



# THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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## World Communion Sunday October 7

### *What is it?*

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate our inclusivity and diversity.

### *Why do we do it?*

The World Communion Sunday offering provides college scholarships for racial and ethnic minority students across the U.S. and worldwide. Our gifts empower the leaders of tomorrow.

Students who receive scholarships study in a wide variety of fields, including ministry, family pastoral care, clinical psychology, peace and governance, crop production, law, health, rural development and more.

### *How does it work?*

World Communion Sunday is celebrated in tandem with churches all over the world. Together, we partake of communion. Churches may choose to celebrate the different customs from around the world by presenting the body of Christ in a way that represents a different custom from their own.



Together, in communion and offering, through different traditions and customs, we remember the Lord's Supper. It is a celebration of what Jesus has done, and continues to do, for each one of us.

*The above information gathered from <http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sunday>*

**Envelopes will be in the pew racks.  
Make checks payable to Central UMC.**



We will receive special offerings until October 14th for 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.

*UMCOR Emergency Offering envelopes are on the Narthex table.*

**Please make checks payable to Central UMC and designate to UMCOR.**

### **Prayer Covenant Group**

This new initiative involves the following:

- 1) a commitment to daily prayer, 2) a monthly meeting with lessons on Christ-centered, spiritual prayer, and 3) sharing of our growth in prayerful living.

Interested persons should speak to Pastor John

## From the Pastor's Pen

### *If Not Religious, What Am I?*

"... the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord ..." (Rom. 1:3-4)

We read in Romans 1 that Jesus was known in two ways. "According to the flesh," he was a descendent of King David, as the Messiah should be, an important Jewish designation. But "according to the Spirit," he was "Son of God with power" who defeated powers of sin and death. The former was valuable, but the latter was much greater.

Paul himself was known in two ways. In his former life, he was a religious Jew according to its strictest sect, a Pharisee. As such he had his privileges and honors. In his new life, however, he was a minister to the non-Jewish people. He was "a servant of Jesus."



What designations do you have "according to the flesh," or according to the human tradition? They would be the kind of things you will read in an obituary: Your family background, your job titles and work history, even the positions you held at the church. For me, I am a United Methodist minister, a Korean-American, a graduate of Emory University, eldest son, to name but a few.

Next, however, who are you "according to the Spirit," or how the Spirit is at work in your life? That may be where our true identify lies. It is who we are, for example, when we reach out to one another in love.

One catechism called "Belonging to God" begins with this question and answer: Q – "Who are you?" A – "I am a child of God."

Our designations according to the human perspective may be valuable. I pray, however, that we will live into our new identify in the Spirit, both as individuals and as church. May God's grace lead us!

Gratefully,

*John Choi*

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## Invitation to 11 am Service Choir & Rehearsal

*Do you love singing,  
or do you feel led to  
serve in the music  
ministry?*



You are invited to consider singing in the choir for the 11:00 service. We may rehearse every week, but we may not sing every Sunday; we may sing on Communion Sundays, or on Sundays we all could be present.

As for the anthems, I'd like for us to sing selections that are familiar or easily learned. I believe it is part of the choir's ministry to learn and share new songs! But we'll steer away from overly complicated ones.

Please feel free to ask any questions.

*John*

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

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Anne Hollingsworth	Martha Lequeux
David Bing	Michelle Berrier
Winder Gayle	Helena Rainer Pleva



## Creation Care

### What's new with Central's Creation Care Team?

#### 1. Researched problems at the Mathews

**Recycle Center:** Often trucks were totally filled and customers had to go home and come back.



VPPSA contact, Tracy, told us: "Each time VPPSA pulled a container from the site, it costs Mathews County a **pull fee.**"

Attendants are supposed to shake down the material to pack it the tightest possible.

**Solution:** If you arrive on site and find the containers are too full, the attendant should be able to do one of the following:

- set your recycling to the side and put it in the recycling containers for you after they have shaken down the material,
- keep it neatly there until the empty trucks/containers arrive.

Tracy promised to contact the supervisor and make sure this is handled properly. She will also make sure that they are scheduling the trucks to come often enough.

#### 2. Thomas Hunter Middle School Recycle

**Presentations.** Science teacher, Jerry Ligon, has retired. He had requested our recycle classes for several years. Our goal was to find out what the school would like for this year. We met with the 6th grade social studies teacher, Leslie Hudgins, and the

Science teacher, Christine Wheeler, and gave them details of our class. It was determined that Central's Recycle Program met the criteria of 10 of the SOL requirements. Because of this we were asked to give our Recycle class to 90 students in January.



Challenge: they want it held at the school in one of the auditoriums. Details will be worked on in the next two months.

#### 3. What does China's Green Wall mean for

**U.S.?** Last year China decided it had enough of being the world's trash dump. **China was the biggest consumer of exported American mixed paper bales.** Because of their new enforcement of strict contamination standards (less than .05% contamination) mixed paper from America has no market in China. The contamination is from food soiled paper items, broken glass, plastic bags, items not accepted for recycling.

**Plastic is also being rejected in China.** This may result in many more items being sent straight to our landfills. U.S. should start investing in new technologies that can better sort and process recyclable waste. We should be building a market for these materials so that it is economically unwise to send them to a landfill. The Wall Street Journal reports that up to 20% of the scrap material the U.S. was shipping to China was contaminated with food or liquid. We must train consumers on recycling guidelines. That's where Creation Care can help. Limiting the use of plastic will also help.

