



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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16 from Central Attended the World Communion Service at the Tabernacle

On October 5, the York River District Youth hosted a Communion service for World Communion Day at the old Methodist Tabernacle in Mathews.

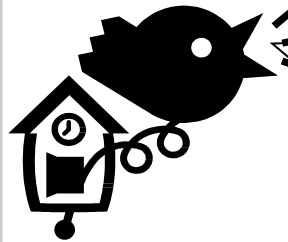
The Communion service was officiated by Rev. Seonyoung Kim, the new District Superintendent of the York River District.

In addition to Communion, there was music, prayer, testimonies and a brief message.



Photos by Suzanne Gibson

Rev. Seonyoung Kim



**Fall Back 1 Hour
Saturday, Nov. 1
Daylight Savings**



Central Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 9
5:00 pm
Meat will be provided.
Please bring a side or
dessert to share.

*Joint Thanksgiving Dinner
& Service
Central UMC
Tuesday, November 25, 6:00 pm*



Central will provide the turkey, dressing and gravy; please bring a side dish to share with the Antioch, Westville and Mathews Baptist congregations.

From the Pastor's Pen

On October 15 I traveled to South Korea with Bishop Cho and 30 clergy colleagues from the Virginia Conference. It was the most amazing, spiritually formative trip I have experienced as a pastor!

The Korean Methodist Church understands what radical hospitality is! Our host church in Bupyeong treated us like important dignitaries. Together we worshipped, ate great food, learned and enjoyed good conversation.



Each morning we attended Early Morning Prayer at 5:00 a.m. – along with hundreds of church members. We prayed in the Korean style of *tongsung kido*, in which we all prayed out loud at the same time – it was powerful! I'll be sharing more about these prayer experiences in the future.

We visited seven Methodist churches, two universities and one seminary. We spent several hours with Rev. Il-Do Choi, founder of the DAIL Community, and had the privilege of serving lunch to the hungry and touring the DAIL Angel Hospital, which provides free medical and end-of-life care for people who are unable to afford it; they serve people not only in Seoul but in several Third World countries. We walked on sacred ground at Yanghwajin, the cemetery where foreign missionaries are buried, including an American Methodist, Mary Scranton (1832-1909), who went to Korea supported by the

predecessor of our United Methodist Women, and founded Ewha Woman's University. We also toured the ancient Gyeong-bok Palace, visited the DMZ (O-du-san Unification Observatory) and did some shopping at In-Sa-Dong (Shopping Street) in Seoul.



Sunday, October 19, was church all day long, concluding with a Music Festival featuring mass choirs, orchestras, and the famous World Vision Children's Choir. We were treated to a "mini-concert" in the afternoon, which was so beautiful – I have a DVD of that concert for anyone wishing to see it.



On November 23 I will give a presentation of this amazing trip at both services. I hope you will be there and bring a friend!

On the journey together, *Suzanne*



November 22 to be Day of Holy Conversation

In response to Bishop Young Jin Cho's request that the Virginia Conference Common Table for Church Vitality facilitate conversation around the conference on the subject of human sexuality, the Common Table announced that it will hold "A Day of Holy Conversation on Sexuality and The United Methodist Church" on Saturday, Nov. 22, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Woodlake UMC, 15640 Hampton Park Drive, Chesterfield. The day of conversation will also be live streamed to 12 additional sites across the conference, including **Saint Luke's UMC in Yorktown** (300 Ella Taylor Road). All Virginia Conference clergy and laity are invited to participate at one of the sites. Deadline to register is noon on Monday, November 17. Registration fee is \$10, which includes lunch.

You may register online at www.vaumc.org (click on Events, then click on "Day of Holy Conversation ..." on November 22 on the calendar). If you have difficulty registering online, please let your pastor know – Pastor Gibson plans to attend.

The Day of Holy Conversation will include a message from Bishop Cho, remarks by a convener, morning and afternoon presentations and designated times for conversations among participants that will be guided by the convener or a selected facilitator.

Convener for the Day of Holy Conversation will be Dr. David Anderson Hooker, Senior

Fellow for Community Engagement Strategies at the J. W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development at the University of Georgia. As a mediator and facilitator for the past 30 years, Hooker has helped individuals, congregations, organizations, communities and local and national governments conduct important conversations on difficult subjects.

