



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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Early Bird Breakfast Support Central Mission Projects

During Mathews Market Days

Friday & Saturday
September 5 & 6



8:00 am until
10:00 am

Central Fellowship Hall

Eat-In OR Carry-Out

Coffee, Juice, Sweet Roll, Egg & Ham Muffin

Hats, Blankets and Crayons, Oh My!



Items for the Children's Hospital of the Kings' Daughters and Sons and the Peninsula Cancer Institute will be

on display in the sanctuary Sunday, September 14.

Please take the time to view them and, as you do, say a prayer for the baby, child or cancer patient who will receive them.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 14

at BOTH Services

Bring your backpack

to be blessed for

the new school year.



Your Help Is Needed for Laity Sunday, October 19

Pastor Suzanne asked us, Judy Moughon and Marilyn Tucker, to lead the two services on Laity Sunday. It

seemed appropriate to involve as many of our congregation as possible this year, so we are asking for everyone's help.

As the Spirit leads you, please consider offering a short witness, consisting of a time you felt an "Ah ha" or "God moment" in your life, or some way you have found to make devotions or prayer more meaningful. You could mention your favorite hymn and tell us why. No need to worry about the length of your sharing; a minute or five will be wonderful.

Please contact either Judy (725-5050) or Marilyn (725-9532) to help us plan a meaningful, special Sunday service.



How to Reach New People

Saturday, September 6 (9:30 am -5:30 pm)

Sunday, September 7 (8:00 am -1:00 pm)

Zion UMC - Seaford

"How to Reach New People" is a workshop taught by Jim Griffith Coaching at churches all over the United States. Jim successfully started five churches and now uses his time sharing with pastors and their congregations how to grow God's kingdom. Check out the Griffith Coaching website to learn more: <http://www.griffithcoaching.com/>.

Usually this seminar costs a church \$400. However, the District has decided to cover the cost of training this time, so it is FREE. Optional coaching as follow-up and accountability will be offered at the event for \$750/church. The Conference is matching the \$750 to cover the entire \$1500 cost of counseling.

The District office realizes it is short notice on the workshop. It is worth your time and energy to make this workshop a reality. The senior pastor and up to 10 lay people are to attend. The lay people are vital to make what is learned at the workshop a reality in our congregations. The District office is contacting Lay Servants and retired clergy to assist in helping cover church leadership being out on a Sunday morning.

Interested? Plan on attending? Contact Pastor Suzanne at 725-3332 as soon as possible.

BIRTHDAYS

Judy Haynes	1	Chris Moughon	9	Brooke Moughon	14
Carey Hogge	2	Mildred Stillman	10	Mark Planitz	20
Cheryl Wheeler	2	Ben Leigh	11	Randy Miles	30
Joe Cromwell	3	Kirby Moughon	13		

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Marilyn Tucker	7
Mark & Brenda Lewis	12
John & Sherry Hodges	21
Greg & Leigh Lewis	27

Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers go to:

Family of T.E. Hudson

Family of Mary Howell

Daniel and the Family of Dolly Hudgins

Jean & Donnie Hall and Family of Juan Gomez

New Prayer Study

Prayer is one of the most important practices in our Christian faith. Prayer connects us with God and one another, keeps us balanced and Christ-centered in uncertain times, and enables us to know what direction to go as we move into the future. Come and learn more about this special prayer journey (described below) on **Saturday morning, September 13, at 9:30 a.m. at the parsonage.**

We are offering a new online (At-home-option) or In-class-option resource this fall: **Exploring Contemplative Prayer: A Nine Month Journey to the Quiet.** This course, created and published by Scripture Echo, will introduce you to eight different prayer practices over the course of nine months. This online resource is offered from **September 2014 - May 2015**, however, you may join at any time and do not need to start from the beginning.

What to expect: On the first day of each month you will receive an introductory email and online access to a PDF document that contains **1)** a welcome letter, **2)** background (history & theology) of the prayer practice, **3)** a step-by-step guide for experiencing the prayer practice, **4)** suggestions for exploring the prayer practice, and **5)** a journal for that month.

Cost: \$10

The course is designed to help us slow down, relax at the feet of God, and absorb the love, grace and wisdom that are waiting for us there. We hope you will take advantage of this resource.

Schedule of Topics

September: Preparing for Prayer

October: Breath Prayer

November: Lectio Divina

December: Release Prayer

January: The Prayer of Examen

February: Contemplative Healing Prayer

March: Praying With Icons

April: Centering Prayer

May: Silent Prayer

REGISTER BY: Sunday, September 7.

Make checks payable to "Central UMC."
Return registration slip to the Church Office
(or Leigh Lewis' mail folder).

*Exploring Contemplative Prayer Registration: Due by **September 7**, to the Church Office*





NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBERS _____

EMAIL: _____

_____ In-Class Option _____ At-Home Option [check one]

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>All meeting times & dates are subject to change.</p>	<p>1 Labor Day</p>	<p>2 First Day of School</p> 	<p>3 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 - 1:00 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 How to Reach New People 9:30 am - 5:30 pm</p> <p>40th Annual Mathews Market Days</p> <p>Missions & Evangelism Early Bird Breakfast 8:00 - 10:00 am Proceeds benefit missions.</p> 
	<p>7 How to Reach New People 8:00 am - 1:00 pm</p> <p>Deadline to Register for Contemplative Prayer</p>	<p>8 Prayer Time 8:00 am UM Women 7:00 pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Finance 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm</p>	<p>11 Paul Townsend Class 6:00 pm</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>14 Knitting Display for Cancer Patients</p>  <p>Blessing of the Backpacks at BOTH Services</p> 	<p>15 Prayer Time 8:00 am Creation Care 9:00 am Girl Scout Recruitment 6:30 - 7:30 pm SPRC 7:00 pm</p>	<p>16 Trustees 7:00 pm</p>	<p>17 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm</p>	<p>18 Mathews Maritime Foundation 6:00-8:00 pm</p>	<p>19 Brownies 2:45 - 4:15 pm</p>	<p>20 UMM Breakfast 8:00 am</p>
<p>21 Chimes Submissions Due</p>	<p>22 Prayer Time 8:00 am Girl Scout Recruitment 6:30 - 7:30 pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Administrative Council 7:00 pm</p>	<p>25 Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm</p>	<p>26 Brownies 2:45 - 4:15 pm</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29 Prayer Time 8:00 am Girl Scout Recruitment 6:30 - 7:30 pm</p>	<p>30</p>	 <p>SEPTEMBER</p>			