



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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From The Pastor's Pen

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god." (Dan. 3:14-15)

The last 14 days saw a sharp uptick in the number of COVID cases in Mathews, and that is no doubt disconcerting to many. As we learn that certain risks are not going away, it is once again time to remind ourselves that each day is a gift from God, and that we are to live by faith and gratitude.

As I mentioned in a message before, a rock climber must take each step with faith and purpose. It would be foolish to ignore dangers, and dwelling on fear would freeze him or her on the spot. As Christians, we take Jesus Christ to be our safety as well as our path upward, and we move by faith. I know that is not always easy. It takes perseverance. But our hope in Jesus Christ is real.

Sunday Service on YouTube
Link found at:
www.centralumcmathews.org

Schermer's Pecans are here and ready for pick-up or purchase (\$11) in the Fellowship Hall. *The United Methodist Women thank you!*

Hymns & Gospels at Central Sunday, October 4th, 5:00 pm

Join us for a time of joyful music in the church parking lot (to the right of the church building). Bring a mask and your own chair. Pastor John and Grace Mortimer will present music. Individually packaged cookies and a beverage will be provided.



Even as the worldwide pandemic has claimed nearly a million lives, life is still an ocean much deeper and wider than COVID-19. God, however, makes a way in the sea.

Are you reaching out to neighbors? Thanking God each morning? Seeking to make a difference in someone's life? Let's find ways each day to love God and to walk with Jesus, and that is how we will ride the waves.

"I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Heb. 13:5)

Gratefully,
John



**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**
October 4th

District UMW Honors Judy Moughon



Congratulations to Judy Moughon, who, along with Jessie Walton of Old Church UMC, is this year's recipient of York River District UMW's Lifetime Commitment Award. The announcement was made during the virtual annual meeting on Sep. 26. We celebrate this recognition of her ministry in and beyond the United Methodist Women!

From Julianne Rosas, Social Action Mission Coordinator for YRD UMW:

Judy has been a UMW member since its inception, having been a member of the WSCS, the precursor of UMW, along with her mother and grandmother. Over her 52 years of membership, Judy has served as UMW president, vice president, secretary, and chaplain. She initiated the annual birthday luncheon, providing beautiful floral centerpieces and inspirational devotions. She remembers missionaries with birthday cards and helps educate young mothers when the unit hosts Three Rivers Healthy Families.

At Central UMC Judy has served as lay leader and church historian, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and sings in the choir. A Certified Lay Speaker, Reverend John Choi relies on Judy to give sermons when he is away.

At the District level, Judy was Rappahannock District Lay Leader and Chair of the Committee on the Superintendency. She helped plan the first York River District Annual Conference, including the service, music, and procuring the artist and seamstress who created the YARD banner. For the York River District, Judy has served as Associate Lay Leader, At Large Delegate to Annual Conference, and Nominating Committee member and has taught courses to those seeking to become Certified Lay Speakers/ Servants.

Judy Moughon is steadfast in her commitment and dedication to Central United Methodist Women, always providing her special brand of love and good cheer. Having recently celebrated 80 years of living, loving, and serving in Mathews County, it is our pleasure to honor Judy with the United Methodist Women Lifetime Commitment Award.

Turn back
clocks
Saturday
night,
October 31



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 an accredited institution beyond the high school level, and 3) a letter describing intentions for continued study for the upcoming year.

Send an application by Nov. 2nd to: *Chris Moughon, PO Box 396, Mathews, VA 23109.*

Finance

I hope this message finds everyone holding up the best you can! Meanwhile, your church is doing its part in continuing to function as an integral part of our community and support for all. Your continued financial support is imperative. We ran short of our needed funds this month due to insurance obligations. Please make sure you are up to date, and maybe add a little more in, because we don't have our usual in-person cash contributions from church services.

Our budget draft for next year has been submitted. Thanks to all departments for getting me your projected needs.

Remember, our mailing address is: CUMC, PO Box 297, Mathews, VA 23109

Tim Hill

Finance Committee Chair

From Administrative Council Chair

Well, Summer 2020 has come and gone, and like the rest of 2020 so far, it has been anything but normal. We missed out on 4th of July fireworks and Market Days in the community and at church we missed out on Vacation Bible School and the annual picnic at the Yacht Club. I really missed seeing everybody at the picnic and not to mention the homemade ice cream!

Yes, we can spend a lot of time lamenting what all we didn't get to do, but instead we need to think about what we were able to do and what we can hopefully do in the future. For example, we have been able to have in-person worship (even if it is limited). Some committees have been going all along and others are getting started again.

The Finance Committee has already completed work on the 2021 budget (subject to approval by Admin Council and Charge Conference). Committee assignments for next year are in the works, although my guess is that

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most will remain the same since so many things never got off the ground this year. Both the United Methodist Men and Women have started up again with plans for the fall.

So, as you can see, we may not be at 100% full throttle, but we are still a functioning church. We are making plans for next year, and with God's help, we'll be ready to open up that throttle when the time comes, and be the church that He would have us to be.

