobby Hudgins - cook
Ken Lee - cook
Joe Arnold - cook
Hal Hertzler - cook
Greg Lewis - sales

Additionally, I want to thank all of our church members for purchasing our stew - we hope you have already, or will enjoy it!

Financially, sales totaled \$1,029.00 and our costs were \$418.37 yielding a net profit of \$610.63. We sold all 125 quarts we made!

Next UMM meeting will be March 21st.

Blessings,
Steve Leap
Central UMM President

Order Lilies For Easter Sunday

Honor or remember someone with a beautiful pot of Lilies on the altar Easter Sunday. Order forms are available in your weekly bulletin or in the Narthex. Lilies are \$7.00 a pot.



Orders must be received by the close of the 11:00 am service on Palm Sunday, April 5.

Administrative Council

At the January meeting of the Admin Council the scholarship that the church awards was discussed. It was determined that the application needed to be updated and we needed to get the ball rolling to replenish the fund for our next recipient.

Dee Bane volunteered to undertake the task and came up with a great document. John and I tweaked it a little bit, but she did the lion's share of work on it. Hopefully, the Admin Council will approve it quickly and we can begin to replenish the Scholarship Fund in order to help one or more deserving students to further their education.

Our kids were fortunate enough to receive the scholarship when they were in college and I assure you that it was a big help. With some required books and supplies costing over \$100 for each class, every dollar they received was appreciated!



So please consider donating what you can to this worthwhile endeavor. You can make a donation at any time, simply write "Scholarship Fund" on the memo line of your check.

Thank you on behalf of our future scholars.

Chris Moughon
Administrative Council Chairman

5th Sunday, Joint Service Sunday, March 29

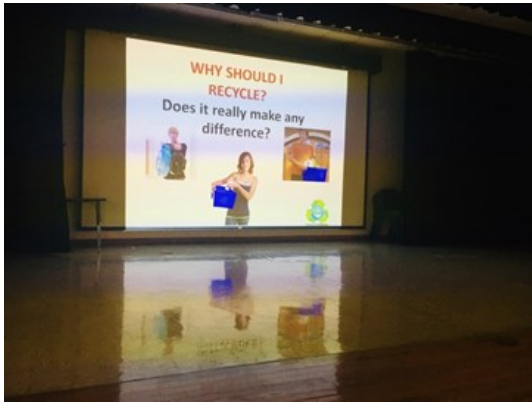
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service

2:15 pm Song Service at Riverside Convalescent Center



Creation Care

Creation Care's Recycle Program for Mathews Public Schools held at Thomas Hunter Auditorium



Students hoping their name will be picked to race.



Sometimes the smallest student is the fastest!



Our Race: Between Classes, our team had 8 minutes to reset.

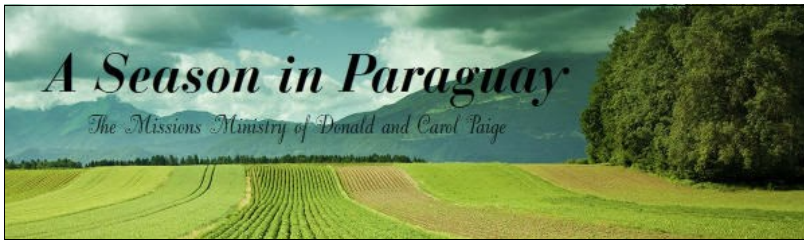
Central's Creation Care got great positive feedback from teachers and students .

Thanks to the following for their many hours of help:

David Hudgins, Martha Arnold, Ken Lee, Dee Bane, Eric Stewart, Hal Hertzler and Louise Witherspoon.

Michael Cannon,
Creation Care chair





Paige Family Update in Paraguay

Prayers Answered

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18 NIV

In our last newsletter we had asked for prayer for a solution to our car problem. Our poor Suzuki was left without an engine after serving us faithfully for 11 years. We were without transportation for 2 months and were anticipating not having money from the sale of our vehicle to put toward a car in Spain.

Then, in the month of December doors were opened for abundant provision:

In late November a Paraguayan friend told us that God had put it on her and her husband's hearts to make a sacrifice for us. On December 5th, they handed us the keys to their car with a legal document to use until we leave Paraguay in June!

