



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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World Communion Day Sunday, October 5 (3-4:30 pm)

Old Methodist Tabernacle
700 Tabernacle Road, Mathews



The York River District Youth (UMC) are hosting a **communion service** for World Communion Day at the old **Methodist Tabernacle** in Mathews. **People of all ages are invited** and there will be light refreshments after the service.

The communion service will be officiated by **Rev. Seonyoung Kim**, the new District Superintendent of the York River District.

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

Come one and all to worship and celebrate Jesus!

Church Spruce-up Day



During our regularly scheduled Methodist Men's meeting Saturday, October 18 (at 8:00 am), we will have our final planning session for the Fall Shrimp Dinner ((October 24). At the conclusion of our meeting (around 9:30 am), we will execute a "Church Grounds and Exterior Spruce-up" effort.

We plan to edge the sidewalks (leading to the church and the walk along Church Street), sweep the base of the building to ensure all grass clippings are removed, pick up any trash, trim any wayward shrubs, etc. We want to make our church as attractive as possible for our supporters during the dinner. We have asked all the men to come with customary garden tools and clothes suitable for the tasks at hand!

We are hopeful that the United Methodist Women and others will mount a similar effort to "spruce-up" the interior areas that will be utilized during the dinner. The men's group will finish cleaning up in the kitchen from our meeting around 10:15 am and would gladly vacate the interior for your capable hands.

Thank you for your efforts to make Central an inviting place to worship and fellowship.

Blessings,
Central UM Men



**2014 Cluster
Charge Conference
Sunday, November 2
4:00 pm
Salem UMC**

From the Pastor's Pen Be Still ... an Invitation

(A meditation based on Psalm 46)

"For the hundredth time, would you please be still!" The mother's voice revealed growing exasperation with her 3-year-old who squirmed and wiggled on the bench in the waiting room. But he simply could not keep himself in one place. All around him were invitations to explore: doors that led somewhere – but where? Chairs to climb on, tables with magazines and hundreds of pages to turn, an aquarium with colorful fish playing hide-and-seek among strange aquatic plants. How could he keep still with all those distractions?

By the time you and I got through elementary school, most of us managed to tame our bodies enough to sit through classes, church services, and doctors' waiting rooms. However, have you ever noticed that your mind refuses to be still and "sit" there with your body? You might be reclining in your favorite chair or even lying quietly in bed, but your mind is elsewhere, thinking about unfinished chores, dreaming about vacation, or worrying about health and family matters.

In times of crisis, our minds tend to focus on all the negative events swirling chaotically around us, until they become larger than life and threaten to consume us. We are robbed of sleep and spend our waking hours dreading what might happen in the days to come. Peace eludes us, and God may seem distant and impersonal. In our rush to try to fix things ourselves, we – like the toddler in perpetual motion – fail to stop and allow God to infuse us with divine peace and renewed perspective.

Well acquainted with our squirmy nature, the psalmist offers an antidote for us when we are facing fearful and uncertain times. He begins with a statement of faith: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble..."

He lists several things – all outside human control – that can raise our fears: changes in the earth, volcanic activity on the ocean

floor, stormy seas, and trembling mountains. Further on, he refers to nations in an uproar, tottering kingdoms, and wars – all results of human activity. But always, the psalmist reminds us of God's presence even in the midst of calamity: "God is in the midst of the city..., the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge" (or fortress).¹

The key to allowing this passage to speak peace to our fearful and squirmy souls is in verse 10: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

Ah, there it is again: the command, more invitational this time, to "be still." Why? Because as long as we are running our lives under our own steam, we cannot know God up close and personal. We have to quit squirming, stop allowing ourselves to be distracted by everything going on around us, and get still! "Be still, and know that I am God!"

This is not an invitation to pray and pour our hearts out to God (although that is a good thing, too!); rather, we stop our busyness for, say, 10-15 minutes each day and just sit quietly, letting the Holy One work within us however the Spirit desires. If you feel that you just have to do something, quietly meditate on Psalm 46, allowing the knowledge that "the Lord of hosts is with us" – even with you – to permeate your life and fill you with God's quiet presence and renewed strength.

On the journey together, *Suzanne*

¹This psalm inspired Martin Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Take a few minutes to read the verses in a hymnal.



Please Give to the Central Scholarship Fund



The Administrative Council has set the goal at \$2,000. At this printing, the fund has \$50. Two of Central's students are eligible for the 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.** This will guarantee that the funds will be in the student's account in time for Spring tuition payments.

