



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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Sharing with Those in Suffering

In August Haiti was hit with an earthquake that left the island nation devastated and took more than two thousand lives. Then last month Hurricane Ida caused much havoc in the U.S., especially in Louisiana. We have seen the pictures and the numbers.

In response the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has been making grants to conference disaster response teams and partner organizations. On its initial response in Haiti, umcmiissions.org reports:

Several hospitals have been damaged or destroyed. Those still open are completely overwhelmed, lacking sufficient personnel and medical supplies. UMCOR has already awarded grants to provide urgently needed medical supplies. The first grant, to the Église Méthodiste d'Haiti (Methodist Church in Haiti), in coordination with local doctors and nurses, will supply two clinics in Gebeau and Les Cayes with medical supplies. The second, to Service Chrétien d'Haiti (SCH), will supply Les Cayes General Hospital. These grants will enable the procurement of bandages, gauze, IV fluids, antibiotics, and, given the continuing coronavirus pandemic, Personal Protection Equipment. (Aug. 20, 2021)

UMCOR has made emergency grants to Louisiana and Mississippi conferences. Before Hurricane Ida, Conferences that received emergency grants this year include the Tennessee Conference, The New England Conference, and the Michigan Conference. The work in these places will go on for a long time. From umcmiissions.org report:



**UMCOR.
Multiplying
Hope.**

As the emergency response winds down and the full repercussions of a storm like Ida are revealed, UMCOR will continue to accompany conference disaster coordinators and their teams as they consider the ongoing needs of their communities and the ways churches might assist with recovery. Additional grants may be awarded once projects are solidified. Since effective recovery takes time to develop, donations received in the immediacy of a disaster may be dispersed months later. Those initial funds may also provide support for a multiyear project, such as disaster case management or long-term reconstruction.

Per September Admin Council decision, in October any special gifts marked as UMCOR will be sent to its two main funds, US Disaster Response and Recovery, and International Disaster Response and Recovery. Here is an opportunity for us to "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." (Rom. 12:15) Gifts of any size will make a difference in the ongoing efforts of mercy.

Gratefully,
John

Celebrating the Oneness of the Church



Many churches around the world will observe Oct. 3 as World Communion Sunday and celebrate the Lord's Supper. Whenever we come to the communion table we join "[God's] people on earth and all the company of heaven," as we pray that the Spirit will "make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet." The United Methodist Church has marked this day with a special offering; the gifts will support scholarships including for ethnic and international students:

- World Communion Scholarships: 50 percent (General Board of Global Ministries), with at least one-half of the annual amount for ministries beyond the United States
- Ethnic Scholarship Program: 35 percent (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry)
- Ethnic In-Service Training Program: 15 percent (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry)

For more information see the Q&A page on World Communion Sunday [website](#).

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men of Central Church met on Saturday, September 18. The eleven members present all enjoyed a breakfast prepared by Pastor John assisted by Bobby Hudgins. We continued our ongoing discussion of the future of the group and renewed our good fellowship.

It was decided to continue our "Adopt a Road" project for the time being. The next meeting will be on October 16, and all men of the church are encouraged to come and bring a friend.

Chris Moughon
CUMM President

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 November 24, to:
Chris Moughon, PO Box 396, Mathews, VA 23109.

Paul Townsend Memorial Class Monthly Meeting



Photo by
Patty Hertzler



From Administrative Council Chair

Not too much has changed concerning Covid as far as the Admin Council and Post Covid Recovery Group (PCRG) are involved with. We are still in that "wait and see" mode that I talked about last month.

That doesn't mean that there's nothing going on, though. As all the living things in God's Creation transition from summer to fall and prepare for winter in October, your church is preparing for next year.

The Finance Committee is preparing the 2022 budget and the Nomination Committee is working on filling positions for next year. If you are asked to serve, please prayerfully consider serving. I know that you will find it rewarding. These committees will submit their reports to the Admin Council for approval at the October meeting and then final approval will take place at the Charge Conference in November.

Hopefully, we are making preparations for a more normal year in 2022, but that is what I said last year at this time. Whatever the case may be, God wants us to be properly prepared, and with His help, we will be.

Chris Moughon

Administrative Council Chair



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

Charles Edmonds

Eddie Faulkner

Lily Joyce

Steve Mickelborough

Wendell Mitchem

Ellen Hudgins

Mildred Walker

Violet Hudgins

Andrew Farosy

Charles Zerbe

Mildred Shawn

Creation Care



Replace every lead service line.



Build electric charging stations.



Clean energy transmission



Replace diesel school busses with electric.

On August 10, 2021, the U.S. Senate passed a historic bipartisan infrastructure plan. This represents the largest investment in history for clean energy transmission and electric vehicle infrastructure.

