



# THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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## 2015 Easter Services

The Easter Sunrise Service was well attended for such an early hour (6:15 am). 46 souls came to worship at Old Field Point in Moon. They arrived with the moon and departed as the sun rose above the treetops.

Both sides of the aisle were filled with 116 worshipers at the 10:00 am service. The Youth Choir joyously sang *Every Morning Is Easter Morning*.

Photos courtesy of Judy Moughon & Suzanne Gibson



## Bishop Cho Declares May 24 Conference-wide Day of Prayer



Bishop Young Jin Cho is inviting all churches in the Virginia Conference to participate in the second annual conference-wide Day of Prayer on Sunday, May 24.

"We began this campaign last year to help create a culture of prayer in our conference as the basis for a renewal and revival of our churches," Bishop Cho said. "This year May 24 (Sunday) is the date of our conference-wide Day of Prayer. I invite every church to remember this day and to pray for a renewal and revival of the churches in our conference and in the entire United Methodist Church."

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## 31-day Devotional

You are invited to engage in these 31 days of devotion and prayer.



The Virginia Conference has provided a 31-day *Devotional* to help us become more engaged in prayer. It can be accessed on the Virginia Conference website [www.vaumc.org/ncfilerepository/atn/evcdevotional.pdf](http://www.vaumc.org/ncfilerepository/atn/evcdevotional.pdf) or ask Leigh to print you a copy.

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## From the Pastor's Pen

### For everything there is a season..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Six years ago, on a sunny day in May, I drove from Winchester to Mathews, to meet the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee at Central United Methodist Church. As I started across the Piankatank River, God breathed this thought through my mind: "Welcome home." Without having met a soul, I knew I was where God was sending me.

You welcomed me from the start, and I will always be grateful for my time in ministry here with you all. Our time together has been filled with worship, baptisms and celebrations of lives well lived. We have marked six seasons of the Church Year from Advent to Christmas and Lent to Easter and everything in between. Shrimp dinners, UMM breakfasts, UMW birthday luncheons and Christmas caroling, **Serving Our Neighbors** Sunday last June, the Early Bird Breakfast, Blessing of the Animals, community Thanksgiving gatherings and Advent Family Day. Watching the children growing in Christ and in the life of the church, VBS, the children's/youth choir, mission projects, "Nothing But Nets" and the Heifer Project. Growing Sunday school classes and watching them reach out to the community in so many ways. Serving on the District Mission trip to Brooklyn, Hands Across Mathews, the Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic, Three Rivers Healthy Families, and countless unknown families through Kits for Conference and the Christmas Store. Bible studies, Monday Morning Prayer, Creation Care, choir, visiting and praying with you in times of need. I cannot possibly list everything here!

Now I have been appointed to serve another congregation, Bethany UMC in Hampton. Leaving is a tender time, for both pastors and congregations, but I know that you folks will continue in ministry for the glory of God, and I am so grateful to have worked among you. I pray that God will richly bless you and your labors for Christ.

In deep appreciation and Christ's love,  
*Suzanne*

## Welcome

Central Church will welcome Rev. John Choi to serve as our pastor beginning July 1.

John Choi, a native of Korea, has been serving pastoral appointments in the Virginia Conference since 2004. After finishing high school in Georgia, he graduated from Emory University in 1996 with a degree in history, and from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1999 with a Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained an elder in the Virginia Annual Conference in 2011.

John has served on the staff of a Korean congregation in Northern Virginia, and since 2008 he has served Saint John's United Methodist Church in Buena Vista. He began his pastoral work with multi-racial military families and has since counted as his blessing chances to meet with people of different cultures.

John's parents serve a Korean Methodist church in Herndon. A younger brother is a chaplain in the U.S. Navy and will shortly begin his new assignment in Yokosuka, Japan.

In his ministry and personal life John seeks to grow in prayer and appreciates music. When away from work, he has been known to pick up a guitar a few times a year and to resist checking baseball scores throughout the evening.



## Central United Methodist Women

The following is a list of UM Women programs for the rest of 2015. Please put these dates on your calendar and join us for an interesting year of programs.

| Date & Time                      | Program   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Mon., May 11<br>4:00 pm          | Packing kits for Conference                                   |
| Fri., May 15<br>10:00 am         | 3 Rivers Healthy Families                                     |
| Mon., June 8<br>7:00 pm          | Program: Racial Justice Roundtable                            |
| July - TBD                       | Bay Bells Concert   |
| Mon.,<br>August 10<br>7:00 pm    | Program: Human Trafficking                                    |
| Mon.,<br>September 14<br>7:00 pm | Adult Literacy  |
| Mon.,<br>October 12<br>Noon      | "Bring a Friend" Volunteer Luncheon                           |
| Mon.,<br>November 9<br>TBD       | World Thanks/ 3 Rivers Healthy Families Thanksgiving Luncheon |
| Mon.,<br>December 14<br>4:00 pm  | Caroling/flowers  |

CUMW will pack health kits for the Virginia Annual Conference at our next meeting on Monday, May 11 at 4:00 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 on page 4.) Any contributions to this effort are much appreciated. Please bring the donations to the fellowship hall. Come join us. Many hands make light work. All are welcome.

