



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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United Methodist Men

In lieu of a second annual shrimp dinner, we will be sponsoring a yard sale to coincide with the county wide yard sale on June 2nd. Please consider donating to this effort to help us make up for the revenue lost from our fall shrimp dinner.



We will send out a memo outlining the details – where, how, what, when, etc. in the near future. We have already reserved a place on the county wide yard sale map and our Church grounds should be a popular stop-off on June 2nd from 7 A.M. to 2 P.M.!

We're hoping to have some fine merchandise for the shoppers to purchase! Additionally, the UMW will augment our yard sale by providing yummy lunches which will contribute to their community projects!

Steve Leap

UM Men President



"The children's contribution to the service is so special!" — Louise Witherspoon (photo)

From the Pastor's Pen

I went to seminary in the beautiful Kentucky bluegrass region, and much of my three years there I attended Centenary United Methodist Church in Lexington, Kentucky. The church's pastor, Rev. Al Gwynn, was a great preacher. Sunday after Sunday he delivered thoughtful, moving sermons. I eventually joined the church as an affiliate member and even went to a newcomers welcome one Sunday evening.

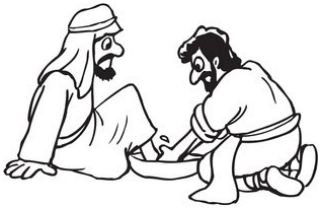
My involvement, however, became mostly limited to Sunday services. After all, I was a seminary student. I was taking classes on ministries. I was surrounded by Christian students. I thought I did not need much more from the church. But eventually I realized that something was missing. When my connection with the church was limited to my one hour in the pew on Sunday mornings, it became alarmingly weak (truth be told, I went to evening services as well, so it was two hours—but essentially the picture remained the same). That was despite the beautiful music and preaching that I loved.

On May 24, 1738, English cleric John Wesley had a spiritual moment that deeply moved him. He soon began a revival movement within the Church of England. Against the customs of the day he and his associates held outdoor preaching meetings. Traveling on horseback, Wesley reportedly preached more than 40,000 times in his lifetime!

But most significantly, he invited his hearers to join Class Meetings—sort of like AA meetings of

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our days—where they “watched over one another in love”. That was necessary because Wesley’s message emphasized spiritual maturity, or “holiness of heart and life.” No one undertook that journey alone. Many of those class meetings eventually became Sunday Schools in America, and everywhere this new movement (called “Methodism”) went, people organized themselves into Class Meetings or Sunday Schools. It seems our spiritual ancestors were truly concerned about growing mature spiritually.



Sunday worships are vital to our spiritual life. But we also need community. Think how often a person or people influenced you in your faith journey! We

should be thankful for all the small groups in our life that serves as encouragers in our faith journeys—Sunday Schools, ministry teams, choir, UMW and UMM, Bible studies, lunch groups, even various committees. Each of those is an opportunity for us to live out Jesus’ commandment, “Love one another, as I have loved you.” (John 13:34)

Looking back on my Centenary UMC days, I do remember joining a Sunday school briefly. One of the leaders named Mason treated me to a dinner in an effort to welcome a new kid on the block. At another occasion, an older couple also took me out for a lunch and pledged to be available for support (and they did not even know me at the time other than that I was a new seminary student attending their church). I regret that I did not follow up on those incredible acts of kindness, but even to this they remain on my heart, and they impacted who I am today.

“Truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.” (1 John 1:3)

Gratefully Yours,
John

Help One Now Update

When children give during Children’s Time, the offering goes to support Kettlie Jean through the organization, *Help One Now*.



Kettlie Jean

Kettlie is now 16 years old, and she lives in Yahve Shamma Village, a community development initiative of *Help One Now* that serves as home for 30 orphaned children in Pétionville, Haiti.

Thank you for sharing with grateful hearts and helping to make a difference.



Easter Sunrise Service

Photos by:
Judy Moughon



Hospitality and Visitation

Thanks to all the following who made our April refreshment and hospitality time so enjoyable at Central this month.

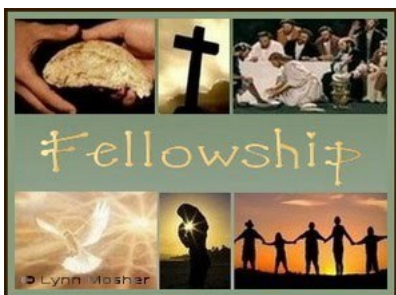
They are: Nate and Melba Houser, Louise Witherspoon, Martha Arnold, Mary Wade Smith, Bobby Hudgins and all others who bring items to share on Cookie Sunday (the First Sunday in each month).

