



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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School Kits for Conference Supplies List

1 pair blunt scissors

rounded tip only
no plastic scissors, please

3 pads of paper

spiral- or top-bound pads
150 sheets or less of loose leaf can be substituted for one pad
combination of spiral, top bound, side bound or loose leaf is acceptable
no composition books, please

1 hand-held pencil sharpener

must be at least one-inch long
remove from packaging

1 30-centimeter ruler

hard or flexible
cartoon characters are acceptable
no advertisements, please

6 unsharpened pencils

no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols, please
cartoon characters are acceptable

1 2-inch or larger size eraser

no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols, please
cartoon characters are acceptable

1 24-count box of crayons

only 24-count boxes, please

1 14"x16" cloth bag

homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable
heavy-duty fabric only – denim, corduroy, drapery fabric, etc.
no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols, please
closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps or Velcro sewn in middle of opening, if used

Important notes

All items must be new

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items – nothing more. DO NOT include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

F.I.N.S. Finale



When: Sunday, May 21st 3:00-5:00pm
(Bounce House, Games, Music, Food and FUN)

Where: Locust Grove UMC Pavilion
(Windsor Road/Rte. 3, Dutton, VA 23050)

What: Closing Event for the 3rd Year of FINS!!

Everyone is Welcome!! Come see what FINS is all about and help celebrate a successful year. Bring the entire family for a fun filled afternoon.

Questions: Contact Laura (804) 824-4022

<https://www.facebook.com/mathewsFINS>

From the Pastor's Pen

I find myself these days often praying about the future of our church. What will we look like in 10 years, 20 years? Only God can answer it for sure, but we ought to resist the temptation to take our future for granted. Our culture and society are changing rapidly, and they are becoming secular. It is becoming more imperative that churches continue renewing themselves according to its mission.



Many a church has tried some form of strategic planning with varying degrees of success. Perhaps more importantly, however, we should prayerfully seek God's visions for our future. I'd like to share some early thoughts on our focus in the coming months and years, as I have been thinking about this matter.

1. So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Eph. 4:13)

The will of God is for us to grow mature as disciples of Jesus Christ—even to the very measure of Christ. We must keep creating venues for spiritual maturity, whether through prayer, teaching, small groups, or mission and service, let alone the Sunday services of word and sacrament. We can do it for people of all ages!

2. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good ... Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ ... Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Cor. 12:7, 12, 27) The Scripture says that the power of God's people comes from the Holy Spirit. We would be wise not to lose touch with this truth. The Holy Spirit empowers various members of the body of Christ. In what ways does God

empower you and this church? Since it is the Spirit who equips and empowers, we can seek to discover our God-given ministry and serve accordingly, even as we have done so.

3. A new command I give you: Love one another. (John 13:34) We Americans are at a higher risk of isolation and loneliness as we age, partly due to the value we place on independence. A loving community is a priceless gift for anyone, but especially for the aging and the sick. I believe that 'watching over one another in love' will be an important part of our ministry, one that we need to grow and nurture.

4. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). We are called to be a witnessing community, and we witness through words as well as 'faith working through love.' Central is a community that has been blessed with many gifts—faith, skills, experiences, knowledge, resources, love. We are already making a difference in our community, but we should prayerfully keep looking for ways we can make a difference in this world, both near and far; bring the good news of God's Kingdom.

Gratefully,

John



Hospitality

1 Peter 4:9 says, "Offer hospitality to one another. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." Our refreshment hour would flow much easier if we had more participation. It can be as simple as making the coffee and offering a plate of cookies. The fellowship is the very best part of this half hour. It can be but does not have to be elaborate. Please let our committee have some feedback.

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Betty Stewart and Marcia Fry have been greeters for April at the 11:00 service. They chose replacements if the occasion arose. Ken and Karen Palmer served as greeters for April at the 8:30 service and partnered with Steve and Emily Leap if a change was needed. We are grateful for their service.

Karen Palmer, Betty Stewart, Marcia Fry and Dee Bane hosted a reception after the memorial service for Betsy Duff. Gratitude goes out to them for their hard work and thanks for the food that was donated by our congregation. Ken Palmer served as greeter and usher for the service also. It is a wonderful service we render when a loved one dies. Thank you to each one who participated in any manner. We are always appreciative of the cards Louise Witherspoon sends out. She really is prompt in getting them out.

