



# THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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## Changes Coming in York River District

### Farewell Open House BBQ for Joe and Donnie Carson



York River District Superintendent Joe Carson and his wife Donnie are going back to a church this year after serving on the former Rappahannock and current York River District.

They are pleased to return to parish life.

Join us for a *Farewell Open House BBQ* celebrating Joe and Donnie's time with us. Stop by to share memories and your good wishes with them on Sunday, June 1 between 4:30-6:30 pm at Bethany UMC - Gloucester Point. To assist us (the district office) with planning, please RSVP by May 15 by phone (757)596-3476 or visit the district website ([click here](#)).

In lieu of gifts, Joe requests donations to GUEST (Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team). Make checks out to *York River District, GUEST* in the memo line. A basket will be available for cards.

Photo Source: [http://www.vaumc.org/pages/news/2013-va-news/vanews\\_choinwilliamsburg](http://www.vaumc.org/pages/news/2013-va-news/vanews_choinwilliamsburg)

### Welcome York River District Superintendent



We welcome Rev. Seonyoung Kim as our new DS this Annual Conference. Her formal installation is Sunday, August 10 at 3:00 pm at St. Luke's UMC.

In announcing several new district superintendents in the Virginia Conference, Bishop Young Jin Cho said, "I discerned they have gifts and graces to serve their respective districts

effectively and to reflect the diversity of our conference at the Cabinet table. My prayer is that these appointments will be a blessing to the churches on those districts, the Virginia Conference and their families."

Kim was appointed to the Northumberland Charge, which consists of Fairfields and Afton UMCs, in 2012. She is a native of South Korea and graduated from Sookmyung Women's University in Seoul, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Physics. She came to the United States in 1987 to study Computer Science at the University of Iowa. During her study toward a Ph.D., she was called into Christian ministry and moved to Washington, D.C., for seminary education at Wesley Theological Seminary, where she received a Master of Divinity. She was ordained Deacon in 1999 and Elder in 2003, the first Korean woman ordained in the Virginia Conference. She now becomes the first Korean woman on the Cabinet.

Prior to being appointed to Northumberland, Kim served the Buchanan Charge (Andrew Chapel UMC, Lithia UMC, Trinity UMC) in the Roanoke District, Zion Grace UMC in the Norfolk District, and Lawrenceville UMC in the Farmville District.

In addition to her ministry at local churches, she has served on several conference committees, including the conference Board of Discipleship, Board of Church and Society and Board of Ordained Ministry.

Info Source: [http://www.vaumc.org/pages/news/2014vanews/2014vanews\\_micklekimnewsd](http://www.vaumc.org/pages/news/2014vanews/2014vanews_micklekimnewsd)

### Mother's Day Special Bulletin Paul Townsend Memorial Class Deadline: Sunday, May 4



To place your listing (**\$1 each**) please call or see a member of the class.

All proceeds will go to class projects.

## From the Pastor's Pen...



I never liked riding in the back seat of the car. In the days before seatbelts, my three sisters and I would

crowd together across the back seat and, more often than not, wind up arguing and fighting each other.

It wasn't just that there was so little space, but the view wasn't so hot, either! I was too short to see over the back seat, and even the view from the side windows offered only a narrow perspective on the world we were driving by. In the front seat, however, the whole world appeared before me (plus I had access to the radio buttons).

Although it's not a perfect image, the local church is a bit like an automobile filled with passengers. Some have the advantage of a great up-front view and can see where they are going, while others have a reasonable view of only one side of the road. A few catch a glimpse of where we've been through the rearview mirror, and others just sit in the back seat and passively go wherever the driver takes them.

At Central Church where do you sit in the "car"? Now, I'm not talking about where you sit in the sanctuary pews! I'm talking about the spiritual journey we are on together. Do you know *who* is in the driver's seat? (Hint: it's not the pastor!) Are you an expert about where we've been in the past? Are you content just to be in the car, going wherever it goes? Are you concerned about where we're headed in the future?

Where we've been is important – it's our history, filled with wonderful and poignant memories. Where we are in the present is important, too, but it is neither where we've been nor where we are going — like the ancient children of Israel, we are somewhere between Egypt and the Promised Land.

