



# THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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## From the Pastor's Pen

Recently a lottery prize soared to 1.5 billion dollars, and the news is that there has been a winning ticket. Nine hundred million dollars after taxes is a lot of money, and people will consider such winning life-changing.

If we look around, however, we may notice some things we have that are worth even more. This new day, for example, has come to us as a gift from God. We are not guaranteed to have it, and many would pay millions to have it, if they could. Yes, in a sense we worked for it, but by the grace of God that enables us.

One way to become instantly rich is simply to adopt gratitude. How many things have we received from God! We could re-discover a vast list of gifts that we have forgotten to recognize. We affirm that our daily bread comes from God. Sure, we have our share of challenges and difficulties. There is a time to laugh, and there is a time to weep. But "the steadfast love of God never ceases." (Lam. 3:22) God gave his only Son so that we may stand in such grace by faith (Rom. 5:2).

Another way to become even richer, is to give. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) Jesus even said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38) Jesus often spoke about "storing up treasures in heaven." It is well worth remembering that we are stewards of God's

gifts. That may not sound appealing at first, but serving the Lord with what we have been given, is the prescription for a richer and authentic living.

I am thankful that God has enabled us to give and to serve through the church. Thank you so much for your acts of faith and sharing of love throughout the year. I pray that our giving and serving will continue to be cheerful in light of the one "from whom all blessings flow."

Meanwhile, let's diligently practice gratitude. It is our most proper way of everyday worship.

Gratefully,  
*John*



**2018 Central Thanksgiving Dinner**

Sunday, November 18  
5:00 pm

You are invited to share a Thanksgiving supper with the church family. Simply bring a side dish or dessert, and the meat will be provided.

Our time together will include looking back on our life and ministries this year and giving thanks.



Central UMC Birthday Luncheon 9/30



Photos by  
John Choi



**UM WOMEN**  
are seeking your  
favorite recipes  
for a

UMW & 3 Rivers Healthy  
Families Recipe Book.

Contact: Pat Gwaltney or  
any member of UM Women  
Deadline is **November 12th**

Peace ❄️ Joy ❄️ Love

York River District United Methodist Women

**Advent Prayer Breakfast**

Cost \$10—Saturday—December 8, 9:30 am  
First Fox Hill United Methodist Church  
1 Salt Pond Rd  
Hampton, VA 23664  
757-851-6302

Guest Speaker: Rev. Ileana Rosario  
Theme: Women's Vision for Shalom  
Musical Gift from Rev. John Choi

Monetary contributions and Food Lion and/or  
Walmart gift cards will be collected for our  
National Mission Institution The Wesley  
Community Service Center, Portsmouth, VA.

**Registration Deadline is November 27, 2018**

Checks should be made out to *Central UMW*  
(On the memo put Advent Breakfast)  
Checks may be given to Martha Arnold  
or any member of the UMW.

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

Sherry Dixon  
Thelma Hurst  
Andrew Ewell



## UM Men

The United Methodist Men made the following decisions during our October 20th meeting.

- We will have our annual shrimp dinner on Friday, May 17th.
- While we have not set a firm date, the group will sponsor a Brunswick Stew sale to see if we can generate more income for our customary charity giving. Details will emerge during our November meeting.
- The UMM will support a Red Cross blood drive in February. While we have made the commitment for our Church, we will solicit manpower and cookie production (36 dozen) from many Church members to provide adequate resources to the drive.
- We donated \$500 to Nelda Gibbs to help ensure schoolchildren have adequate food.

*Steve Leap*

UMM President



### Birthdays

Phyllis Lewis	2	Melba Houser	15
Richard Love	3	Emily Lewis	16
Peggy Leigh	9	Jimmy Stewart	18
Tom Tucker	11	Leeah Taylor	20
Gabrielle Lewis	13	Leigh Lewis	29
Grace Mortimer	14	Ken Palmer	30

Friday, November 16

6:30—9:00 pm

Central UMC  
w/ St. Paul UMC  
Ages: K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade



Fridays IN the Spirit

## Shoe Boxes for Christmas



The Mission and Evangelism Team continues its sponsorship of the 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 Sunday, December 2.**

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*

## Hospitality/Visitation Committee

With the Holidays rapidly approaching, please remember those who are suffering with an illness or the loss of a loved one. While many of us enjoy this time of year, there are as many who will feel sad and especially lonely. Sometimes all that is needed to brighten their spirit is a phone call, nice note, thoughtful card or a visit to let the person know that someone cares or is thinking about them. You are truly blessed when YOU can be a blessing to others.

We thank our October hospitality host servers for the 8:30 AM service: Pat and Chris Moughon, Cindy Butterworth, Frosty Taylor, David Hudgins, Bobby and Phyllis Hudgins and Nita Carter. Phyllis also was the Month's Hospitality Host. Our November Hospitality/ Visitation Host will be Betty Stewart. Hosts providing refreshments for Sunday early services will be **EVERYONE** on November 4th. It is "**COOKIE SUNDAY**". Thank you to all those who bring a snack to share. Emily and Steve Leap will serve on the 11th. On the 18th Bobby and Phyllis will provide refreshments. There will also be a Central Church Thanksgiving dinner that evening as well. Nancy Jagger, John and Sherry Hodges will serve as refreshment hosts for the 25th.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE ! I am very thankful for the services that each of you have provided our church membership and community this year.