The guiding question for the Day of Holy Conversation will be: "In light of concerns being expressed in different areas of the connection of The United Methodist Church and in society as a whole regarding human sexuality, how can we move forward in mission and ministry together?" Follow-up questions will be given to the presenters by the convener as prepared by the Presenter Committee and culled from written questions submitted by event participants.

The morning presentation will focus on the first part of this question: "In light of concerns being expressed in different areas of the connection of The United Methodist Church and in society as a whole regarding human sexuality." Morning presenters will include a representative from the Virginia Conference chapter of Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) and the Virginia Conference Evangelical Fellowship as well as a presenter to be chosen by Bishop Cho in consultation with the Common Table who will represent a "centrist position" regarding human sexuality.

The afternoon presentation will focus on the second part of this question: "How can we move forward in mission and ministry together?" Afternoon presenters will include representatives from MFSA, Evangelical Fellowship, conference Young Adult Council, and a person who will represent a "centrist position" regarding human sexuality.

Presenters will make covenant

All presenters will be selected from within the Virginia Conference and will covenant to:

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1. Speak personally, i.e., articulate a particular point of view and the heart of the position they represent;
2. Remain open to consider something new in the exchange with other presenters and through follow-up questions and conversations;
3. Be mindful to acknowledge, within the limits of the format, a range of positions not represented by the selected presenters;
4. Be mindful to recognize points of agreement as well as points of disagreement; and
5. Seek to model a spirit of Christian dialogue for the small group conversations to follow.

Preparations began after Annual Conference

Preparation for the event began soon after the June 20-22 session of Annual Conference when members voted to "postpone indefinitely" a resolution asking the 2016 General Conference to eliminate language in the *Book of Discipline* calling the practice of homosexuality "incompatible with Christian teaching."

In his Episcopal Address during the opening session of Annual Conference, Bishop Young Jin Cho had called for a plan for a conference-wide conversation on the topic of human sexuality over the coming church year. The Rev. Tom Berlin made the motion to postpone debate on the resolution in order to give the Bishop's idea a chance to work.

Work Group

On July 18, the Common Table approved formation of a work group to prepare a report in response to Bishop Cho's request for conversation on the topic of homosexuality. The work group included four members of the Common Table (the Rev. Chris Bennett, Warren Harper, the Rev. Kathleen Overby Webster and Iris Smith), chair of the Conference Council on Young Adults (Clayton Payne), a person with a master's degree in Conflict Resolution and Management (Danielle Light), a representative from the Evangelical Fellowship (the Rev. R. Bruce Johnson), a representative from the Methodist Federation for Social Action and

Virginia Reconciling United Methodists (Rives Priddy), and a signer of "A Way Forward" (the Rev. Tom Berlin). The work group was facilitated by the director of Connectional Ministries and chair of the Common Table (the Rev. Marc Brown).

The work group presented its report at the Sept. 18 Common Table meeting, and Common Table members approved details of the event.

Advance information

Prior to the Nov. 22 event, advance information will be posted on the conference website. This information will be prepared from a variety of sources by members of the Presenter Committee and will include:

1. A historical timeline of The United Methodist Church's history of disciplinary statements/ changes on the question of homosexuality and related issues;
2. A historical timeline of selected disputed issues from our shared history and the manner in which they were resolved with a view toward identifying precedent for the present disagreements and challenges of The United Methodist Church;
3. How petitions are processed at General Conference; and
4. How to write a good petition for General Conference.

The Day of Holy Conversation will be recorded, and DVDs of the event will be distributed to be used for additional conversations in the districts and local churches. The recording of the Day of Holy Conversation will be available on the conference website.

A guidebook will be developed for use by districts, congregations, and other groups following the Nov. 22 Day of Holy Conversation, and facilitators will be trained to lead district conversations using information that is prepared for the Nov. 22 conference Day of Holy Conversation.

The Innkeeper's Wife



This year's Christmas program entitled *The Innkeeper's Wife* will be on Sunday, December 14 at 6:30 pm. I am looking for volunteers to

depict 3 shepherds and an adult angel. You can reach me at 725-7692.

The next children's practice will be Saturday, November 8 at 10:00 am. Adult practice will be announced at a later time.

Jean Hall, Director

Central United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women hosted a program on Hospice in October, in keeping with our year of whole health and spiritual wellness programs. Frances Langford from Riverside Hospital gave the presentation.

On November 9 we will celebrate our World Thank offering program at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcome.