Back to the question of who's in the driver's seat. Most of the time, we're divided into two camps: those of us who want to be in the driver's seat and those of us who are happy to let someone else do all the driving. But what if **God** is in the driver's

seat? (After all, *God should* be in the driver's seat, right??) Then the question becomes one of direction: *Where* is God taking us? Where does God want us **to go** and **to do** and **to be**?

What are **your** thoughts? It's time for some good conversation, and I hope you will contribute to the prayerful, thoughtful discussion in the months ahead. Here are a couple of questions to jumpstart your thinking:

In what ministry(ies) of Central am I currently involved?

In what ways do I see God moving through this local church?

What do I believe God wants the ministries of Central Church to look like five years from now? ten years from now?

What is the primary mission of Central United Methodist Church? In what ways are we accomplishing that mission? In what ways are we struggling or failing to accomplish that mission?

I welcome all thoughtful responses as we continue our journey together for the glory of the Risen One!

Suzanne  
(Ephesians 4:11-16)

## United Methodist Men

My heartfelt thanks to all the ladies and men and to the Church for all the support given to me for helping make our spring shrimp dinner a success. We will use the proceeds for needed projects throughout our community.

The next meeting of the UMM will be Saturday, May 17 at 8:00 am.



In God we shall work.  
*James Martin*, President



**Saturday, May 17**  
**8:00 am**  
**Breakfast & Fellowship**

## United Methodist Women

CUMW will pack health kits for the Virginia Annual Conference at our next meeting on Monday, May 12 at 7:00 pm. We are asking for donations of completed health kits, items for the kits and monetary donations. The kits cost \$12 to construct including \$1 for toothpaste. (See the health kit content list following this article.) We contributed 33 health kits last year and hope to double that number this year with your help. Any contributions to this effort are welcome. Come join us at the meeting and bring a snack to share. All are welcome.

We are planning a parent group meeting with Three Rivers Healthy Families in May.

In June we will have a program on spiritual health and well-being. More details will be provided at a later date.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 27. We will have an old-fashioned ice cream social. There will be home-made ice cream, games, and entertainment by the *Bay Bells*. Like last year, it should be a really great time.

Thank you to all those who participated in the potato bar luncheon during Lent. Contributions, which totaled more than \$200, will support UMW mission work worldwide.

*Dee Bane*, UMW Secretary

### Health Kits Value: \$12

#### 1 hand towel 15" x 25" to 17"x 27"

kitchen, cleaning and microfiber towels not acceptable

#### 1 washcloth

#### 1 comb

comb needs to be sturdy and at least 8" long (no pocket combs or picks please)  
rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable

#### 1 metal nail file or clipper

no emery boards or toenail clippers please

#### 1 bath size soap

3 oz. and larger sizes only (all brands are acceptable except Ivory due to moisture issues)  
**do not** remove from original packaging

#### 1 toothbrush

adult size only

**do not** remove from original packaging

#### 6 adhesive bandages

¾" to 1 " size common household band aids

#### 1 plastic bag one gallon size

re-sealable bags only

#### \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

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

Russ Robbins

Grover Lee Owens, Jr.

Rhonda West

Lorraine Deihr

Susan Barrick

Carroll Lee Spencer

Juanita Hudgins

Lawrence Ambrose, Sr.

Morgan Pritchett

Bernard Thomas, Jr.

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### One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering on Sunday, April 6. \$585 was received and was forwarded to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering, laying the foundation for UMCOR's ministry of relief and hope.

Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover their costs of doing business. Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects their donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs.

**UMCOR does not receive United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds**, so without your offerings, UMCOR would not exist.

Because they keep operating costs under 10% of their total budget, undesignated gifts may actually exceed UMCOR's administrative needs. When that happens, your support is channeled to under-funded programs, where they're most needed. They also may be used to allow UMCOR to respond to disasters immediately after an event and before funds can be raised such as the devastation following the recent tornadoes and floods.

Source: [www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Programs/One-Great-Hour-of-Sharing/oghs](http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Programs/One-Great-Hour-of-Sharing/oghs)

## God's Green Earth

### REUSE-A-SHOE

Turn your old sneakers into places to play.



Nike Reuse-a-Shoe takes worn out athletic shoes and grinds them down to create a new material called Nike Grind, which is used to make high-quality sports surfaces including courts, turf fields, tracks and more.

Since 1990, they have transformed 28 million pairs of shoes and 36,000 tons of scrap material into Nike Grind for use in more than 450,000 locations around the world.

