



# THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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## From the Pastor's Pen

I want to thank you for generously giving for the needs of the parsonage during October. \$4,217 that was received more than covers the first priorities such as the painting of the kitchen and den walls, plus two pieces of furniture for the den. As a house will always require maintenance—and it has been a wonderful home—the rest of the gifts will be preserved for this purpose.

I hesitate to bring before you another need, but I must communicate to you that our general budget itself is in need of a boost. For the past two years we ran a slight deficit every month, and the reserve has gone down by approx. \$23,000 since the September / October of 2020. While our first priority should be to grow and sharpen our God-given ministries, additional gifts between now and the end of the year would put us on a solid footing. For some time I have designed to give half of my monthly salary in November, which I will gratefully do so, thankful that I am able to do it for the ministries of the Gospel.

Sometimes it does appear we inundate you with giving requests. My request as pastor is that we

### Journey with God Sunday, November 6, 5:00 pm

All are invited to a gathering where we hear one another's God stories.  
Join us for a time of music,  
testimony and prayer.



### Join Us for Worship

**Sunday service—9:15 a.m.**

**Sunday school—10:15 a.m.**

**Sunday worship on YouTube**

**Link for online service:**

[www.centralumcmathews.org](http://www.centralumcmathews.org)

give what we can to each cause from the heart and by faith, regardless of the amount. Jesus made clear that our giving, whether to the church or to the poor, is something to be seen first by our Heavenly Father. What a blessing it is that we can give for the ministry of the Gospel of Christ, to extend mercy and help to someone, regardless of the amount, and be known by God. We can never outgive God, who is the source of our life.

The church of God with the presence of the Holy Spirit brings hope to the world. I ask that we continue praying for the church that we may serve God's purposes. "Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." (Mt. 6:33)

Gratefully,  
*John*





## All Saints Sunday (11/6)



### Join us for Sunday School at Central !

All classes begin at 10:15am, right after the Sunday service.

**Paul Townsend Memorial Class**, meets in the classroom behind the Sanctuary.

**Faith in the Now & Nancy Wroten classes**, meets in the Fellowship Hall

**Friendship class**, meets in the room across from the church office.

**All are welcome!**

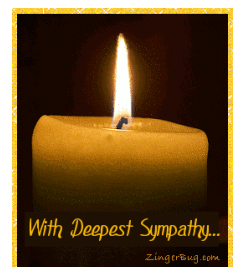


**Louis Kendall (Ken)  
Palmer, Jr.  
1941—2022**

**John Watson (Jack)  
Ward  
1931—2022**

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

- David Morris
- Ken Palmer
- Janice Miller
- Margaret Williams
- Charlie Ware
- Jack Ward
- Leon Owens



### October Mission Giving

\$210 will be sent to Rise Against Hunger. Thank you for giving generously to help fight hunger and bring stability to many families.

**Turn back  
clocks on  
Saturday,  
November 5**



## Mission Focus for November: Mathews Christmas Store

Did you know that there are approximately 200 kids in our County who have a bleak Christmas; who may not find a gift for them underneath the Christmas tree. Not one single gift! Can you imagine?



We can change this! We can give a little of the Christmas magic and put the sparkle back on a child's eyes!

"How!" you ask. Well? It's easy. Again this year, our church is taking part of what I like to call *Operation Christmas Shoeboxes*. This is a program sponsored by the Mathews County Department of Social Services as part of their Christmas Store and is only made possible by YOU. (Our Church is the only one in the County who fill Christmas shoeboxes for kids in our county.) Here's how you do it.

Step 1. Decide on a child's sex and age group. Suggested age groups are; 2-4, 5-9, 10-14.

Step 2. Ask God to direct your steps toward what may delight a child's heart. Pack the box with toys, personal care items, school supplies, candy and maybe a gift card (McDonalds and Hardee's are favorites). How about a book of Bible stories?

Step 3. The Bible tells us in 1 Thess 5:17 to "pray without ceasing. Pray for the child who receives your gift. Pray for the child's family that they are open to inviting Jesus to become part of the family. Pray for our Pastor John when he delivers your gifts. Pray for our community to be transformed by the Gospel.