**4. Additional youth books were checked and repaired** for Mathews' youth at our September meeting. **We have now processed 661 books.** Dee Bane collected this latest group to give to Three Rivers Healthy Families coordinators.

*Michael Cannon*  
Creation Care





**Fridays IN  
the Spirit**

**Macedonia Baptist  
Church**

**October 19**

**6:30 to 9:00 pm**

FINS nights  
include dinner,  
bible activities,  
games and  
FUN, FUN, FUN!!

## Hospitality and Visitation Committee

The month of September has been a busy one with schools starting another year, hurricane season in full swing and Fall beginning. Through it all God has and is blessing us each day. Let us all show our love for Him by helping others daily and giving thanks.

I'd like to thank Louise Witherspoon for doing such a wonderful job of sending cards or notes to our sick and shut-ins; as well as birthday and sympathy cards. If you know of a Church member that needs a visit or a note, please let Louise, Rev. John or myself know so that they will know we care.

Our September Hospitality Host for the month was Dee Bane. She and Jean Sutton also served as refreshment hosts on the 16th. Others serving as hosts after the early Church Service were Nate and Melba Houser and Michael and Ed Cannon on the 9th. Also Grace Mortimer, Pat Gwaltney and Nancy Jagger served refreshments on Sunday morning the 23rd. Thank you to all those who brought snacks for "Cookie Sunday".

The first Sunday in October will be Cookie Sunday again. Please bring your favorite cookies or snack to share. On the 14th, Pat and Chris Moughon will be refreshment hosts. Those sharing their talent with us on the 21st will be Cindy Butterworth, Frosty Taylor and David Hudgins. Bobby and Phyllis Hudgins will finish out the month with refreshments on the 28th. They will also be the Hospitality Hosts for the month of October.

May God continue to bless each of you.

*Phyllis Hudgins*, Chairman  
Hospitality / Visitation Committee

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### Greeters/Ushers for October

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8:30 am service	James & Dale Martin
11:00 am service	Betty & Jimmy Stewart

## Financial Secretary

Once again I express my sincere thanks to those who have assisted with counting during the month of September.

Volunteering to count in October are Dee Bane and Bobby Hudgins.

*Marcia Fry*  
Financial Secretary



### Pastor's Bible Study Paul's Letter to the Romans, 1-8

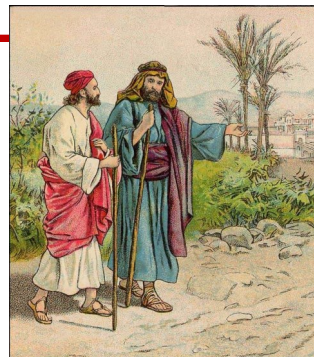
Tuesdays at 7 p.m.  
(Fellowship Hall)

or

Wednesdays 10 a.m.  
(Parsonage)

Come for an in-depth look  
into life in the Spirit.

All are welcome.



**Meals On Wheels Program  
Volunteer Opportunities Available**

**Contact Laura Matthews  
at 804-725-7850**

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## 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.



Photos by John Choi

### Early Bird Breakfast (9/7-8)

Donations from our annual Early Bird Breakfast and curbside water giveaway during Matthew Market Days totaled \$276.

\$100 was sent to Nelda Gibbs' school lunch fund, and \$176 was sent to Avalon Center.

Thank you for dropping by and giving to make a difference!



*Mission and Evangelism Team*

## Ice Cream Social & Bay Bells Concert

Sponsored by UM Women

To benefit the Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic was enjoyed by all!!

Music Theme: "His School Day in Music"



Michael Loveless  
(pictured on the right)



Photos by Michael Cannon



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Prayer Time 8:00 am	2  Romans Bible Study 7:00 pm	3 CVH 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  Romans Bible Study 10:00 am	Nomination 2:00 pm  No Choir Practice	5	6
7  <b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>	8 Prayer Time 8:00 am  UM Women 10:00 am	9  Romans Bible Study 7:00 pm	10  Romans Bible Study 10:00 am  Finance 7:00 pm	11 Bay Quilters 9:00 am  Paul Townsend Class 6:00 pm  Choir 7:15 pm	12	13
14	15 Prayer Time 8:00 am  SPRC 7:00 pm  Trustees TBD	16  Romans Bible Study 7:00 pm	17 Mission & Evangelism 9:00 am  Romans Bible Study 10:00 am	18  Choir 7:15 pm	19 <b>FINS @ Macedonia Baptist 6:30 to 9:00 pm</b>	20 UM Men 8:00 am
21 <b>Central Chimes Submissions Due</b>	22 Prayer Time 8:00 am	23  Romans Bible Study 7:00 pm	24 Romans Bible Study 10:00 am  Administrative Council 7:00 pm	25  Choir 7:15 pm	26 CB Circle of KD Meeting 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	27 CB Circle of KD Meeting 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
28	29 Prayer Time 8:00 am	30  Romans Bible Study 7:00 pm	31 Romans Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>October 2018</b>		

### Birthdays

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



**2018 Charge Conference**  
**Thursday, November 29th,**  
**7:00 pm**

**Hosted by Salem UMC,**  
1099 Salem Church Rd, Diggs VA