Mark your calendars for December 8 to come and carol for our shut-ins. We take fruit baskets to them, we sing and then gather for a dinner. It is a great time. We would appreciate men, women or children to join us. Any additional voices are welcomed. Our church members who cannot get out often and the residents of the nursing home really enjoy it.

Dee Bane, CUMW Recording Secretary

H.U.G.S Project

The children continue to collect new or gently used shoes for the "Tennessee H.U.G.S. Project" (Help Us Give Shoes). The collection box will be in the Fellowship Hall until Christmas.



Thank you for your continued support of the Children's Ministry projects.

Click on the link to get more information about this organization : [H.U.G.S.](#)

Shoe Boxes for Christmas

The Mission and Evangelism Team is sponsoring a shoebox ministry for needy children in the Mathews Community. The boxes will be distributed through the Mathews Social Services Christmas Store.

Bring filled boxes to the fellowship hall by Thursday, December 4 or deliver donations to Mathews Social Services no later than December, 7 so they can be marked and sorted.



Shoe Box: Use any empty, clean box. Attach a separate piece of paper to the box and label it for a boy or girl and age category: 2-4, 5-6, 7-9 or 10-14 years. Fill with a variety of all **new** items. Wrap in Christmas paper. Pray for the child who will receive the box.

Toy Suggestions: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, playing cards, stickers, puzzles, games, etc.

School Supplies: Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, colored markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, blunt pointed scissors, or regular ones for older children, glue, colored craft paper.

Hygiene Items: Tooth brushes, tooth paste, mild bar soap in wrapper, combs, washcloths, hand towels, and small shampoo.

Other items: Candy appropriate for age of child, T-shirts, socks, gloves, adjustable ball caps, hair clips, jewelry, flash light (extra batteries), Christmas mugs, hot chocolate packets, gift certificates to Hardee's, McDonald's, etc.

Thank you for your support. *The M & E Team*



Donald and Carol Paige family
(Photo courtesy of The Mission Society)

A Silversmith and Teacher Shedding Light in Paraguay

Published by [Julie Oosterhouse](#) on July 25, 2014
In July Carol was interviewed by MNN (Mission Network News).

Paraguay (MNN) — If you've ever had a time in your life where you can clearly see where God is guiding you, you know what a blessing that can be. And if you've ever been guided to minister to a not-very-responsive people, you can probably relate to this story.

Carol Paige and her husband Donald are missionaries with [The Mission Society](#) in Paraguay. They have two children, a daughter in 4th grade and a son who is three years old.

Why Paraguay? Because the country is very spiritually blind to the life that Jesus has called His followers to.

Carol says, "My husband and I are involved in two very different ministries during the day. I teach English in a bilingual Christian school."

Her husband, on the other hand, has quite an interesting job that played a key role in their ministry and how they got there. Carol says, "My husband [is] a silversmith. And he is involved in a friendship ministry with silversmiths in our local city where we live. He goes and visits them and spends time with them."

When do you ever here about silversmiths? Well, when you're in Luque, Paraguay, it's not as odd as you might think.

Carol explains, "In Paraguay there are towns that specialize in different things, and the town where we live specializes in making silver jewelry and guitars."

Donald Paige trained as a silversmith for 14 years in Colonial Williamsburg.

And it wasn't that the Paiges picked Luque because of the specialization in silversmithing. It was God's providence.

God's not-so-hidden guidance

Carol explains, "When we came to Paraguay, we weren't sure where silversmiths were. It ended up that the home that we rented ended up being in the only town in Paraguay where they do silversmithing."

Along with his ministry to the other silversmiths, Donald is learning how to do Filigranas, a type of Paraguayan jewelry.

Along with their day jobs, the couple co-pastors at a small Methodist church. Even with all of the things the family is involved in, and while living in a foreign country, Carol feels that her kids are growing up similar to how they might in America—but with a bigger worldview.

"One thing about being on the mission field, however, is that our children are given an opportunity to view differences: different cultures, different ways of life that maybe they wouldn't experience in the states," she says. She wants them to understand that there are no differences between people. They all have needs.

One of the greatest needs in the culture of Paraguay is their ability to understand their need for Jesus.

Carol says, "When the people say that they're Catholic, they're nominally Catholic. That means that they're Catholic because their father is Catholic or that their grandfather is Catholic. The majority do not have a real knowledge of Jesus Christ and what it is like to have a relationship with Jesus Christ." She describes their mission field as people living in spiritual poverty, partially due to a

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reliance on tradition and culture.

