



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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**Q&A: Rise Against Hunger
Meal Packaging Event
Nov, 17 (Sun) 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Central United Methodist Church**

Who is Rise Against Hunger?

Rise Against Hunger (RAH) is a hunger relief non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other aid to people in developing nations. Founded in 1998, it is best known by meals put together by volunteers. As of this article, over 503 million total meals were packaged—623,592 this week alone. RAH and its partner organizations have served people in 77 countries.

Sending meals is only a part of RAH's approach towards its goal of ending hunger by 2030. It seeks to empower communities through better agricultural methods and income-generating initiatives. RAH also responds to emergencies, such as Hurricane Dorian in this year. 285,000 plus Rise Against Hunger meals, plus soap and

hygiene kits, were sent to Bahamas, where ADRA International and Convoy of Hope are assisting in aid distribution to those impacted by the storm.

What is a meal packaging event, and how does it work?

On the day of the event, a truck from RAH will deliver food supplies and equipment, and its staff person(s) will guide volunteers into putting together meal packages in an assembly-line fashion. Ingredients to be combined and sealed into a package are rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix that includes essential vitamins and minerals.

Where will the meals we package go?

Rise Against Hunger partners with nonprofits around the world to provide food. RAH provides meals for schools, vocational training programs, early childhood development programs, orphanages, and medical clinics. Recent blog entries tell stories from the following cases: ORPHANetwork serving an impoverished neighborhood in Managua, Nicaragua; a kindergarten in Quang Ngai province of Vietnam; a girls' school in a rural community in Tremesse, Haiti; a school in Kibera, Kenya, through the partner organization, Feed the Hungry UK.



RAH meals have a shelf life of about two years. When the meals put together by our volunteers are shipped, RAH will notify us and let us know its destination.

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What is our commitment for the meal packaging event?

We have committed to provide the location and 50 volunteers in order to put together 10,152 meals. Each meal costs \$0.34, and we have committed to a donation of \$3,451.68. We have invited area United Methodist churches and Three Rivers Healthy Families to join efforts by sending volunteers.

How difficult is the work on the meal packaging day?

Those who previously took part in the events will tell you that the work is not strenuous or difficult at all. Children and youth have easily participated. We will need 5-6 persons during 2:30-3:00 who could bring in some heavier equipment into fellowship hall.

Do volunteers need to register?

Although RAH encourages all volunteers to register, it is not a requirement. By signing up at the church you will help us make sure that we have enough volunteers for the event.

Can I come as an observer/cheerleader?

Yes. Church and community members are encouraged to come and be part of the event.

What led the church leadership to commit to Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event?

November is a season of Thanksgiving, and RAH gives us a way to give thanks through an act of sharing. We will not only share a meal as a church family but also with our neighbors who are in need of nourishing meals. I encourage you to make your gift towards RAH a thank-offering that is cheerfully given for innumerable blessings we have received from God's hands.

In addition, this year we have been given a major gift, that is, an extensive make-over of our fellowship hall, through the Bailey Hudgins bequest. Giving as a church through labors of our own hands, would be a great way to give thanks to God and to celebrate this gift.

Will we still have our annual church Thanksgiving dinner?

RAH meal packaging event will be immediately followed by a supper. Turkey and meat will be provided; you are invited to add a side dish to the mix!

How can I give towards the cost of Rise Against Hunger meals that we are putting together?

Mark your gifts to Central United Methodist Church as "Rise Against Hunger." Envelopes are available in the pews.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord" (Prov. 19:17)

"Give, and it will be given to you." (Luke 6:38)

John Choi

<https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/global-impact/>
Twitter, Rise Against Hunger. @Rise2030. 1:44 PM · Sep 17, 2019
<https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/category/nourishing-lives/>



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

Bonnie Hudgins Sandahl
Johnny Hudgins
Kendall Gleason
Wade Brooks
Ann Miles



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Ann entered into rest on Oct. 18

Central United Methodist Men's

Brunswick Stew Sale

Saturday, November 9th

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Central United Methodist Church
Church Street in Mathews Court House



DONATION

\$8.00 per Quart

Proceeds Support Local Church
& Community Outreach!

**Reserve yours in advance by
purchasing tickets from
any member of the
Central United Methodist Men or
purchase at the door while available.
Call 725-8673, 725-3751 or
794-4601 today!**

Birthday Luncheon

September 29th

Photos by Louise
Witherspoon



Greeters/Ushers for November

8:30 am service | James & Dale Martin

11:00 am service | Linda Dalgety &
Marcia Fry

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 1st.**

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. *M & E Team*

If you are interested in volunteering with the set up, running, and clean up for the Christmas Store, please contact Bernadette La Casse with any questions at bclacasse@gmail.com.

