



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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World Communion Sunday, October 2



Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Equipping Disciples Like Mary Grace to Serve in Jesus' Name

As a small child Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess, of the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty.

Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give.

Will You Equip World-Changers?

Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students, like Mary Grace? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be?

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

Information Source: www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sunday



October is *Pastor Appreciation Month*

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 3:15



2016 Charge Conference

Thursday, October 6 7:00 pm

Hosted by Emmanuel UMC

76 North River Rd., Bohannon

From the Pastor's Pen

There are different reasons people attend a church. At its best, the worship centers us in God; fellowship is wonderful; and there are opportunities for giving and sharing. At Central we might even say that "there are good folks here."

At its heart, however, our faith addresses life's deeper questions, such as: "Does God exist?"; "Is there more to life than this?"; "Who is Jesus?"; "How should we pray?" etc. When we honestly deal with them in light of the Scriptures, it can be a catalyst for spiritual renewal. It seems to me that there are many around us (including ourselves) who grapple with these sorts of questions.



Alpha Course, which will begin on October 11 & 12, is a series of presentations dealing with such questions. It is biblical, intelligent and relatable in its discussions. It was largely designed for those who are still searching for faith, but I believe that it can be helpful for anyone. What will an evening (or a morning) of *Alpha* look like? A welcome, a 25-minute video presentation, a break with snacks, and 30-45 minutes of conversation in a smaller group.

I invite you to consider the following:

- For those whose schedule allows it, commit to attend all 15 presentations, or as many sessions as possible. Given the nature of the subject, we may decide to offer *Alpha* again to the community (as many churches do). If you have gone through the *Alpha* course, you will be ready to serve as volunteer small group conversation leaders.

- If you cannot commit to the entire module, then I still invite you to come in whichever week you can. Check it out at least once! There is no advance preparation required. See the topic of the week in the

bulletin, and come either on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning.

- Not a regular attendee of a church? You are most welcome as well.

Participant's guides will be available throughout the course for \$5 per copy. You can learn more about *Alpha* at www.alphausa.org.

Gratefully Yours,
John

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

Steamed Shrimp
Dinner



Friday, October 28th
4:00 - 7:00 PM

DONATION

Eat In - \$17.00 or Take Out - \$16.00

Children Age 5 -10 \$6.00 Under 5 FREE

Purchase tickets in advance from
any member of the
Central United Methodist Men
or call 725-8673, 725-2488 or
725-3751 today!

Central Scholarship Fund

We are looking to aid students through scholarships, again this year. First considerations will be given to those connected to the Central Church family. Would you help us invest in a student? Make checks payable to Central UMC and write **Scholarship Fund** on the memo line. **The deadline is Sunday, November 13.** This will ensure that the funds will be in the student's account in time for Spring tuition payments. Thank you.

Tom Tucker, Administrative Council Chair

Health and Welfare Committee

Pastor John was asked, "Just what does the Health and Welfare Committee do?". We are the ones who are called upon to help those in need. When someone calls the church and requests help, a member of the committee calls the person back and confirms the request is something we can do. We have a protocol which includes: must live in the county, must be legitimate (if for rent, the landlord is called to confirm), and we cannot have helped the same person within the past year, or if a member of our church, the last six months. Our work is strictly confidential. We have helped with rent, electric, heat, medicine and doctor bills in the two years I have been chairman.

This year, we've received very few eligible requests until last month. Then, as Pastor John said, "we had a flurry of calls", with requests totaling far over our budgeted amount. Thank goodness we have other churches that we partner with, such as Salem UMC and Francis de Sales.

The committee receives \$1,200 per year from the annual budget, augmented by the donations left at the rail during Communion. Our fund is running low, and we expect more calls in the next three months. It is a good thing we do. Thank you for your generous donations on Communion Sundays.

Marilyn Tucker, Chair

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PLEASE BE WITH ME AS I PRAY TODAY,
AND GIVE ME GUIDANCE TO PRAY FOR THE
THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER

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Children and Youth Ministries

We are looking forward to the Fall and Winter Quarter. On September 25, *Christian Education Sunday* was celebrated with Sunday School Promotion, Blessing of the Back Packs, and Teacher Recognition.

We are blessed to have our Sunday School teachers both for the youth and adults. This sharing of their time, preparation, dedication, love of the Gospel and loyalty is inspirational. Please, personally offer each a loving thank you.

