



# THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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## From the Pastor's Pen

Peace of God to all -

Following an annual inspection, the parsonage committee has made a few recommendations. One is to brighten the den and the kitchen by painting its dark paneled walls, and another is to replace the sofa. A contractor has been chosen for the painting, which will cost \$1,800 to 2000; and the sofa will add another \$1150.

Since the cost exceeds the parsonage budget and we do not have budget surplus, ordinarily the project would have been tabled. But the Council as well as trustees believe that the updates at this point are necessary. We are therefore turning to our people's generosity: I write with an appeal for a special offering in order to underwrite the updates. If you would like to contribute to them, please designate an offering to "Parsonage." It will be a gift to not only its current but also future occupants.



The August offering reduced the budget shortfall significantly. I am grateful for everyone's faith and generosity especially in this time of high inflation. The church still needs to be at a better financial place, but I believe it is particularly important for us to live by faith these days. I am thankful that Administrative Council has adopted Rise Against Hunger as October's mission focus of the month. This dedicated organization sends food to the vulnerable children and families all over the world through their mission partners, and their work in the past two years

**Join Us on Sundays!**  
**Sunday service—9:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday school—10:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday Service on YouTube**  
**Link found at:**  
[www.centralumcmathews.org](http://www.centralumcmathews.org)



**Journey with God**  
**October 2, 5:00 pm**  
All are invited to a gathering where we hear one another's God stories. Join us for a time of music, testimony and prayer. Helen Lee will be sharing her faith journey.

took a hit from the pandemic. Even small gifts when brought together will help fight hunger for many people.

Thank you for your faith and generosity, and may God bless you and guide you.

Gratefully,  
*John*

## Birthday Luncheon Returns!

Mark your calendars!

Sunday, October 23

After Sunday school classes



The congregation is invited and encouraged to attend. As in the past, there will be 12 tables. One for each month of the year. Each person is encouraged to sit at their "Birth Month" table so that they can visit with folks that share their birthday month.

*We look forward to enjoying your fellowship!*

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



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**The Rise Against Hunger packing event on  
November 2019 was a great success!**

**60 people of all age groups, members of the  
community, neighboring UM churches &  
friends from 3 Rivers Healthy Families  
came to help pack up 10,000 meals  
in under 2 hours!**

*Photos, bottom & right by Linda Dalgety*



## October Mission Focus: Rise Against Hunger / Rise to the Challenge

From droughts to floods, conflict zones to transitioning political situation's, food is often the most immediate need. When every day access to food is destroyed because of emergencies, Rise against Hunger (RAH) is there to help address those needs. They try to make sure the food is received by communities where it is needed most.



But the Rise against Hunger organization can't do it by themselves. They need our help; and we can help by holding another package in event such as we did a couple of years ago. Remember the fun we had packaging 10,000 (gulp) meals in less than three hours???

Mission and Evangelism committee would like to host another meal packaging party on November 13.

To do so, we need to raise \$4100.00 to cover the cost of supplies. We've asked other churches in the area to partner with us in this endeavor, but we will still need help from our church family. To raise funds, Rise against Hunger will be our mission focus for October. We will also host a painting party or two and designate the money from them to RAH. In addition to your financial assistance, we need your help with packaging the meals.

Will you please pray and ask God how He wants you to participate and partner with us? Will you Rise to the Challenge?

*Linda Dalgety,*

Mission and Evangelism chair



## From Administrative Council Chair

"Are we there yet?" There isn't a parent alive who hasn't heard that from their kids on a road trip, sometimes before you even get out of the county. The phrase, "are we there yet?" can also apply to getting back to business as usual at Central as well.

As I'm sure most of you have noticed, we are implementing more of our regular practices all the time. For example, we are now passing the offering plates and singing the Doxology. We are going to have a choir once a month and even have had John Lee Callis to play the organ a couple of times. If most of you are like me, you're looking forward to more of both of the choir and organ. We also had our first picnic since 2019. Although it was slightly scaled down compared to our gatherings at the Yacht Club in previous years, it was a great first step in the direction of hopefully hosting larger gatherings in the future.

