



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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From The Pastor's Pen

A BBC program in February of 1988 featured a special guest, a 78-year old man named Nicholas Winton. More than 50 years before he had orchestrated the rescue of 669 children, mostly Jewish, from Czechoslovakia on the verge of World War II. Few people had since remembered his daring efforts. But on this day he was joined in the studio by more than two dozen people who made a special trip to be there. They were the very ones who had been rescued as children by Winton!



Expressing gratitude to someone who gave you a great gift is a truly heart-warming act. It

means a great deal

to us, for example, to attend a wedding or a funeral in order to honor someone who had been dear to us.

This year I am inviting you to express gratitude to God through a new project we have chosen. On Sunday, November 17, Rise Against Hunger (www.riseagainsthunger.org) will bring to the church supplies and equipment for putting together 10,152 meal packages—each containing rice, soy protein, dried vegetable, and other essential nutrients—that will help feed people in need. You are invited to be there; everyone can take a part. The work is not strenuous but is uplifting.

At \$0.34 this is a commitment on our part of

\$3,451, and we have begun receiving designated offerings. More than as an obligation, however, I would like for us to see it as a chance to make a thank offering to God, or to express a special gratitude to the One whose grace has kept us. I say this, believing that our deeds of mercy are meant to be seen first and foremost by God.

I am grateful that we have an opportunity to host this event, especially since we have been blessed with a renewed fellowship hall. Some have already given a special offering in response to this gift given to us, and it has greatly helped our budget. Therefore I would love for the RAH event to honor God by our acts of giving and sharing. Those who can give \$10 should give \$10; those who wish to give \$1000 should so give. It is the heart of gratitude that makes it an offering to God.

Would you join me in this event in thanksgiving and sharing?

Gratefully,
John



Women's Choir

Photo by Louise Witherspoon



Ice Cream Social and BayBells Concert

Sunday, Oct. 20

2:00 pm

To benefit the
Mattaponi Healing
Eagle Clinic

Sponsored by
Central UM Women

Connecting Neighbors Through Disasters and Friends

The threat of Dorian ushered in the activity of preparedness. To me, the push of the Hurricane was what I needed to complete the "Connecting Neighbors Clusters."

In the following list on page 3, each family is listed by neighborhoods or clusters since all may not be in the same actual neighborhood. You will find at the head of the list in your cluster, the name of the person in your neighborhood who will be the Neighbor to contact if you have a concern. They will also be the person I will contact to relay information regarding the weather, disasters or other information.

This program was designed by District and Conference folks in order to be attentive to the needs, concerns, and assistance of our members. Each Cluster Neighbor is able to contact you through your phone number or email. Some of you may be close enough to walk through your neighborhood to check on each other if there is damage or loss of power. If you find an error in this document please let me know.

This cluster list endeavor was completed while Dorian was approaching the Outer Banks. For several years I lived in Manteo and South Nags Head while my husband was crew at the old Coast Guard Station at Oregon Inlet. I knew of the places and people the news were discussing in their reports and it was sad

to see the destruction. However, I know that the United Methodist and others are at hand to help rebuild houses and lives. That is part of who we are as Methodists.

John Wesley built into Methodism the conviction that all people need the grace of God to be redeemed. This has special application for church members who set out to do "good works". We seek to be confident and modest, asking not how our action makes us look, but how putting our faith into action contributes to human welfare, peace, justice, and reconciliation. The church's disaster response is an expression of our faith, a confirmation of our discipleship, and a witness to our love for our neighbors. Disasters are opportunities for service inviting us to our highest levels of compassion and concern. The theology of presence requires few words.

In God's mission, "Jesus poured himself out in servanthood for all humanity". and "the church experiences and engages in God's mission as it pours itself for others." Matthew 25 spells out the obligation Jesus' followers have for those who are hungry, thirsty, sick, unclothed or in prison. In the Great Commandment, Jesus tells us to love and care for our neighbors as we care for ourselves- an admonition also from the Old Testament- and in Galatians 5:14, the Apostle Paul uses "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" to sum up the whole religious law.

Once invited, UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief and UMMVIM, United Methodist Volunteers in Mission are quickly deployed on the ground helping in recovery. UMCOR is especially skilled in post-disaster case management, a process that helps people get back on their feet economically and socially. God is at work everywhere and we are blessed to be His hands and feet as we serve in disasters.

Janet Burgess
Disaster Response
Coordinator





Central UMC Connecting Neighbors Clusters

Sept 5, 2019

Pt Haywood 1

Hal & Patty Hertzler-240-9076

Jerry & Nancy Jagger
Mike & Louise Witherspoon
Robert & Kelly Taylor

Pt Haywood 2

Ken & Karen Palmer 725-3945

Betty Lewis
Tim & Susan Hill
Linda Dalgety

Pine Hall

Ben & Peggy Leigh 725 3883

Alvin & Audrey Knight
Cheryl Wheeler
Ruth Ann Hutson
Judy Haynes
Mary Wade Smith
Jimmy & Betty Stewart
Craig & Katherine Small
Joice Davis