Pat Gwaltney, Chair



*Christian
Education
Sunday*



Photos by Judy Moughon



Fridays IN the Spirit

Saturday, October 21

6:30—9:00 pm

St. Paul UMC

Ages: K-12th Grade

United Methodist Women

The UMW had a wonderful meeting on September 12. Nancy Yarborough from the York River District gave us a wonderful program on *The Women of Cambodia*. After the presentation, we had an opportunity to purchase items made by the women for ourselves or for gifts.

We offer you the opportunity to honor or memorialize someone at the *Candle Burning Service* to be held during the joint worship service on Sunday, October 30. A listing of all the candle burning gifts will be presented and the candle will burn during the service for the amount of time for which donations are given. Take this time to remember someone and show your support of worldwide mission through the United Methodist Women. Donation forms are in the Sunday bulletin insert. The deadline is Sunday, October 23.

Please join us for the *Annual UMW Birthday Celebration and Luncheon* following the joint worship service. Bring a side dish to share. Chicken and birthday cake are provided.

In November, we will again host Three Rivers Healthy Families for a Thanksgiving Luncheon. The gathering includes instructions on preparing a traditional Thanksgiving meal. We hope you will join us to share recipes and fellowship.

Our next meeting has been changed to Monday, October 24 at 10:00 am. Our usual meeting time is 10:00 am on the second Monday of the month.

Grace Mortimer,
CUMW Recording Secretary



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Creation Care



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The recent *Household Chemical Collection* was a **great success**. Tracy Hofmeyer, from the VA Peninsulas Public Service Authority, thanked Central for our efforts in spreading the news in the Mathews community. The turnout was the **most** that they have had thus far!

Creation Care is working with The new director of *The Boys and Girls Club of Mathews*, Angela Sale. The Club would like to have us give the *Recycle Program* for them at our church. We are also working with Jerry Ligon, teacher at Thomas Hunter Middle School. He has permission from the principal for a field trip to come to Central to participate in the *Recycle Program* this year. Dates will be coordinated with our church and the two organizations. Our goal is that more and more youth (and adults) will see why it is so important to Mathews and our planet to recycle.



Below is part of an email received from Nan Cross of Kingston Parish who has requested additional Recycle rack cards:

Dear Michael and Committee,
..... I appreciate all the good information on them and am happy that you've made them available. The building is used by a variety of individuals and groups. **Thank you for your dedication to our environment.**

It is good that other churches look to us as a leader in caring for God's earth.

The Creation Care Team always welcomes new members. We meet the 3rd Monday of the month. Please contact Michael Cannon, 725-4635, for more information on time and dates.

Michael Cannon, Chair

Blessing of the Hats, Blankets and Gifts

These gifts were blessed with prayers and were distributed to CHKDS and the Peninsula Cancer Institute. Many thanks to Anne South for leading this wonderful annual ministry and to all who contributed in some way. This is a true blessing to all who receive these gifts.



Photo by Phyllis Hudgins

UMM Breakfast & AED Training

Many enjoyed a hearty UMM breakfast and participated in a refresher course on the use of the AED. An automated external defibrillator (AED) is used in cases of life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias which lead to cardiac arrest. Central's AED is located in the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to Instructor Ron Lambert from Mathews County Rescue Squad.

Mathews County has 12 AED units located outside the building for immediate access 24 hours a day! Located at:

Haskins Auto Body Shop in Port Haywood

Mathews Memorial Library

Gwynn's Island Civic League Building

Gwynn's Island Campground

Hallieford Post Office

Cobbs Creek Post Office

New Point Campground

Fire Station #5

West Mathews Civic Center, Bohannon

Emmaus Church, North

Mathews Appliance, Moon

New Mathews Courthouse Building

Information source: www.mathewsvrs.org/index.html

October 30 5th Sunday Joint Service

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service
"UMW Candle Burning Service"

UMW Birthday Luncheon
following worship service

2:15 pm Song Service
at Riverside Convalescent Center



Photo by John Choi

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

Nancy Gibbs	Charles Kettiwell
Doris Hunley	Ann Rowe
Barbara Adkins	Soles Howlett
Carolyn Gregory	Ed Taylor
Irene Sadler	Chris Hale

Birthdays

Glen Morgan	2	Nate Houser	21
Kate Small	5	Peggy Pierce	23
Marilyn Tucker	9	Soles Small	23
Betsy Duff	14	Patty Hertzler	27
Gerald Taylor	14	Steve Leap	27
Pat Gwaltney	20	Allen Moughon	30

Prayer for Our Country

Early this summer, a friend posted that a group she belonged to had begun what they hoped would become a country-wide movement. Every night they each stopped whatever they were doing at 9:00 pm EST. At that time they spent just one minute praying for our country. Tom and I felt led to join them, and have felt blessed by doing so. It only takes a minute. Please join us.