To address the question, "are we there yet?" I must say the answer is still, "no, not quite." Just like the kids on the road trip, it seems to be taking way too long to get there. Some members may think we're moving too slowly and some may think we moving too fast, but I can assure you that the PCRG (post covid recovery group) and Pastor John have the best interests of Central in mind when making these recommendations to the Admin Council to approve or deny. No, we're not there yet, but just like those kids, just think how happy we'll be when we do finally arrive!

Blessings,

*Chris Moughon,*  
Administrative Council Chair



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

John Mickelborough

## UMM Plots Course

The Central United Methodist Men met on Saturday, September 17. The dozen in attendance, including our substitute preacher, Rev. Coleman Tyler, enjoyed a breakfast that could not be beat, prepared by Bobby Hudgins and Gerald Taylor. It was our first meeting since June, but we picked up where we left off by continuing our discussion of possibly funding a scholarship at Mathews High School. After much debate, we decided to continue our discussion in October since there is no immediate deadline involved. Thanks to Mike Witherspoon for all his research and for leading the discussion.

Our next meeting will be on October 15, at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. We'll continue our scholarship discussion and possibly look at other potential avenues for our donations. Hope to see a big turnout!

*Chris Moughon,*  
CUMM President

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## Central UMW Recognized

Central United Methodist Women met on September 12th after taking the summer off.

On September 13th our CUMW, along with assistance from members of CUMM, sponsored the Red Cross Blood Drive at the Piankatank Ruritan Club. We escorted donors to the Canteen and served them refreshments.



Nancy Goldman, Bev Childress, and Judy Moughon  
working at the Canteen.

Photo: Bev Childress

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Nancy Jagger and Judy Moughon at the Red Cross Blood Drive Canteen  
Photo: Bev Childress



On Saturday 24th, Dee and Martha attended the 12th Annual YRD District meeting in Williamsburg. Our "Small but Mighty" group was once again recognized and awarded two certificates: 1. We obtained the Gold level of "Living Into Our Purpose" and 2. We qualified once again as a Six-Star organization by contributing to Six Channels of Mission Giving. These are the highest UMW honors that we can achieve, and I am so proud of each and every one of our members!



Martha Arnold accepting Gold Level Award at YRD Annual Meeting (above); Dee Bane accepting the 6-Star Organization Award at the YRD Annual Meeting . (below)  
Photos: Martha Arnold



We are excited to announce that we will once again host our traditional Birthday Luncheon on October 23rd. The congregation is invited and encouraged to attend. As in the past, there will be 12 tables. One for each month of the year. Each person is encouraged to sit at their "Birth Month" table so that they can visit with folks that share their birthday month. The luncheon will immediately follow the Sunday School Classes. We look forward to enjoying your fellowship.

We continue our monthly \$50 donation to the organizations that are chosen by the Mission and Evangelism Team.

As a reminder, we continue to collect Non-Food items for HAM in a bin in the Fellowship Hall There is also a need at HAM for canned vegetables and canned fruits as well as soup, cereal, pasta, and pasta sauce. These food items can be left in the vestibule between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

"The Good Measure Cookbook" is still available for \$12. The cookbook makes a great gift. We also anticipate that we will again be selling Schermer Pecans this fall. This fund raiser supports Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth. Details to follow.

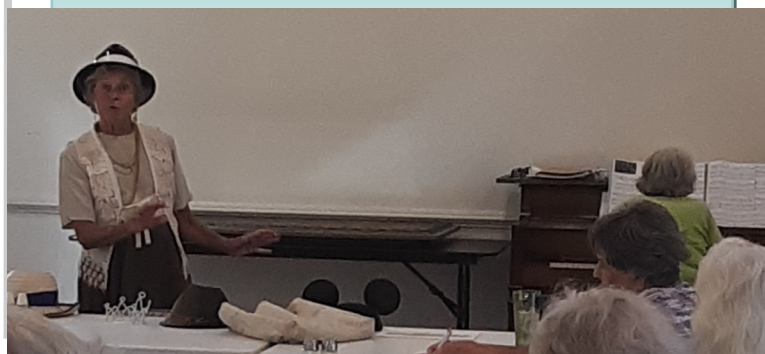
Your support and generosity to our organization are greatly appreciated.