We will host a day for 3 Rivers Healthy Families on Friday, May 15 at 11:00 am. Bring a salad to share and snacks to enjoy. While the children are enjoying the garden at the Witherspoon's farm, the moms will be making

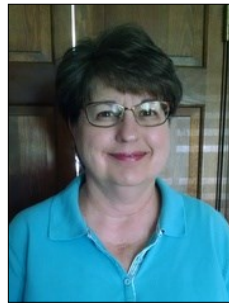
baby blankets at the church. We hope you'll come and join the fun.

*Grace Mortimer,*  
CUMW Recording Secretary

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## Breaking News

There's a new face at an old desk in the church office. Becky Pittman is Central's new Treasurer.



After 15 years, she retired from Bank of America. Becky is originally from Missouri (speak slowly and distinctly, she hasn't quite acquired the ear for southern accents!). She resides on Gwynn's Island. In 2013, she joined Central and added her voice to the choir.

If you have any questions for our new treasurer, she is in the office Tuesday through Thursday in the afternoon. She can be reached by email at [treasurer@centralumcmathews.org](mailto:treasurer@centralumcmathews.org).

Stop by and say "hi". Welcome, Becky!

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## COMING SOON

Watch your church bulletin  
for new church office hours  
(to be determined).

## Kits for Conference

### Health Kit Contents List- Value: \$12.00

#### 1 hand towel

15" x 25" to 17"x 27"

(Kitchen, cleaning and microfiber towels are not acceptable.)

#### 1 washcloth

#### 1 comb

Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6".

(No pocket combs or picks, please.

Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6" of teeth.)

#### 1 metal nail file or clipper

(No emery boards, please.)

#### 1 bath-size soap

3 oz. and larger sizes only.

(No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content.)

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 sealable bags only.

#### \$1 to purchase toothpaste

#### Assembly Directions:

Set the \$1 for toothpaste aside to be included in a separate envelope. Put the envelope and all other items into the one-gallon sealable bag (or any bag if you do not have the right kind). The UMW members will package everything the same way for delivery to Annual Conference.



## Hospitality Ministry

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the reception for Mason and Anne South's family and friends. The request for food from the congregation was met with generosity. The volunteers who helped set up, decorate, greet and offer the blessing, and clean up were a joy to work with. We are fortunate to have many who offered their assistance and if you were not called on this time, we look forward to using your talents in the future.

Our fellowship hall is used often and by different groups in the church as well as outside organizations. We are encouraging all groups to please treat this room as a public space and not a 'catch all' room. Your help in keeping our fellowship hall neat and clean and ready for use would be greatly appreciated.

Our Ushers/Greeters for May are Pat and Chris Moughon for the 8:30 service and Pat Gwaltney and the youth will serve at the 11:00 service and on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

We continue to enjoy refreshments following the 8:30 service and encourage everyone to join us for coffee and snacks. We are always looking for volunteers to provide refreshments. There is a calendar in the kitchen for sign up and if you don't have a partner or need help, Jean and I are available.

Thanks to everyone who offers their time, talents, and generosity!

*Emily and Jean*

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#### Greeters/Ushers for May

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 8:30 am service  | Pat & Chris Moughon  |
| 11:00 am service | Pat Gwaltney & Youth |

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#### Refreshment Providers for May

|    |                             |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 3  | Pat & Chris Moughon         |
| 10 | Valerie Adams               |
| 17 | Volunteer needed            |
| 24 | Martha & Joe Arnold         |
| 31 | 5th Sunday, no refreshments |



## Paul Townsend Memorial Class

The Italian dinner for our April gathering was delicious. During the business meeting plans for Mother's Day were finalized. Please remember to honor your love one in our special Mother's Day church bulletin by calling a member of the committee or filling out the prepared form before Sunday, May 3. Thanks in advance for your support with this class project.

Please remember May and June are graduation months and we will need to know if any members of Central have a child or grandchild graduating from high school or college this year. We will be recognizing these young people during both services on Sunday, June 7. Please call Phyllis at 725-3751 with this information. We are proud of our graduates; however, the deadline for facts on these folks is May 31.

Since May is so busy for us, the class will not have a meeting. We voted to have a picnic in June instead.

Our hearts are saddened by the passing of our class member Mason South. Our love and sympathy go out to Anne and her entire family. Please continue to hold Anne in your hearts and prayers.

Blessings,

*Phyllis Hudgins*, Class President



**Mother's Day** is Sunday, May 10. The Paul Townsend Class will be accepting listings for the Mother's Day Bulletin. Each listing is \$1. Order forms are in your Sunday bulletin.