Marilyn Tucker

Mission and Evangelism

Thank you for all who participated in our *Mathews Market Days* lawn booth and offerings in the fellowship hall, especially, Pastor Choi, Judy Moughon, Mary Marshall, Betty and Jimmy Stewart, Eric Stewart, Joe Cromwell and Frances Canty. The free, cold water was a huge success on such a hot summer day.

The donations graciously received will go to the UMCOR flood victims in Louisiana. The hospitality of *Mathews Market Days* is an event that speaks well for Mathews County. We look forward to yearly participation.

Pat Gwaltney, Chair

UMW Birthday Luncheon
All are invited
to join us for a covered dish
birthday celebration luncheon!
Sunday, October 30
following the joint
worship service.
Bring your favorite
side dish to share.
Cake & chicken provided.



Hospitality

We would like to express our appreciation to Mary Wade Smith for the donation of a new refrigerator. The entire church is grateful but, the Hospitality Committee will find it so helpful for dinners and receptions. We have been so blessed with donations from our church family members.

A great deal of gratitude goes out to everyone who has provided goodies for Sunday morning refreshments. Not only goodies but, flowers, serving and clean-up (this includes both men and women).

Central is most generous in every way. Our church has lovingly delivered chicken drumette trays to three bereaved church-connected families in the past few months.

Our greeters worked willingly overtime to attend at funerals.

Louise Witherspoon continues to make and send cards to the sick, bereaved and over 80 birthdays.

Please continue to give prayerful consideration to making *Hospitality of CUMC* worthy of it's name.

God bless our church.

*Jean Sutton, Patty Hertzler
Marcia Fry, Sherry Hodges*

Greeters/Ushers for October

8:30 am service	James Martin & Dale Smith
11:00 am service	Tom & Marilyn Tucker

Refreshments Providers for October

2	Frosty Taylor, Elizabeth Anderson, David Hudgins & Eric Stewart
9,16,23	volunteer opportunity
30	5th Sunday, Birthday Luncheon following the worship service

An Opportunity to Grow –

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. *Alpha* is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. Topics include:

- Is there more to life than this?
 - Who is Jesus?
 - Why did Jesus die?
 - How can we have faith?
 - Why and how do I pray?
 - How does God guide us?
 - Who is the Holy Spirit?
 - How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
 - How can I resist evil?
 - What about the church?
 - Does God heal today?
- (15 topics in total)



When & Where: Beginning on Oct. 11, Tuesdays at 7-8:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 10-11:30 a.m. (identical meetings).






What will each meeting look like? A 25-minute video presentation and a group reflection (30-45 min). Refreshments in between.

No preparation required. Participant's guides are available, but all you need is an open mind and a willingness to listen prayerfully. Simply come, listen, and join the conversation.

Why *Alpha*? This is an excellent presentation designed to help and challenge the experienced and the new in the faith alike, particularly those who are simply inquiring or questioning. Many places offer it every year.



Please speak to or write to Pastor John (johnchoi@vaumc.org) for additional questions.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.						1
2 World Communion Sunday  pixabay.com	3 Prayer Time 8:00 am	4	5 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	6 Charge Conference at Emmanuel UMC 7:00 pm  Children's Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	7	8
9	10 Prayer Time 8:00 am	11 <i>Alpha</i> 7:00 pm	12 <i>Alpha</i> 10:00 am Finance 7:00 pm	13 P. Townsend Class Dinner 6:00 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	14	15 UM Men Breakfast 8:00 am
16 Central Chimes Submissions Due	17 Prayer Time 8:00 am Creation Care 9:00 - 11:30 am & 5:15 - 6:30 pm Disaster Response Team 2:00 pm SPRC 7:00 pm	18 Creation Care Presentation 8:00 - 11:00 am <i>Alpha</i> 7:00 pm	19 Mission & Evangelism 9:00 am <i>Alpha</i> 10:00 am Creation Care 1:00 - 2:00 pm & 5:00 - 7:00 pm	20 Creation Care Presentation 8:30 am - noon Children's Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	21 Creation Care Presentation 9:00 am - 1:00 pm FINS at St. Paul's UMC 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm 	22
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