Happy Fall!

*Martha Arnold,*  
CUMW President

**Paul Townsend Memorial Sunday school class Luncheon and meeting is on October 13 at 12:00 Noon at Central.**

Pictured below: Grace Mortimer and Janet Bowman gave a lively performance at September's luncheon.



## Plastic Bags Can Be Recycled

How many plastic shopping bags does the U.S. go through in 1 year?



100 Billion!

It takes 12 million barrels of oil to make that many plastic bags! When not properly recycled, plastic bags degrade into smaller and more toxic pieces leaching into our ground water and food chain.



They harm sea turtles and other marine animals, when animals mistake them for food or become entangled.

We at Central can do our part to save animals and oil: teach your children and grandchildren to recycle all plastic bags at places like Food Lion and Wal-Mart.



*"The Earth is the Lords and everything in it."*

Those plastic bags are made into resin pellets and then back into new bags and other new products.

*Michael Cannon,*

Creation Care Team

**Sunday School classes - 10:15 am ~ Join Us!**

**Paul Townsend Memorial** class, meets in the classroom behind the Sanctuary

**Faith in the Now & Nancy Wroten** classes, meet in the Fellowship hall

**Friendship class**, meets in the room across from the church office.



## September Events



### Coffee Fellowship (9/25)

Photos above



Photo on the left: Rev. Coleman Tyler, who was our guest preacher two Sundays in September.

Photo by Dee Bane

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Photo on the right: Joe Arnold serving up funnel cake and cold lemonade during Mathews Market Days.

Photo by Linda Dalgety

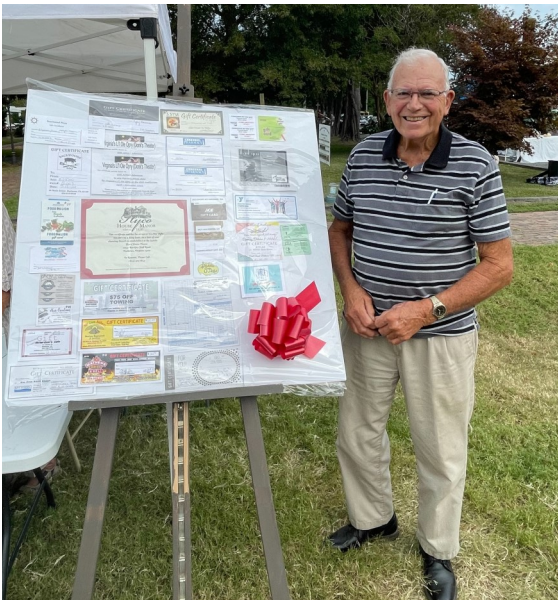


Photo on the left: Bobby Hudgins was the winner of the Central Village Homemaker's raffle at Mathews Market Days.

Both photos by Bev Childress.

Photo on the right: Martha Arnold & Nancy Goldman at the Central sponsored Blood Drive.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>October 2022</h1>						1
2 <b>World Communion Sunday</b>  <b>Journey with God 5:00 pm</b>	3  District Conference 7:00 pm Zoom	4  <b>Bible Study 7:00 pm</b>	5 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	6  <b>Bible Study 10:00 am</b>	7	8
9	10 UM Women 10:00 am	11  <b>Bible Study 7:00 pm</b>	12 Finance 10:00 am	13  <b>Bible Study 10:00 am</b>  Choir 7:00 pm	14	15 UM Men 8:00 am
16	17 NAACP 6:00 pm	18	19 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am	20 Trustees 2:00 pm	21	22
23 <b>Central Chimes Submissions Due</b>	24	25	26	27	28 Chesapeake Circle KD & Sons State Convention 9:00 am to 4:00 pm 10/28— 10/29	29 Special Annual Conference 9:00 am
30	31 	<b>2022 Charge Conference Thursday, November 17 6:30 p.m. on Zoom</b>				

### 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	Allen Moughon	30
Gerald Taylor	14				

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