Thank you,
Central Administrative Council

"I'm so glad I live in a world
where there are Octobers."

— L.M. Montgomery,
Anne of Green Gables

Your Help Is Needed for Laity Sunday, October 19



Pastor Suzanne asked us, Judy Moughon and Marilyn Tucker, to lead the two services on Laity Sunday. It seemed appropriate to involve as many of our congregation as possible this year, so we are asking for everyone's help.

As the Spirit leads you, please consider offering a short witness, consisting of a time you felt an "Ah ha" or "God moment" in your life, or some way you have found to make devotions or prayer more meaningful. You could mention your favorite hymn and tell us why. No need to worry about the length of your sharing; a minute or five will be wonderful.

Please contact either Judy (725-5050) or Marilyn (725-9532) to help us plan a meaningful, special Sunday service.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST MEN'S S E M I A N N U A L

Steamed Shrimp Dinner

Friday, October 24th

4:00-7:00 P.M.

TAKE OUT OR EAT IN

Come out and enjoy great food, fun, and fellowship!!

\$17.00 Donation

Children Age 5 -10 \$6.00 Under 5 FREE

Proceeds Benefit Local Church & Community Outreach

*Purchase tickets in advance from any member of the
Central United Methodist Men*

or call 725-8673, 725-2488 or 725-3751 today!

Children's Ministry Project until Christmas

We are asking the congregation's assistance with the "Tennessee H.U.G.S. Project (Help Us Give Shoes).



This project was started by a young girl named Olivia. Shoes have been collected to send to the

Appalachian Mountains, the Dominican Republic, Uganda, Russia and other places in the USA. To date over 34,500 pairs have been collected. Bring child and adult new or gently used shoes to church. A collection box is in the Fellowship Hall.

Click on the link to get more information about this organization : H.U.G.S.

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

Pat Gwaltney,
Chairperson, Children's Ministry

Christmas Program



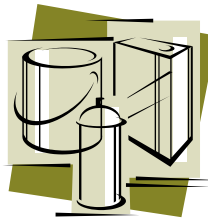
Christmas is coming and we are going to have a program this year. I am excited to be directing the program, but we are a little behind and need to do a lot in order to prepare a program that glorifies God, so please jump in and help us

out. Many talents will be needed, from singing, speaking, arranging costumes, decorating and learning parts, etc. Please respond positively when asked to participate.

Thank you,
Jean Hall

Creation Care

The DVD *Chasing Ice*, a 2012 documentary film by National Geographic photographer, James Balog, is available for loan. This film documents Balog's *Extreme Ice Survey Project* on five glaciers of the northern hemisphere. If you would like to borrow the DVD, please call Michael Cannon at 725-4635.



There will be a **Household Chemical Collection and Electronics Recycling Event** at the Hartfield Volunteer Fire Department from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday,

October 18. Chemicals found in and around the house will be collected. These include: paint, gasoline and other fuels, brake fluid, tar remover, household cleaning products, swimming pool and photo finishing chemicals, insecticides, fluorescent and CFL light bulbs.

Electronic items include: telephones, computers and accessories, portable radios, video games, DVD players, and other electronic devices.

A collection of cell phones for *Cell Phones for Soldiers* will also be at the Household Chemical event. This provides cell phones for soldiers who cannot afford them. Bring your phone and charger and help a soldier stay closer to his/her family and friends.

Old sneakers piling up? Bring them to the Fellowship Hall and place them in the collection bin for recycling.

Your Creation Care Team



Central United Methodist Women

CUMW would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Candle Burning Service in honor of the children of our church. We collected \$435 for mission projects of the United Methodist Women. We also thank everyone who contributed to a tasty and fun birthday luncheon.



Photo by Suzanne Gibson

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 13, at 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. The program is *All about Hospice*. Members of the Riverside Hospice will present a program on what Hospice is, who is eligible, what the costs are, and what the scope of the program includes. Everyone is invited to attend. We hope the program will be informative and helpful to our congregation.

Please mark your calendars for our Christmas caroling program on Monday, December 8. Traditionally we sing Christmas carols for our home-bound church members and Riverside Convalescent Center beginning at 4:00 pm. The singing is followed by a pot luck supper. We welcome any and all voices.

Announcing our new slate of officers for 2015:

President	Nancy Jagger
Vice President	Dee Bane
Recording Secretary	Grace Mortimer
Corresponding Secretary	Pat Gwaltney
Treasurer	Christine Ulrich

Dee Bane
CUMW Recording Secretary

United Methodist Men

Central United Methodist Men (CUMM) are more than a group of men gathering on the third Saturday of the month to eat a hearty breakfast (though that is something to consider).