Each box becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. Be a part of God's special miracle in a child's life.

(See page 4 for more details)

*Linda Dalgety*

Mission and Evangelism



### Annual Community Christmas Sing-a-long

Sunday, December 4th  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Central

Sponsored by the  
Central Village Homemakers

This is our gift to the community.  
Please come and bring a friend!  
We thank you for your support.



## Upcoming Mission Opportunities

Mission and Evangelism Team discussed having a float on the Mathews Christmas Parade. Linda will check with Jennifer Clark, teacher sponsor of the Bible Club at the middle school, to see if club members still want to participate. Betty noted that we already have several angel costumes that could be used. The theme for this year's parade is "Fishing you a Merry Christmas". (Could the angel costumes be fashioned into costumes of Biblical fishermen for song "I will make you fishers of men"?)



*Photo from the 2021 Christmas Parade*

We voted to recommend the Mathews County Christmas Store as our Mission Focus for November. This is an excellent opportunity to ensure less fortunate families in Mathews County have a Merry Christmas.

We also voted for the Gloucester Mathews Care Clinic be our Mission Focus for December.

Finally, we decided to participate in the Mathews County Social Services Christmas Shoeboxes program again this year.

*Linda Dalgety*

Mission and Evangelism Chair



## 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 4th.**

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 taking part!

*M & E Team*



## UMW Hosts Luncheon

Central United Methodist Women hosted our traditional Birthday Luncheon on October 23rd. The congregation was invited to participate and encouraged to bring a covered dish. As in the past, there were 12 tables - one for each month of the year. Each person was encouraged to sit at their "Birth Month" table so that they could visit with folks that shared their birthday month. The luncheon immediately followed the Sunday School Classes, and it was wonderful to enjoy once again being together in our Church fellowship hall.

We will be hosting a picnic for Three Rivers Healthy Families on November 8th at Port Fun (weather permitting). We will provide fried chicken, fruit, cookies, and drinks.

We continue our monthly \$50 donation to the organizations that are chosen by the Mission and Evangelism Team.

As a reminder, we continue to collect Non-Food items for HAM in a bin in the Fellowship Hall. There is also a need at HAM for canned vegetables and canned fruits as well as soup, cereal, pasta, and pasta sauce. These food items can be left in the vestibule between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

"The Good Measure Cookbook" is still available for \$12. The cookbook makes a great gift. We will not be selling Schermer Pecans this fall. This fund raiser which was supported by Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth has been suspended this year.

Your support and generosity to our organization are greatly appreciated.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

*Martha Arnold*

UM Women President



## Heartfelt Thanks

The month of November always is a wake-up call for me. I suddenly realize that the end of the year is right around the corner and that I haven't accomplished all my goals that I set for myself in January. November provides that last window of opportunity between the things you put off last summer because it was too hot and the things you need to get done before it gets too cold.

However, in all our haste to salvage our to-do list in November, we can't forget to take time to give thanks to the Lord for all he has blessed us with. I know you all join me in being thankful for Central Church as we emerge from the depths of the pandemic. We can be thankful for the resumption of coffee time and for the Birthday Luncheon. We are thankful that we have a loving, caring pastor and that he has found his life partner in Jurah. We will all be thankful when she can join him here and begin their new life together. We're thankful for the generous donations toward the parsonage upgrade which was overdue. I'm sure you can think of other things to be thankful for that I haven't.

November is home to Thanksgiving Day and Veterans Day, but as you can see from my partial list from above, we have way too much to be thankful for to limit our thanksgiving or our recognition of our veterans to just one day. However, we can be thankful that there are special days set aside so that we can offer special prayers and thanksgiving for all God has done for us.

I hope and pray that each one of you can spend some time with loved ones this Thanksgiving season and be sure to give thanks when you do!

Blessings,

*Chris Moughon*

Admin Council Chair



**Paul Townsend Memorial Class  
Supper and Meeting  
Thursday, November 10th at 12:00 Noon  
Joining together in the fellowship hall**

## Creation Care

HELP KEEP CANS OUT OF OUR LANDFILL!