On December 17th we were surprised to find a large donation from an unknown donor in our vehicle fund at TMS Global – Large enough to buy a car in Spain!

Later in December some friends even told us that we can borrow one of their cars when we come back to the States in June!

Provision for vehicles in Paraguay, the U.S., and Spain - ALL within 1 month! In January we were also able to sell our Suzuki without an engine.

Thank You to all those who made this possible through your prayers and giving.

Donald's Graduation

On November 29th, Donald graduated from CFA's 2-year ministerial training program. He

persevered and finished despite a language barrier and a lack of transportation. He even rode his bicycle in the rain!

The completion of this training helped fulfill part of the purpose for why God called us back to Paraguay. We are so proud of him!

On February 22nd, Donald will begin a practical theology course to continue his pastoral training.



A Blessing to Serve

On Christmas Eve we joined our local church in serving over 300 children and their families a Christmas dinner. Cora and Carol played worship music and Cora stayed to help serve. Carol then joined Donald at the national hospital to give out pan dulce (sweet bread) and pray with patients.

On Three Kings Day (January 6th) we ministered again at another hospital. We gave out toys, diapers, and more prayer. Carol and a small group also played for the patients.



Asados and Fun

Over the long summer break (December and January) we had the opportunity for some much needed family time. We took time to rest, visit with friends, get dressed up for a quinceañera, and ate a lot of delicious asado (Paraguayan barbeque).

The heat, asado, and fireworks have been a part of our Christmas tradition for the past 12 years. We will miss it when we are gone!

Please Pray

School has been back in session for 2 weeks, but our students and staff have been affected by both dengue fever and influenza B. We ended up having to suspend classes on Friday for deep cleaning and prevention.

The Paraguayan Ministry of Health has reported that the confirmed cases of dengue fever are at a historic high (2,653 as of January 31st). Dengue is a mosquito-borne virus that causes high fever and acute pain behind the eyes and joints. The only treatment is Tylenol and rest.



Daniel missed a week of school with dengue symptoms but is fortunately on the mend.

Donald began a fever yesterday and is not feeling well today. Please pray!

Looking Toward Spain

As we continue to serve well in Paraguay, we are busy preparing for our move to Spain. We will be leaving Paraguay in June and our goal is to be in Madrid by August of 2020.

We would like you to partner with us.

Our current needs are:

Monthly Support - people and churches willing to partner with us for a year or more

Set-Up Costs - one-time gifts to help us in our transition (to put toward plane tickets, visa fees, furniture, rental deposit, etc.)



Car Fund - one-time gifts to help us purchase a vehicle in Spain (already provided!)

To partner with us go to:
<https://www.tms-global.org/give>

Our Missionary ID # is: 0480

Your contribution will help us reach generations for Christ!

The Paige Family

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;">All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.</div>	2	3 The Call 7:00 pm	4 Central Village Homemakers 9:00am - 1:00pm The Call 10:00 am Soup w/ Love - Noon	5 Choir Practice 6:45 pm	6	7 Turn clocks forward 
8 Daylight Savings Time begins	9 UMW Volunteer Luncheon 11:30 am-2:00 pm SPRC 7:00 pm	10 The Call 7:00 pm	11 The Call 10:00 am Soup w/ Love Noon Finance 7:00 pm	12 Bay Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm P. Townsend Class 5:00 pm Choir Practice 6:45 pm	13	14
15 Begin Lilies Orders	16 Trustees 7:00pm	17 The Call 7:00 pm	18 Mission & Evangelism 9:00 am The Call 10:00 am Soup w/ Love - Noon	19 Nomination 2:00 pm Choir Practice 6:45 pm	20	21 UM Men 8:00 am
22 UMCOR Sunday	23	24 The Call 7:00 pm	25 The Call 10:00 am Soup w/ Love - Noon Administrative Council 7:00 pm	26 Choir Practice 6:45 pm	27	28
29 Joint Service 10:00 am Song Service 2:15 pm	30	31 The Call 7:00 pm	 <h2 style="color: #800080; margin: 0;">March 2020</h2>			

Birthdays

Sally Thompson	1	Brenda Lewis	20
Bill Hutson	3	Michael Cannon	21
Denis 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

United Methodist Men HOTLINE

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)