#### What is Nike Grind?

Nike Grind includes three types of raw materials made from recycled athletic shoes and manufacturing byproducts: rubber from the outsole, foam from the midsole and fabric from the upper. These materials are ground up and used by select companies in sport and playground surfaces, as well as in numerous Nike apparel, footwear and equipment products.

#### Where do I recycle my shoes?

Bring your old sneakers to Central Church. Creation Care will collect them and take them to Nike in Williamsburg to be recycled. Questions? Call Michael at 725-4635.

*Your Creation Care Team*

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### Operating Account Status Year To Date

#### March 2014 Ending

YTD Budget .....	45,228
YTD Expenses .....	36,945
YTD Income .....	40,855

Additional information on the status of the church's Operating Accounts is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway just outside the nursery classroom.

*Nate Houser, Finance Chairman*

## Paul Townsend Memorial Class

The next meeting of the Paul Townsend Class will be on May 8 in the church fellowship hall. Fried chicken will be purchased by the class. Members and guests are to bring a side dish along with their recipe (to be used in a future project).

The Mother's Day Committee is busy with final plans for our special bulletin. We thank each of you for your participation in this endeavor.

On May 11, Mother's Day Sunday, the class will decorate the chancel rail in the sanctuary during our Sunday School hour. At each worship service, the men of our class will present the ladies in the church a beautiful flower.

Our Sympathy goes out to class member Peggy Leigh and her family in the passing of her Mother, Juanita Hudgins.

*Phyllis Hudgins, Class President*

### 2014 Graduates



If you have a child or grandchild graduating from high school or college in 2014, please notify a member of the Paul Townsend Class (ASAP) with the name, type of diploma/degree and institution attended. A bible will be presented to each graduate.

## Mission & Evangelism



Have you seen this container in the hall between the fellowship hall and the sanctuary? This container has been moved to the fellowship hall and is located with the Mission Project display. Your M & E Team will

be placing smaller containers in each classroom for your continued donations. The Henry Fork Service Center is a Virginia Conference mission supported project in Rocky Mount, VA. The M & E Team is contributing \$100 this month to help pay-off their mortgage. See page 5 for more information about Henry Fork Service Center.

## One Accord Concert



*The Spirit Says...Sing* and *One Accord* did exactly that on Saturday, April 5. The Adult Ensemble of Richmond's First Baptist Church filled Central's sanctuary with the wonderful gift of songs of praise. Central and the Mathews community thanks the group for such an uplifting concert. Thank you to ensemble member and Central friend, Bill Loving for bringing this group to Mathews.



Though the morning was cold, 38 people attended the Easter Sunrise Service at Old Field Point in Moon.

The 10:00 am church worship service had 116 people in attendance.

## Pay Off the Mortgage in 2014

The Henry Fork Service Center mission (HFSC) was chartered in 1967 to bring Christ-centered



religious education, activities, and programs to this rural community severely challenged with school dropout/truancy, fighting, neglect, unemployment and under-employment, broken relationships, abuse, and drug and alcohol related problems. The Center was started by Charlotte Seegars, a General Board of Global Ministries Church and Community worker. In 1985, HFSC assumed financial responsibility for its operations, with the VA Conference of the UMC providing mission support.

By 2003, HFSC urgently needed more space to accommodate the needs of the children and families it serves. With the encouragement of then Bishop Joe Pennel, HFSC drew up plans to build what has become the Pennel Educational and Activities Building.

While under construction in 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the US. Sadly, material costs sky-rocketed and forced the Center to take out a mortgage loan of \$180,000 at 7.5% interest to complete the building.

Budget-consciousness – living on a shoe-string – has helped HFSC keep the payments current. However, daily operations rely entirely on contributions which have diminished since the 2008 recession and subsequent economic hardships. As a result, HFSC's mortgage payments have restricted our ability to expand programming for children, youth, and adults.

Will you help us reach our goal? Make your check payable to the *Henry Fork Service Center* with "Pay Off the Mortgage" in the memo line. Mail to P.O. Box 888, Rocky Mount, VA 24151.

Thank you for the openness of your hearts and willingness to help HFSC continue its mission of –*Making God's love visible in our community.*

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Info Source: <http://henryforkcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/NewsletterFebruary2014.pdf>

## Local church members help with Hurricane Sandy recovery

In March four volunteers from Central joined a York River District mission team to help with recovery work from Hurricane Sandy in Brooklyn, NY. Janet Burgess, Nancy Jagger, Eric Stewart and Pastor Suzanne spent the week at The Bethany House, managed by St. Mark's UMC, our host church in the New York Conference.