There are still Sundays open for YOU to be host one morning if you haven't yet. It's a great way to share with others.

We had a Central member, Mary Keen, pass away in March. In loving memory of Mary, a donation is being made to the Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Blessings to all,

Phyllis Hudgins, Chairman
Hospitality and Visitation Committee



Hospitality Host for April

Karen Palmer

Greeters/Ushers for May

8:30 am service	Hal & Patty Hertzler
11:00 am service	Victor & Jane Vega

Refreshments Providers for May

6	Cookie Sunday (bring snacks to share)
13	Bobby & Phyllis Hudgins
20	Hal & Patty Hertzler
27	Volunteer Opportunity



Central Gives to UMCOR

Central Church sent \$445 to the United Methodist Committee on Relief from its UMCOR Sunday offering in March.

Formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing, UMCOR Sunday supports the administrative cost of the United Methodist Committee on Relief so that the special gifts given throughout the year may directly apply to a disaster situation. Thank you!

Thank You

A Special Thank You

Thank you so much to the SPRC, who on behalf of the church, gave me a beautiful arrangement of flowers in a clay pot. This marks my 1 year anniversary here at Central. It has truly been a pleasure working at Central UMC and I look forward to many more years!

Michele Evans

Administrative Assistant



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
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From Financial Secretary

Thanks go out to all of you who have assisted or are assisting with counting in April: Chris Moughon and Linda Dalgety, volunteers for the month; Ben Leigh and Betty Stewart who assisted on Tuesday, April 3; and to Eric Stewart who willingly volunteers almost every Sunday. If you are willing to give an hour of your time to Central Church, after the 11:00 service on Sundays, please contact me.

Counters are needed for July (2), August (2), and October (1).

Your time will be greatly appreciated!

Marcia Fry,
Financial Secretary

Creation Care

The Creation Care team loaded up all recyclable items, plus projector, laptop and old 8 foot screen and went off to Saint Paul's Church for the joint FINS youth meeting.



Twenty four young people attended. The challenge was to present an entertaining Recycle Program for a large group of youth from kindergarten to teenagers. Some in the audience were 3 ft. high and some 6'2". However, the team, with the help of Pastor John, kept things moving.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to the Families of

Darnell Rowe Wells
Donnie Smith



Photos by:
Martha Arnold




Prizes were won and "recycle seeds" were planted. Thanks to all those who helped make that evening a successful event!



Creation Care  *Michael Cannon*



Team Members plot their course
Photo: John Choi

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>May</h1>					All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.	
		1 Disciple Class 7:00 pm	2 Central Village Homemakers 9 am - 1 pm Disciple Class 10:00 am	3 <u>Choirs</u> Children - 6:30 pm Youth - 6:45 pm Adult - 7:15 pm	4	5
6 Courthouse Players Rehearsals 1:30 to 4:00 pm	7 Prayer Time 8:00 am	8 Disciple Class 7:00 pm	9 Disciple Class 10:00 am Finance 7:00 pm	10 Bay Quilters 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Paul Townsend Class 6:00 pm <u>Choirs</u> Children - 6:30 pm Youth - 6:45 pm Adult - 7:15 pm	11	12
13 <i>Mother's Day</i> 	14 Prayer Time 8:00 am UM Women 10:00 am	15 Disciple Class 7:00 pm	16 Mission & Evangelism 9:00 am Disciple Class 10:00 am Creation Care @Cannons 1:00 pm	17 <u>Choirs</u> Children - 6:30 pm Youth - 6:45 pm Adult - 7:15 pm	18	19 UM Men 8:00 am
20 <i>Central Chimes Submissions and Administrative Reports</i>	21 Prayer Time 8:00 am	22 Disciple Class 7:00 pm	23 Disciple Class 10:00 am Administrative Council 7:00 pm	24 <u>Choirs</u> Children - 6:30 pm Youth - 6:45 pm Adult - 7:15 pm	25	26
27	28 <i>Memorial Day</i> Prayer Time 8:00 am Trustees 7:00 pm	29 ←	30 Yard Sale Preparation	31 →	