**Deadline is May 3.**

## 2015 Graduates



The Paul Townsend Memorial Class will again be honoring this year's graduates.

If you have a child or grandchild graduating from high school or college, please call Phyllis Hudgins at 725-3751 (ASAP) with the name, type of diploma/degree and institution attended. Please provide a photo to be included in the June issue of the Central Chimes.

The graduates will be honored at both services Sunday, June 7.

Deadline is May 31.

### BIRTHDAYS

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

### ANNIVERSARIES

Ed & Michael Cannon 4

### Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers go to the Families of :

Vickie South Johnson  
Mason South  
Jay Ashberry  
Irvin Turpin  
Dallas Thomas  
Elizabeth Pryor  
Jeff Harper

Sandi Morgan and the family of David Harris

Creighton & Tara Planitz Whorley and family for the loss of his grandfather

Vicky Debilbis for the loss of her son

*The Children of the One Room  
Sunday School Class  
Wish their Mothers a  
Happy Mother's Day!*

*Mommy, I Love You*

*Mommy, I love you  
For all that you do.  
I'll kiss you and hug you  
'Cause you love me, too.*

*You feed me and need me  
To teach you to play,  
So smile 'cause I love you  
On this Mother's Day.*

*Nicholas Gordon*

*Downy Hogge*

*Richie*

*Daniel  
maughan*

*Emily  
Lewis*

*Sarah  
maughan*

*Gabrielle  
Lewis*

*Melanie  
Emily Paige*

*Jacob*

*Bridget*

*Soles Small*

*LISA*




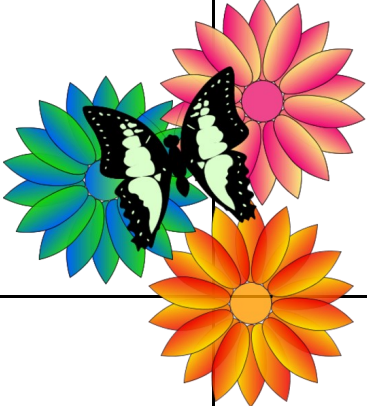
*Kate Small*

*ONE*

*NUN*

Source: [www.poemsforfree.com/mommy.html](http://www.poemsforfree.com/mommy.html)

# May

| SUN   | MON  | TUE | WED  | THU  | FRI   | SAT   |
|---|--|-----|--|--|---|---|
| <p>All meeting times &amp; dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.</p>   |  |     |  |  | 1<br>Brownies<br>2:45 - 4:15 pm   | 2<br>Exploring<br>Contemplative<br>Prayer at the<br>parsonage<br>10:00 am |
| 3<br><b>Last day to<br/>submit listings<br/>for Mother's<br/>Day</b>  | 4<br>Prayer Time<br>8:00 am  | 5   | 6<br>Central Village<br>Homemakers<br>9:00 am -<br>1:00 pm | 7<br>Youth Choir<br>Practice<br>6:45 pm<br><br>Adult Choir<br>Practice<br>7:15 pm  | 8<br>Brownies<br>2:45 - 4:15 pm   | 9   |
| 10<br><b>Mother's Day</b><br><br>  | 11<br>Prayer Time<br>8:00 am<br><br>UM Women<br><b>4:00 pm</b><br>(Packing Kits for<br>Conference)   | 12  | 13<br>Finance<br>7:00 pm                                   | 14<br>Youth Choir<br>Practice<br>6:45 pm<br><br>Adult Choir<br>Practice<br>7:15 pm | 15<br>3 Rivers Healthy<br>Families<br>10:00 am - 3 pm   | 16<br>UM Men<br>Breakfast<br>8:00 am                                      |
| 17  | 18<br>Prayer Time<br>8:00 am<br><br>Creation Care<br>9:00 am<br><br>SPRC 7:00 pm<br><br>Trustees 7:00 pm   | 19  | 20<br>Mission &<br>Evangelism<br>10:00 am                  | 21<br>Youth Choir<br>Practice<br>6:45 pm<br><br>Adult Choir<br>Practice<br>7:15 pm | 22  | 23  |
| 24<br><b>Central<br/>Chimes<br/>Submissions<br/>Due</b><br><br><b>Day of Prayer</b><br><br> | 25<br><b>Memorial Day</b><br><br>Prayer Time<br>8:00 am<br><br>       | 26  | 27<br>Administrative<br>Council<br>7:00 pm                 | 28<br>Youth Choir<br>Practice<br>6:45 pm<br><br>Adult Choir<br>Practice<br>7:15 pm | 29<br><br><br> | 30  |
| 31  | <p>5th Sunday Joint Service, May 31<br/>9:00 am Sunday School<br/>10:00 am Worship Service<br/>2:15 pm Song Service at Riverside Convalescent Center</p> |     |  |  |   | <p>Mirjam Meijer</p>  |