Chris Moughon

Administrative Council Chair

Mission and Evangelism

Nancy Jagger has agreed to maintain the Good News Pantry, removing outdated items and generally keeping it neat and tidy. We discussed moving the box to a location where it would be more accessible, however, agreed that the current location afforded a measure of privacy to people who needed food.

After I wrote an article in the website, Mathews County Talks about the Food Pantry, it appeared that more people had accessed and used items from it. Currently, it is again fully stocked. Church members, who want to donate nonperishable items to the pantry, please first check to make sure there is a need. We will continue to make this resource known to our fellow citizens.

We will hold a concert on October 4th at 5:00 pm in the church parking lot. The public is invited to bring their own seating and the committee will provide individually packaged cookies and a beverage.

Linda Dalgety

Mission & Evangelism Team



**Meals On Wheels Program
Volunteer Opportunities Available**

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

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Central UMC Connecting Neighbors Clusters

September 30, 2020

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

Miriam Cromwell

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 Burroughs
John Choi
Marcia Fry

Central 2

David Hudgins 725-3273

Victor Vega
Anne South

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 Kloke & 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



Collection to benefit UMCOR



The United Methodist Women are beginning to collect the pull tabs from aluminum cans and canned foods. These tabs are being collected to benefit UMCOR.

If anyone wishes to help us with the project, please contact Martha Arnold at marjoe5050@yahoo.com.

Central United Methodist Men's

Brunswick Stew Sale

Saturday, November 7th

Pick up time is

12:00 Noon to 2:00 pm

Central United Methodist Church
Church Street in Mathews Court House



DONATION

\$8.00 per Quart

Proceeds Support Local Church
& Community Outreach!

**Reserve yours in advance by
purchasing tickets from
any member of the
Central United Methodist Men or
purchase at the door while available.
Call 725-8673, 725-3751 or
794-4601 today!**

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

Catherine Brooks
Rachel Cannon Duke
Tom Wallace



United Methodist Women

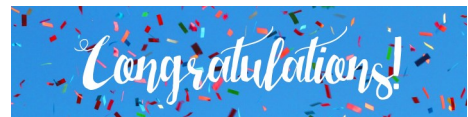
The Central United Methodist Women met on Monday, September 14th in the Fellowship Hall. Social Distancing was observed and masks were worn.

Judy Moughon led us in the UMW World Thank Offering Program. We shared stories of the person or persons in our lives who most influenced our faith. Our World Thank Offerings are collected individually in a small box throughout the year whenever we feel thankful for something or someone.

We are pleased to announce that we have fulfilled our pledge to send at least 30 School Kits to UMCOR. We would like to thank those of you who contributed to the kits for your generous donations. We appreciate your support.

Our order of Schermer's pecans are here! Each one pound bag will sell for \$11 per bag. The proceeds of this sale will benefit the Wesley Community Service Center (WSCS). They are ready for pick-up or purchase in the Fellowship Hall. There is a basket to place your payment.

Our future events continue to be determined by the length of time that we are quarantined by COVID-19. We are looking into ways of how we can help our community as well as how we can continue to stay involved with Three Rivers Healthy Families.



Congratulations to Grace Mortimer! She was awarded the UMW Special Mission Recognition Pin. Grace is a vital member of our small group as well as dedicated member of our church and our community. Thank you, Grace, for all that you do. This recognition pin is well deserved!

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Please stay safe.

Martha Arnold
CUMW President

Blessing of the Hats, Blankets, and Gifts

These gifts were blessed with prayers and the hats and blankets were donated to the Peninsula Cancer Institute, who will store them safely for two weeks before offering them to the patients.

This is a true blessing to all who receive these gifts.

Many thanks to Anne South for leading this wonderful annual ministry and to all who contributed in some way. Many thanks to the creators for their year-long labors of love!




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Louise Witherspoon

Photos above by
John Choi



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<h1>October 2020</h1>					1	2	3
4 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> Hymns & Gospels at Central 5:00 pm	5	6	7 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	8 <small>pixabay.com</small>	9	10	
Sunday School classes Paul Townsend Mem. Class, Fellowship Hall, 10:15 am Faith in the Now & Nancy Wroten classes, via Zoom, 10:30 am							
11	12 UM Women 10:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	13	14 Finance 7:00 pm	15	16	17 UM Men 8:00 am	
18	19 Trustees 7:00 pm	20	21 Mission & Evangelism 9:00 am	22	<i>All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.</i>		
25 <i>Central Chimes Submissions Due</i>	26	27	28 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	29	30	31 Fall Back One Hour Daylight Savings Ends 	

Birthdays

Kate Small	5	Pat Gwaltney	20	Soles Small	23
Marilyn Tucker	9	Nate Houser	21	Patty Hertzler	27
Craig Small	13	Peggy Pierce	23	Steve Leap	27
Gerald Taylor	14			Allen Moughon	30



2020 Charge Conference
Sunday, November 10,
via Zoom, 10:00 am