Blessings from the Hospitality Committee

Paul Townsend Class

The class will have a pizza and salad dinner in the Fellowship Hall on May 11 at 5:30. We will be collating the Mother's Day bulletin. This will be our last dinner meeting until the end of summer.

Greeters/Ushers for May

8:30 am service	Kathy & Carl Bochau
11:00 am service	Billy & Shirley Snow

Refreshments Providers for May

7	Cannon / Houser
14	Volunteer Opportunity
21	Volunteer Opportunity
28	Volunteer Opportunity

2016 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 David Hudgins at 725-6586 (ASAP) with the name, type of diploma/degree and institution attended. Please provide a photo to be included in the Central Chimes.



The graduates will be honored at both services Sunday, June 11.

Deadline is May 31

United Methodist Women

On April 10th we held a roundtable forum with 4 churches represented. The purpose was to discuss the future of the UMW and how we can be more toward growing and being more missions-based. We enjoyed a nice luncheon after and a good fellowship with other UMW church members. We are now focusing on our supplies for the School, Kits for Conference. Supplies are listed in the bulletin insert (also see first page of *the Chimes*), and a collection box is in the Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming events are visit to the Healing Eagle Clinic, and our annual Bay Belles Ice Cream Social. We will be offering a Recycle Program to Three Rivers Healthy Families along with a picnic lunch for them

Please join us on the 2nd Monday 10-12 in the Fellowship Hall.

Blessings,
Nancy Jagger, UMW President

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men spent April in the final preparation for the spring Shrimp dinner. We thank all the ladies of the church for the cakes they have prepared. We also would like to thank all of you who have worked to make the dinner a success. Financial results of the Shrimp Dinner will be in the June Chimes.

Ken Palmer, President

Children's Ministry

Think Vacation Bible School! Dates: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday / July 20, 21, 22 and 23. Our theme is "Camping Out, S'mores for Jesus." Come join the children for four days of learning with fun about Christ.

Pat Gwaltney, Chairperson



Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Ed & Michael Cannon 4

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

Beverly Courtney
Barbara Lawing
Mark Young

Creation Care Hints on "EARTH FRIENDLY GARDENS" :*

1. Plant some plants that are native to Southeast Virginia:



Columbine



Black-eyed Susans

Above are two stunning native flowers. **Why native plants?** They require less care because they evolved in this area and adapted to the growing conditions here. Insecticides, fertilizers and watering are not required, thus saving time and money. They also attract bees and support a variety of insects that provide food for birds and are host plants for butterflies.

2. Tolerate a less than perfect lawn. Herbicides and pesticides enter the food chain and end up in our rivers and bays. Lawns with a few bugs and weeds feed wildlife and require less work and promote a sustainable space.

3. Convert a strip or corner of your yard into a "wild place". Grow a few native plants, plant a shrub for food, protection and a nesting site for birds.




Creation Care



Michael Cannon

*For more information on Earth Friendly Gardens contact Louise Witherspoon

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>May</i>				All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.		
	1 Prayer Time 8:00 am	2 Creation Care Team 9 - 10 am	3 Central Village Homemakers 9 am- 1 pm	4 Choirs Children - 6:30 pm Youth - 6:45 pm Adult - 7:15 pm	5	6
7 Confirmation Class 1:30 pm	8 Prayer Time 8:00 am	9	10 Finance Committee 7:00 pm	11 Paul Townsend Class 5:30 pm Choirs Children - 6:30 pm Youth - 6:45 pm Adult - 7:15 pm	12	13
14 <i>Mother's Day</i> No Confirmation Class 	15 Prayer Time 8:00 am Trustees 7:00 pm	16	17 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am Recycle Presentation Mathews Boys & Girls Club 1:00 - 5:30pm	18 Recycle Presentation Mathews Boys & Girls Club 3:00 - 6:00pm Choirs Children - 6:30 pm Youth - 6:45 pm Adult - 7:15 pm	19	20 UM Men 8:00 am
21 <i>Central Chimes Submissions</i> Confirmation Class 1:30 pm FINS Locust Grove UMC 3:00-5:00pm	22	23	24 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	25 Choirs Children - 6:30 pm Youth - 6:45 pm Adult - 7:15 pm	26	27
28	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> Prayer Time 8:00 am	30	31			