Administrative Council

Fall seems to be the busiest time we have had this year.

We have a funeral, charge conference, Rise Against Hunger, Thanksgiving dinner, Sunday school meetings, as well as all the church committee meetings. Thanks to everyone for doing a good job in each of these areas.

Don't forget we need to come to church to have our soul's fed for Spiritual growth and to thank our Lord and Savior for everything he does for us.

We ask for your continued prayers to be with the administrative council for the decisions made on the membership's behalf and also for our pastor, John, that he will bring us the word of God that each of us needs to be a better Christian.

New nominations are being made; please give your faithful support to the new administration, as you have done in the past.

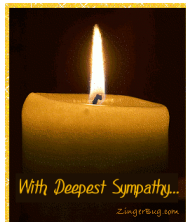
Invite a friend to come and worship with us at Central. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have the Church filled to capacity each Sunday? It could happen one person at a time.

May the Lord bless each of you this Fall and the coming Holiday season.

Bobby Hudgins, Chair
Administrative Council

Hospitality and Visitation

October proves to be very busy for our Church activities. Thanks to all those who have participated in these events.



Our sympathies go out to the family of Central member Ann Miles. There will be a memorial Service at 1:00PM and reception to follow on Friday Oct. 25 at Central. Please keep those on our prayer list in your thoughts and prayers as well.

November 2019

Those serving as refreshment hosts were as follows:

Oct. 6 --- Cookie Sunday; Oct 13,---Emily & Steve Leap; Oct. 20---Bob Tabor, Bill Loving & Cindy Hall; Oct. 27---Dee Bane & Mary Wade Smith.

Hosts for November are as follows:

Nov. 3---your choice of snacks; Nov. 10---Cindy Butterworth, Frosty Taylor, & David Hudgins; Nov. 17---James & Dale Martin; and Nov.24---Ken & Ken Palmer.

Phyllis Hudgins will be Hospitality Host for the months of October and November. Please phone her at 725-3751 if there are special needs.

Blessings to all,

Phyllis Hudgins, Chair
Hospitality/ Visitation Committee



Rev. John being presented a special cake by Phyllis Hudgins Hospitality Chairman in recognition of October's Pastor's month.



Creation Care

Creation Care Team is constantly researching latest innovative techniques or practices that are helping our environment. Below is just a few.

No Single Use Plastic Bottles At Royal Portrush in Ireland during Open Championship / When The Golf Open Championship returned to one of Northern Ireland's most iconic venues this summer, pure fresh water was delivered directly to fans, players, staff and officials through water-refilling stations and special edition reusable stainless steel bottles. Single-use plastic water bottles were not used.



"We have all learned so much of the destructive impact of plastic in the world's oceans and we believe we have to take steps to remove all single-use plastic water bottles from The Open in order to encourage fans and players to use alternative and more sustainable materials" said the chief executive. They are hopeful that all organizations will start to look at how they can reduce single use plastic bottles and cups at their events.



Dominion Energy's newest solar farm located on Route 14 in Gloucester County went live on April 22, 2019. The solar farm has 80,724 panels across 203 acres of land, which will produce enough electricity to power approximately 5,000 homes at peak output. The Economic Development Director, Sherry Spring, said, *"Solar projects are a way to generate income for the next generation of landowners who may not want to farm, but want to keep land intact and in the family."*



Texas has generated more electricity from wind than coal in 2019!

HOUSTON — Data released July 8 by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas shows wind created nearly 22 percent of the electricity used so far this year compared to 21 percent made by coal. It's a close margin, but NPR Austin reports this is the first time ever wind has surpassed coal as an energy source in the Lone Star State. (Texas is the largest consumer of coal in the United States, according to the ERC.)

Michael Cannon,
Creation Care Team



United Methodist Women

Central United Methodist Women met on October 14, to finalize the details of the Bay Belles Concert/Ice Cream Social. The concert was beautifully performed by the Bay Belles and the homemade ice cream was delicious! We had about 26 guests in attendance which was amazing since the weather was so wet and windy. Thanks to the generosity of our guests and the members of the band, we collected \$363.00 for the Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic. It was a great day!

Several of our members attended the Hero Luncheon Fundraiser on October 9th hosted by Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth. The luncheon was enjoyed by all.

During this past year, our small group has been working to fulfill the criteria of the "Living Into Our Purpose" program set forth by the York River District UMW. I am proud to announce that Central United Methodist Women achieved the Level III Gold Certification.