We use over 80,000,000,000 aluminum soda cans every year!



Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy equal to 1/2 gallon of gas!



Americans use about 100 million steel cans every day. Recycling steel saves at least 75% of the energy it would take to create steel cans from raw materials.



HELP YOUR PLANET: RECYCLE ALL CANS

*Michael Cannon*

Creation Care Team

*"The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it"*



## United Methodist Men

The Central United Methodist Men met on Saturday, October 15. Unfortunately, only eight members were able to attend and enjoy the delicious breakfast prepared by Pat Moughon. We continued our discussion of possibly funding a scholarship at Mathews High School and possible fundraisers. However, since we didn't have a large turnout, no action was taken at this time.

Hopefully, we'll have a good showing at our next meeting on Saturday, November 19, at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. It will be the last meeting of 2022 and we need to finish the year strong by carefully considering our year-end donations. Hope to see as many of the Central men as possible!

*Chris Moughon*

UMM President

## Central UMC 2022 Charge Conference

Time: Nov 17, 2022, 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81078759489>



## Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

Honor or remember someone with a poinsettia on the altar this Christmas. Please email, mail, or use the form in the Sunday bulletin (on Nov. 6) with the following information by Sunday, November 27th:

Poinsettia's are \$9.00 each.

Mailing address: PO Box 297, Church St.,  
Mathews, VA 23109

Email: [office@centralumcmathews.org](mailto:office@centralumcmathews.org)

The name of the person(s) you wish to give in memory / honor of, and the number of flowers being ordered.



## Empty Bowls Fundraising Event, Sunday, December 11 To Benefit Hands across Mathews



This year the Empty Bowls fund raising event to benefit Hands across Mathews is scheduled for Sunday, December 11 at the Bay School.

Purchasing a ticket allows you to choose a handmade pottery bowl and a bowl of soup, bread and dessert. Opportunities for helping with this fun event include making a crockpot of soup, bread or cookies or assisting with set up, serving or being a greeter.

Information on purchasing tickets will soon follow. Contact Louise Witherspoon, 804 387-4033.



## Scholarships Available

Students in post-secondary schools returning for their second term in spring may apply for scholarships.

Application should include 1/ the latest transcript, 2) proof of active enrollment at least half-time in a accredited institution beyond the high school level, and 3) a letter describing intentions for continued study for the upcoming year.

Send an application by December 1st to:

Chris Moughon, PO Box 396, Mathews, VA 23109



Helen Lee and Grace Mortimer sings at October 2nd Journey with God.



*Birthday Luncheon  
October 23*



We thank the ladies of the United Methodist Women for hosting a delicious luncheon. It made for a wonderful fellowship





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
<p>All meeting times &amp; dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.</p>		1  Bible Study 7:00 pm	2 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am— 1:00 pm  Administrative Council 7:00 pm	3	4	5  <b>Fall Back One Hour Daylight Savings Ends</b>	
	6 <b>All Saints Sunday</b> <i>Journey with God—5:00 pm</i>  Daylight Savings Time Ends	7	8  UMW hosts 3 Rivers Healthy Families At Port Fun  Bible Study 7:00 pm	9	10  Bible Study 10:00 am  Paul Townsend Mem. Class Lunch & Meeting 12:00 Noon	11 <b>Veterans Day</b> 	12
13	14  UM Women 10:00 am  SPRC 7:00 pm	15  Bible Study 7:00 pm	16  Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am	17  Bible Study 10:00 am  Choir 7:00 pm  Charge Conference 6:30 pm Zoom	18	19 UM Men 8:00 am	
20 <b>Thanksgiving Sunday</b> <i>Central Chimes Submissions Due</i>	21  NAACP 6:00 pm	22	23	24 Office closed  	25	26	
27 <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Poinsettia Deadline for orders</i>	28	29  Bible Study 7:00 pm	<b>November 2022</b>				30

### Birthdays

Kenny Childress	8	Emily Lewis	16
Peggy Leigh	9	Jimmy Stewart	18
Tom Tucker	11	Leeah Taylor	20
Gabrielle Lewis	13	David Goldman	23
Grace Mortimer	14	Leigh Lewis	29