David Magruder, pastor of the West Mathews Charge, was our stalwart team leader. Other teammates were Mike Harrington, pastor of Woodland UMC in Windsor; Nancy Yarborough, District UMW President from First UMC in Newport News; Rick Jacobson from Aldersgate UMC in Hampton; and O.H. Burton, pastor of Benns UMC in Smithfield.

The group's work included mudding and sanding wallboard in a house near Coney Island, demolishing a bathroom for an elderly couple, and reconstruction of two bungalows near Sheepshead Bay. Walls were removed, new studs installed, new walls put up. Floors were also taken out and new ones were put in. Windows were moved and reset for safety. During the wind and rain new roofs were put on, felted and shingled.

The homeowners were thankful for our presence and efforts. Some had been out of their houses since Sandy hit in October 2012. Eleanor Kelly, a New York City cop and owner of the bungalows, served us a huge Italian pasta meal one evening, and then fulfilled some of our wishes for authentic New York bagels and cheesecake.

While in Brooklyn, the team attended Sunday services at St. Mark's UMC, founded in 1903. The four pastors were invited to participate in the 2-hour-long service. Sunday afternoon our host and tour guide, Bruno Loraine, took us to Manhattan to see the World Trade Center Memorial and Times Square. On Wednesday evening, we braved bitter cold winds and walked to St. Paul's UMC in Vanderveer Park for a Lenten service. This was particularly meaningful as the congregations of four different churches came together for prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

As Janet Burgess noted, the trip was more than hard work to help others and to see some famous

sights. "When we first left Mobjack headed for New York, most of the team did not know each other. By the third day we were gaining friends and by the end of the week we had a great bond through cooperative work and Christ. We brought home friendships, souvenirs, bricks, memories, calloused hands, tired backs, and sore legs. We left houses renovated, feelings of hope, and Christ in action." And we laughed a lot! Even when our hands were numb with cold, the humor flowed! What a wonderful week!



Ready to begin our journey on March 22.



Worship at Saint Mark's UMC.

More photos on Page 7



Nancy Y. and Suzanne demolish a bathroom.



O.H. at the chop saw.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10-11



Nancy J. and Janet roofing one of the bungalows.



Preparing the roof.



Pizza at Grimaldi's .  
Our last night with Gillian Prince and Bruno Loraine, our NY Conference hosts.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Brownies 3:00-4:30 pm  Children's Choir 6:45 pm  Adult Choir 7:15 pm	2 Relay for Life Dinner	3
4 <b>Deadline for Mother's Day Listings</b>	5 Prayer Time 8:00 am	6	7 Finance 7:00 pm	8 P. Townsend Class Dinner 6:00 pm  Children's Choir 6:45 pm  Adult Choir 7:15 pm	<b>All meeting times &amp; dates are subject to change.</b>	
11 <b>Mother's Day</b> 	12 Prayer Time 8:00 am  Creation Care 9:00 am  UM Women 7:00 pm	13	14	15 HAM Meeting 3:00 pm  Brownies 3:00-4:30 pm  Children's Choir 6:45 pm  Adult Choir 7:15 pm	16	17 UM Men 8:00 am
18 <b>Central Chimes Submissions Due</b>	19 Prayer Time 8:00 am  SPRC 7:00 pm	20 Trustees 7:00 pm	21 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am  Friendship Class Luncheon At Seabreeze 11:30 am	22 Brownies 3:00-4:30 pm  Children's Choir 6:45 pm  Adult Choir 7:15 pm	23	24
25	26 <b>Memorial Day</b> Prayer Time 8:00 am 	27	28 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	29 Children's Choir 6:45 pm  Adult Choir 7:15 pm	30	31 

BIRTHDAYS

Miriam Cromwell	2	Dee Bane	12	Karen Palmer	22
Ed Cannon	3	Phyllis Hudgins	13	Donnie Hall	24
Melissa Moughon	3	Jean Hall	15	Suzanne Gibson	25
Sherrard Pugh	4	John Robert Pierce	15	Richard Moughon	30
Katherine Small	4	Daniel Moughon	20		

ANNIVERSARIES

Ed & Michael Cannon 4