Hallieford 1

Jean Sutton 725-4242

Billy & Shirley Snow
Bob Leonard
Diana More
Lorie Black

Hallieford 2

Bobby & Phyllis Hudgins 725-3751

Joe & Miriam Cromwell
Debbie Flounder

Gwynn's Island

Greg & Leigh Lewis 725-1749

Joe & Martha Arnold
Allen & Elma Moughon
Ken & Helen Lee
Chris & Pat Moughon
Gerald and Frosty Taylor

Central 1

Mark & Brenda Lewis 725-2406

Dickie & Bert Buroughs
John Choi
Marcia Fry

Central 2

David Hudgins 725-3273

Victor & Jane Vega
Anne South
Ann Miles

Cobbs Creek

Christine Ulrich 725-3575

Carey & Richard Hogge
James & Dale Martin

Moon

John & Sherry Hodges 725-0836

Dee Bane
Tom & Dale Robinson
Bill Loving & Bob Tabor
Kenneth & Mary Marshall
Cindy Hall & Charles Edmonds

Glebe

Judy Moughon 725-5050

Nate & Melba Houser
Eric Stewart
Grace Mortimer
Peg Kava
Ed & Michael Cannon
Frances Ellis
Ruth Ritter
Stephen & Emily Leap
Richard & Melissa Moughon
Janet Burgess

Hospitality and Visitation Committee

The year is fast coming to the end and leaves begin to fall. We are so thankful for all those who have given their talents to Central this year. I especially want to thank all the monthly Hospitality Hosts who sent cards, phone calls, etc. and were available in case of more needs for our membership.

Our September Host was Ruth Ann Hutson. Those serving as refreshment host were as follows: Sep. 8 – John & Sherry Hodges and Louise Witherspoon; 15th - Grace Mortimer and Jean Sutton; 22nd - Bobby & Phyllis Hudgins; 5th Sunday – UMW (Joint service).



Our October schedule will begin with cookie Sunday on Oct. 6th. Please bring snacks. Coffee and juice will be provided. Emily and Steve Leap will be refreshment hosts

for the 13th. Oct. 20 – Cindy Hall, Bob Tabor and Bill Loving will serve as hosts, and on the 27th Dee Bane and Mary Wade Smith will provide refreshments. Bobby and I will serve as Hospitality Hosts for the month. Please call us at 725-3751 if cards and prayers are needed.

On October 27 our charge conference will be held at Central jointly with St. Paul's UMC at 3 p.m. The Hospitality Committee will provide punch, decorations, etc. and anyone willing to make cookies for this event, it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance. God bless each of you for your service.

Phyllis Hudgins, Chairman
Hospitality / Visitation Committee

Hospitality Hosts for October

Bobby & Phyllis Hudgins	725-3751
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Greeters/Ushers for October

8:30 am service	Grace Mortimer
11:00 am service	Mark & Brenda Lewis

United Methodist Women

Central United Methodist Women met on September 9th to set the date for our Annual Candle Burning Ceremony and the Birthday Luncheon. These events were scheduled for our Joint Service Sunday on September 29th. Chicken, bread, drinks, and cake were provided by CUMW while attendees provided dishes to share. Thanks to all who participated.

During this summer, we collected school supplies for Social Services, delivered Health Kits to UMCOR, and contributed to the Fresh Start program as well as to the Cafeteria Fund at the High School.

Several of our members will be attending a Hero Luncheon Fundraiser on October 9th hosted by Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth.

We have scheduled the Bay Belles Concert for Sunday, October 20th at 2 PM. Our Ice Cream Social will immediately follow. Please come and join us and listen to this beautiful concert. Then, indulge your sweet tooth with our delicious homemade ice cream.

Martha Arnold
CUMW President



A Gathering of the Body of Christ
September 29th thru October 4th, 7:00 pm
on old Page Middle School Grounds

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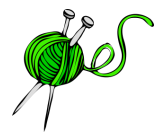
Blessing of the Hats, Blankets, and Gifts

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.



Anne South



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Photos by:
Louise Witherspoon

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p style="text-align: center; color: #C85130; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">October 2019</p>		1 Companions in Christ Pt. 1 7:00 pm	2 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Companions in Christ Pt. 1 10:00 am	3 Choir 7:15 pm	4	5
	6  WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	7	8 Companions in Christ Pt. 1 7:00 pm	9 Companions in Christ Pt. 1 10:00 am Finance 7:00 pm	10 Bay Quilters 9:00 - 4:00 pm Paul Townsend Class 5:00 pm Choir 7:15 pm	11
13	14 UM Women 10:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	15 Companions in Christ Pt. 1 7:00 pm	16 Companions in Christ Pt. 1 10:00 am	17 Mission & Evangelism 9:00 am Choir 7:15 pm	18	19 UM Men 8:00 am
20 Bay Belles Concert & Ice Cream Social 2:00 pm	21 Trustees 7:00 pm	22	23 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	24 Paint Night 7:00 pm	25	26
27 <i>Central Chimes Submissions Due</i> Charge Conference Central UMC 3:00 pm	28	29 Companions in Christ Pt. 5 7:00 pm	30 Companions in Christ Pt. 5 10:00 am Creation Care @The Cannons 1:30 pm	31 Choir 7:15 pm	 <small>pixabay.com</small>	

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



2019 Charge Conference
 Sunday, October 27th,
 3:00 pm
 Hosted by Central UMC,