May God bless you.  
*Phyllis Hudgins*, Chairman



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### Greeters/Ushers for November

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8:30 am service	Ed & Michael Cannon
11:00 am service	

## Christmas Store

*Sponsored by Mathews County Dept. of Social Services*



Working together for the past 30 years, our volunteers have been able to make the holidays a little brighter and joyful for those in need.

Mathews County has seen an increase in requests for services this year. As the holidays approach, so many families must choose between paying for heat and food vs. buying presents for their family. Christmas store fills that gap - providing an opportunity to keep the holiday giving spirit alive and well. Last year, we served 504 members of the community. Forty-nine children participated in the Elf Shoppe, where they are able to shop for gifts for their parents or guardians at no cost.

### **Our needs for this year include:**

Monetary Contributions- There is no state and local funding for programs like these, so we rely on the strength of our community's heart. Any support you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Checks can be made payable to:  
Mathews Department of Social Services  
PO Box 925  
Mathews, VA 23109

Please note Christmas Store in Memo section

NEW toys, clothing, household items, jewelry, cosmetics, etc.- Used items cannot be accepted. Donations may be brought to the Social Services office at 536 Church Street, Mathews during normal business hours. Please bring donations no later than November 30th so they can be sorted and marked for the Store.

A heartfelt thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause. Please contact Bernadette La Casse with any questions at [bclacasse@gmail.com](mailto:bclacasse@gmail.com) or 804-384-7740.

*Bernadette La Casse & Peggy Hudgins*  
Christmas Store Coordinators  
*Lauren Oden*- Community Outreach  
Coordinator

Mathews Department of Social Services

## Virginia UMVIM Trip to Tangier (Oct. 8-12)

On Oct. 8-9 I visited the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) team that went to Tangier. This is an annual mission in which our own Janet Burgess has taken part for several years. The team members came from various churches in Virginia; staying in the Fellowship building of Swaine Memorial United Methodist Church, they went out for various service projects in the morning and afternoon. —John Choi

Here are some photos by Team Members:



SWAIN  
MEMORIAL UNITED  
METHODIST C IURCH  
\* JESUS IS LORD \*  
9:AM CLASS  
10:AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:45 WORSHIP  
6:00 PRAYER B N  
6:30 FELLOWSHIP  
7:00 WORSHIP  
REV. NONA ALLEN

## Virginia UMVIM Trip to Tangier Photos



\$1,325 has been received through special offerings for the United Methodist Committee on Relief ([www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org)) and North Carolina Conference Disaster Response Ministry, who is set for relief efforts in the Carolinas.

*Thank you for giving and holding in your prayers those affected by the Hurricane.*

### Election Day Box Lunch Fundraiser

Tuesday, November 7

10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Pick-up at

Mathews High School Cafeteria  
(school not in session)

**\$10.00**



Box Lunch includes:

chicken salad w/ crackers  
pasta salad, broccoli salad  
and chocolate pound cake  
*(all homemade)*

Walk-ins welcome but advance tickets will be sold at the YMCA & Mathews Pharmacy.

### Community Events

**November 2**, Friday, 5:30 pm-7:00 pm

--Annual Fish Fry at Beulah UMC

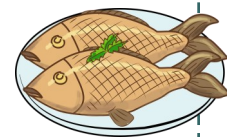
\$12 adults, \$5 children 12 & under

All you can eat

Menu: Clam Chowder, Fried Fish, Ham & more

*All homemade & guaranteed delicious.*

**November 3-4**, at Ware Academy  
Remote Area Mission (RAM) Medical Clinic



### Celtic Worship

Kingston Parish Chapel  
370 Main Street, Mathews  
Sunday, November 4th  
5:30 pm



Enjoy an evening of contemplative worship with beauty and serenity of our first *Celtic Eucharist* with its lighted candles, prayers, scripture and beautiful Celtic music and hymns.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <h1>November 2018</h1>				1  Choir Practice 7:15 pm	2	3 <b>Daylight Savings Time Ends FALL BACK one hour</b> 
4 <b>All Saints Sunday</b>  Celtic Worship at Kingston Parish Chapel 5:30 pm	5 Prayer Time 8:00 am  Women's Choir 7:00 pm	6 Meals On Wheels Fundraiser at MHS 10:00 - 12:30 am  Romans Bible Study 7:00 pm	7 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  Romans Bible Study 10:00 am	8 Bay Quilters 9:00am - 1:00 pm  P. Townsend Mem. Class Dinner 6:30 pm  Choir Practice 7:15 pm	9	10
11 <b>Veterans Day</b>  	12 Prayer Time 8:00 am  UM Women 10:00 am  SPRC 7:00 pm	13   Romans Bible Study 7:00 pm	14 Prayer Covenant Group 9:00 am  Romans Bible Study 10:00 am  Finance 7:00 pm	15   Choir Practice 7:15 pm	16 3 Rivers Healthy Families 10:30-2:00pm  <b>FINS Central UMC w/ St. Paul 6:30-9pm</b>	17 UM Men Breakfast 8:00 am
18 <b>Central Chimes Submissions Due</b>  <b>Central Family Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00 pm</b>	19 Prayer Time 8:00 am  Trustees TBD	20	21  Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am	22  	23	24
25	26 Prayer Time 8:00 am	27  Romans Bible Study 7:00 pm	28 Romans Bible Study 10:00 am  Administrative Council 7:00 pm	29 Charge Conference at Salem UMC 7:00pm  Choir Practice 7:15 pm	30	
<p><i>All meeting times &amp; dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.</i></p>						