Carol wants to emphasize, "We're not here to bring about American culture, and we're not here either to conform to Paraguayan culture. But what we're trying to bring about is a Kingdom culture where there are Kingdom citizens."

She says this is one of the biggest challenges they have: to let people know it's not about earthly cultures at all. She also says it is difficult to help people realize that what they have is not a relationship with God, and to help them see they need to be reaching out and helping their neighbors in love.

While this area of the country is complacent and missing the Gospel, to the east is another menacing situation in a different way.

Where the border meets up with Argentina and Brazil is an area of heavy drug cartel and smuggling activity. BBC News reports that this is home to a large Arab community as well. There are rumors that this activity is funding Islamic militant groups such as Hezbollah and Hamas, though all three countries deny the claim. With things blowing up in Israel, it is an interesting connection.

Carol says she has heard some of these allegations but lives too far away to know very much about it.

The Paiges are up against many challenges in their own community. But Carol explains she is passionate about their work. She is amazed to see the children understand what it means to love others and what it means to love God. She is amazed to see them put this love into action.

"That's what my passion is: being able to help transmit that love of Christ to others and seeing them sharing that with the others around them," she says.

How can you help Paraguay encounter Christ?

"Our biggest prayer request is that the spiritual darkness that is over Paraguay would be

broken. I think there is really a spiritual dimension with spiritual warfare here. We need prayer warriors who'll continue to pray that that darkness will be broken and lifted," Carol says.

She also asks for your prayers for the family's strength and faithfulness to what God has called them to even when they face difficulties.

"Sometimes it feels like the work is slow and we see very little progress. We don't always see the fruit of the seeds that we're planting," she says. Pray that they would not grow discouraged.

Article Source: www.mnnonline.org/news/silversmith-paraguay/

[BIRTHDAYS](#)

Phyllis Lewis	2	Melba Houser	15
Richard Love	3	Emily Lewis	16
Coleman Wheeler	7	Jimmy Stewart	18
Peggy Leigh	9	Elizabeth Milby	22
Tom Tucker	11	Leigh Lewis	29
Gabrielle Lewis	13	Ken Palmer	30
Grace Mortimer	14		

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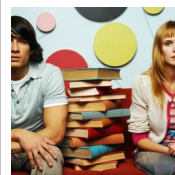
Family of Cline Chase

Family of Charlie Mickelborough

Family of Charles Powell, Sr.

Bob Tabor and the Family of Mary LaRue


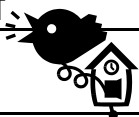


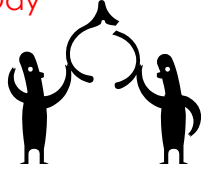

Central Scholarship Fund



Two of Central's students are eligible for this year's scholarship award. Help us give them aid in tuition costs.

Make checks payable to Central UMC and write **Scholarship Fund** on the memo line.

**The deadline is Sunday, November 16.
Thank you for your continued support.**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Daylight Savings Time Ends FALL BACK 				1 
2 All Saints Sunday Cluster Charge Conference at Salem UMC 4:00 pm 	3 Prayer Time 8:00 am	4	5 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 - 1:00 pm	6 Children's Choir Practice 6:45 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm	7 Brownies 2:45 - 4:15 pm	8 Children's Christmas Program Practice 10:00 am District Conference & Training at St. Luke's UMC, Yorktown 9:00 - 12:30 pm
9 Central Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00 pm 	10 Prayer Time 8:00 am UM Women 7:00 pm	11	12 Finance 7:00 pm	13 YMCA - Lunch With a Purpose 9:00 - 1:30 pm Paul Townsend Class 6:00 pm Children's Choir Practice 6:45 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm	14 Brownies 2:45 - 4:15 pm	15 UMM Breakfast 8:00 am
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16 Chimes Submissions Due	17 Prayer Time 8:00 am Creation Care 9:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	18 Trustees 7:00 pm	19 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am Administrative Council 7:00 pm	20 Children's Choir Practice 6:45 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm	21 Three Rivers Healthy Families 10:00 - 2:00 pm	22 Day of Holy Conversation St. Luke's UMC, Yorktown 9:30 - 3:30 pm
23 Korea Trip Presentation at Both Services	24 Prayer Time 8:00 am	25 Joint Thanksgiving Dinner at Central UMC 6:00 pm	26	27 Thanksgiving Day 	28	29
30 First Sunday of Advent						
5th Sunday Joint 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 2:15 pm Song Service at Convalescent Center						