Our Annual Candle Burning Ceremony brought in a total of \$388.00. This money is forwarded to the York River District to be included with all of the other monies collected for candle burning.

We will be hosting the Three Rivers Healthy Families on November 15, for our Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Dee Bane met with the director, Debbie Lancucki to discuss the upcoming event and to decide on the menu and the theme. We will discuss the details in our November meeting. We always look forward this program.

In addition to deciding our outreach programs for this upcoming Christmas season, we will be contributing to "Rise Against Hunger" on November 17 as well as some of us participating on that day.

Happy Thanksgiving from CUMW to each of you!

Martha Arnold,
UM Women President

Bay Bells Concert and Ice Cream Social October 20th



Photos by Louise Witherspoon



Mission and Evangelism

We each found our artistic side at Paint Night. We shared light refreshments and fellowship and produced our Thanksgiving masterpieces. Isn't it lovely?



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At our October meeting, we discussed the Rise Against Hunger event scheduled for 11/17. Be a part of our mission to package 10,152 meals! No special skills are needed and no cooking is involved! You can even sit down in the job. We do need about 50 volunteers to package dry ingredients in an assembly line fashion.

As of 10/27, our congregation has donated \$760.00 toward the project. We are trusting God that we will have the full \$3,451.68 needed to fund the project.

Set-up time is 2:15 and we should be finished by 5:00, just in time for our church's annual Thanksgiving dinner.

We are excited about a new project. We are planning a Spiritual Revival for our church! This informal, once a month event is a time of music, testimony, and prayer. Come hear "God Stories" from people you know. Come refresh and revive your spirit! The informal revival begins January 5, 2020.

The committee has been investigating a number of mission projects. We wanted one that we all could relate to and chose the Henry Fork Service Center. It is located in economically disadvantaged Franklin County, Va and provides after-school and summer programs for 55-65 children.

Linda Dalgety, Chair
Mission & Evangelism



United Methodist Men

We resumed our monthly meetings Saturday October 19th and were excited to have a total of 22 members attend.

We voted unanimously to join the General Commission on UMM for the years 2020 and 2021.

We appointed Ben Leigh to head the effort to develop a slate of officers for 2020 and he will

present the slate for consideration and vote during our November meeting (11/16/2019).

The main thrust of the meeting was to finalize plans for our November 8th Brunswick Stew event:

- Flyers will be distributed to our customary locations (post offices and business establishments) the week beginning 10/20.
- 130 Tickets were printed and adequate quantities were distributed to the members in attendance.
- This is twice what we made for our first Brunswick Stew effort that was sold only to Central Church members. This year we want to roll the sales out to the community and are counting on our church members to communicate to friends and neighbors to make a sellout possible
- We will use the church kitchen and social hall Friday, November 8th for all the prep work (chopping potatoes, celery, onions, etc) and staging. Additionally, we will set up two stew pots and 2 potato cookers.
- Of course, the day of the sale Saturday November 9th we will need the kitchen and social hall as well.
- Pick-up will be from 1:00 to 4:30 Saturday at the same \$8 per quart as last stew.
- Our total stew effort this time will require about 12 to 15 UMM to support the various assignments from product procurement to preparation to cooking to packaging to cleanup and lastly sales / distribution. They're one swell group of volunteers - let's make it a success by selling every quart!
- Profits will support Central Church and community outreach,

Next UMM meeting will be held November 16.

Steve Leap, Chair
UM Men

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>November 2019</h1>					1	2 
3 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends FALL BACK one hour	4	5 Meals On Wheels Fundraiser at MHS 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	6 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	7 Choir Practice 6:45 pm	8 Brunswick Stew set-up	9 Brunswick Stew sale 1:00 - 4:00 pm
10	11 Veterans Day  UM Women 10:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	12	13 Finance 7:00 pm	14 Bay Quilters 9:00am - 1:00 pm P. Townsend Mem. Class Dinner @ Grace Mortimer's 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 5:30 - 7:30 pm Choir Practice 6:45 pm	15 3 Rivers Healthy Families 10:30am - 1:00pm	16 UM Men Breakfast 8:00 am
17 <i>Rise Against Hunger</i> 3:30 - 5:30 pm Thanksgiving Supper 5:30 pm 	18 Trustees 7:00 pm	19	20 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am	21 Choir Practice 6:45 pm	<i>All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.</i>	
24	25 Central Chimes Submissions Due	26	27	28  Thanksgiving Day Office Closed		

Birthdays

Phyllis Lewis	2	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
Melba Houser	15		

November Hospitality Host

Phyllis Hudgins
725-3751