CUMM are more than just cooks for a semiannual shrimp dinner (though it is a popular Mathews event).

The members of CUMM help the community by donating their time and proceeds to benefit community projects.

One such project is a donation to the cafeteria for the Mathews County students who need assistance with school meals. Below is the thank you from Nelda Gibbs, the cafeteria manager for Mathews Schools.

July 7, 2014

Dear Members Central Methodist Men,

Once again your generosity will enhance the school day for many students in the Mathews Co. School Division. I appreciate your donation so much & it is all deposited & ready for use when school starts. There was 1.13 cents left when the school year ended so we are beginning the year with \$501.13. This will be used for meals, special treats, snacks or whatever the cafeteria need will be. I thank you for allowing me to be a steward of your money. I promise to use it wisely. Thanks so much!

Nelda Gibbs

Finance Committee

2014

We are almost three quarters of the way through 2014 and I want to report on how we are doing financially. As of the end of August, general offering was \$101,872 which is up about 5% compared to this point in 2012 and 2013. This is really an encouraging sign and we are grateful for the generosity Central's people as it enables our church to continue our outreach and mission.

On the downside, our general expenses are \$116,223 year to date, which represents a deficit versus income of \$14,351. A non-recurring item was about \$6,000 for a new heat pump. This shortfall is being made up using savings and endowment investment income.

2015

We are now preparing the budget for 2015 using input from committees, general operating expenses, and conference; and even though we are being very conservative, some increases cannot be avoided. Thus we are facing a challenge. Perhaps we have not been immune to problems others have faced with the general economy, slower growth, rising costs, and some attrition. Everyone's contribution regardless of size is important and is needed to continue Central's mission in our community and beyond.

Nate Houser
Finance Chairman

BIRTHDAYS

Glen Morgan	2	Pat Gwaltney	20
Mae Miles	4	Nate Houser	21
Kate Small	5	Peggy Pierce	23
Marilyn Tucker	9	Soles Small	23
Betsy Duff	14	Steve Leap	27
Gerald Taylor	14	Allen Moughon	30
Mason South	15		

Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers go to:

Richard Sadler and the Family of
David Williams (England)

Don Warrick, Jr. and Family of
Betty Warrick

Family of Kathy,
friend of Christine Ulrich

Rev. Bill Jones and Family,
in loss of mother and great-nephew

Family of Kim Davidson McBride

Family of Bart Jarvis

Family of Captain Jack Stillman

Family of Carolyn Evans Smith

Family of Robert Schaffer

Family of Brittany

Family of Marlene Callis

Leigh Lewis and Family of Juanita Lyle



July 2014
UMW Ice Cream Social
and BayBells Concert





August 2014
UMW Birthday
Luncheon



September 2014
Blessing of the
Hats & Blankets





August 2014
Annual Church Picnic



September 2014
Blessing of the
Backpacks



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
OCTOBER 			1 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 - 1:00 pm	2 Children's Choir Practice 6:45 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm	3 Brownies 2:45 - 4:15 pm	4 Contemplative Prayer: at the Parsonage 9:00 am
5 World Communion Sunday Youth World Communion Sunday Service at Methodist Tabernacle 3:00 - 4:30 pm	6 Prayer Time 8:00 am	7	8 Reception in Memory of Captain Jack Stillman 1:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm	9 Paul Townsend Class 6:00 pm Children's Choir Practice 6:45 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm	10	11 Worship 9:00 am Children's Christmas Program Practice 10:00 am
12	13 Prayer Time 8:00 am UM Women 7:00 pm	14	15 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Pastor Suzanne leaves for Korea </div>	16 Children's Choir Practice 6:45 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm	17	18 UMM Breakfast 8:00 am Church Spruce-up Day 9:30 am
19 Laity Sunday Chimes Submissions Due	20 Prayer Time 8:00 am Creation Care 9:00 am	21 Trustees 7:00 pm	22 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	23 Children's Choir Practice 6:45 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Pastor Suzanne returns from Korea </div>	24 UMM Shrimp Dinner 4 - 7 pm 	25
26 Rev. Ed Pruitt brings the message to both services	27 Prayer Time 8:00 am	28	29	30 Children's Choir Practice 6:45 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #ffff00; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> All meeting times & dates are subject to change. </div>	