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Rev. Mitchell C. Hescox, President and CEO of the Evangelical Environmental Network, released this statement:

“Today we celebrate a Congress coming together to defend the health of our children. This bill will fuel a clean energy economy and jumpstart family-sustaining jobs. “This bill isn't just messaging, it delivers. The \$39 billion committed to updating our aging public transit system; the \$55 billion earmarked to replace every lead service line in the country; the \$71 billion investment in resilient, clean energy transmission; the \$21 billion dedicated to cleaning up toxic pollution, reclaiming abandoned mines, and plugging orphaned gas wells, the \$7.5 billion to build out a national network of electric vehicle charging stations; and the \$5 billion to replace thousands of diesel-powered school buses with electric and low-emission buses all represent the largest federal investment in these programs in history. What's more, these commitments are welcomed good news for the health of our kids, for frontline communities disproportionately harmed by fossil-fuel pollution, and for God's creation.”

Note: This bill still needs to be passed in the House.

Michael Cannon

Creation Care Team

“The Earth is the Lords and everything in it.”



Giving to the Community

In August \$315 was received and sent to Mathews Fire Department. As many of you personally contribute to the fire department, thank you for taking part in the giving in the name of the church.

In September, \$220 was received for the school lunch fund administered by Nelda Gibbs.

United Methodist Women

Central United Methodist Women met on September 13th. As stated before, we have been directed by York River District to collect items for UMCOR Kits and to distribute them to our local community. Through the generosity of the members of our congregation, we collected \$238. This money, in addition to our CUMW pledge of \$110.00 came to a grand total of \$348.00 for our School Kits. Our intention was to give this donation to support the community-wide local backpack program in Mathews called “No Walls Community Day” which was held on August 14th. However, we were not able to collect the money in time to participate in this program. Dee has contacted Tiffany Gordon, director of Social Services, and she will welcome our donation. This money will help replenish the school supply closet maintained by Social Services.

We have pledged to prepare 24 UMCOR Hygiene Kits which will be given to Hands Across Mathews. We will purchase these items from Amazon and will assemble these kits at our October meeting. These items will be funded from our Treasury.

On September 27th, we hosted the Three Rivers Healthy Families for a Pumpkin Painting Party at Port Fun. CUMW provided the lunch and drinks while the staff of Three Rivers provided the pumpkins and the paint and the families. This party was funded with the money we collected from the sale of our cookbooks. A beautiful day was had by all!

The Wesley Community Service Center is once again having their Annual Schermer's Pecan Sale. CUMW will be ordering two cases of these pecans for resale. Watch for the announcement about when the pecans are available for purchase.

We continue to contribute to the mission chosen each month by Mission and Evangelism and we continue to collect Non-Food Items in the Fellowship Hall for HAM. Also, our “The Good Measure Cookbook” is still available for \$12 in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your support.

Martha Arnold, CUMW President



United Methodist Women hosted the 3 Rivers Healthy Families Pumpkin painting party at Port Fun park on Sept. 27.

Photos by Martha Arnold



Front row, L-R: Dale Robinson, Nancy Jagger and Judy Moughon. Standing in back is Nancy Goldman and Dee Bane.



**2021 Charge Conference
Wednesday, November 3
7:00 p.m.**



**October is
Pastor Appreciation Month**



**Meals On Wheels Program
Volunteer Opportunities Available**
**Contact Laura Matthews
at 804-725-7850**

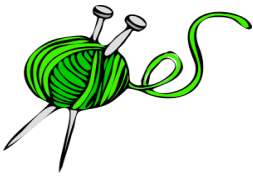
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Blessing of the Hats, Blankets, and Gifts

Hats, blankets and crayon boxes knitted by Anne South and members of Central Church as well as Mathews Baptist Church were on display during service on Sep. 12. Many thanks go to all who took part with your labors of love as well as your gifts. They will be held until a suitable partner is found for donation. This is a true blessing to all who receive them.

Many thanks to Anne South for leading this wonderful annual ministry and to all who contributed in some way.

Anyone wishing to help with this worthy ongoing project by knitting, crocheting, making Crayon boxes, or contributing to the purchase of material, please call Anne South at 725-1877.



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Ava Witherspoon

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Photos below by:
Michele Evans



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<h1>October 2021</h1>				 <small>pixabay.com</small>		1	2
3 World Communion Sunday 	4 Trustees 7:00 pm	5	6 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	7 Tai Chi 9:30 am	8	9	
10	11 UM Women 10:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	12	13 Finance 10:00 am	14 Tai Chi 9:30 am	15	16 UM Men 8:00 am	
17	18	19	20 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am	21 Tai Chi 9:30 am	22	23	
24 <i>Central Chimes Submissions Due</i>	25	26	27 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	28 Tai Chi 9:30 am	29	30	
31 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Sunday School classes - 10:00 am</p> <p>Paul Townsend Memorial class, meets in the classroom behind the Sanctuary</p> <p>Faith in the Now & Nancy Wroten classes, meet in the Fellowship hall</p> <p>Friendship class, meets in the room across from the church office.</p> </div>							

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

All meeting times & dates are subject to change.
 If in doubt, contact the committee chair.