



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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From the Pastor's Pen

Why We Began Mission Focus of the Month

For many years Central Church sent gifts to various community organizations, usually near Christmas from the budget of Mission & Evangelism Team. While we all took part in those gifts, this year the team sought a greater sense of participation from the congregation. So each month a particular mission or cause is recommended by the M&E team to the administrative council, and upon approval it is highlighted for the congregation. And while the church will send a gift from the budget, you are invited to add to it with a special gift. In a few exceptional cases all of our gifts have been from such special designated offerings, such as gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief.



As we all take part in these gifts by supporting the church's Mission & Evangelism budget, participating in them with a special gifts, even with a small amount, will make an even

greater difference. The mission giving for September will go to the students lunch fund administered by Nelda Gibbs. Many of you know her and her family, and the United Methodist Men supported her work in the past.

M&E Team is keeping an eye on Haiti and now on Louisiana. A way for us to give as the church will be put forth before us soon.

Ultimately the greatest gift we are charged to share is the gospel of Jesus Christ. But benevolence is an important part of our faith as well. In addition to these gifts, I am thankful that our Sunday schools, the UMM and the

UMW have been actively giving to the community. I hope that, by the grace of God, we will abound in good works and generosity. "Give, and it will be given to you." (Lk. 6:38)

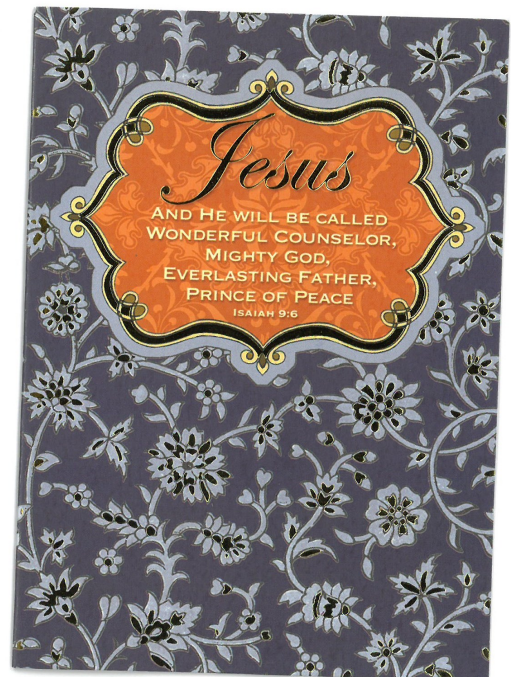
Gratefully,
John

From the Paige Family

Dear Central UMC,

We thank God that your love is over-flowing and strong enough to reach children on another continent. Thank you for blessing us so that we could bless in return.

Love,
The Paiges



Blessing of Hats, Blankets, and Crayon Boxes

Knitting items will be on display in the sanctuary Sunday, September 12th.

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

The plan is to donate 70 hats to the Peninsula Cancer Institute and, since the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters is not ready to receive donations yet (due to Covid-19), we will hold the rest of the items until either CHKD is ready to receive them or we will donate them to another place.

Generous contributions have made possible:

49 crayon boxes	252 hats
49 coloring books	61 blankets
49 boxes of 24 crayons	

The following were delivered to family or friends:

6 hats
1 blanket
1 crayon box with color book and crayons

Special thanks to *Janet Bowman* and *Grace Mortimer* for this display, and *David Hudgins* and *Mark Lewis* for bringing the items to church for display.

Many Thanks, Anne South



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. Thanks so much for your support!



2020
Display

2020-2021 Contributors:

Martha Arnold	donated yarn
Janet & Ron Bowman	donated \$100
Central UM Women	donated \$100
Louise Owens Diggs	crocheted 22 blankets
Janet Gomez	donated yarn
Patty Hertzler	crocheted 4 blankets, donated yarn & 24 sheets of plastic canvas and made 12 crayon boxes with her Sisters-in-laws, Marge King & Marti Hertzler
Rose Soles Hudgins	crocheted & donated 2 blankets
Peggy Leigh	made 44 hats, donated 42 sheets of clear plastic canvas & made 5 crayon boxes
Brenda & Mark Lewis	donated 24 boxes of 24 crayons
Grace Mortimer	donated yarn
Judy Moughon	writes beautiful thank you notes to non-Central members
Karen Palmer	donated yarn
Anne South	knit 33 blankets, 208 hats & made 32 crayon boxes
W.M.U. of Mathews Baptist church	donated \$100 for yarn purchased by Janet Bowman
Cheryl Wheeler	donated \$50
Louise Witherspoon	donated yarn

Administrative Council Chair

"Wait and see!" How many times have we heard that line in our lives? Especially as children, we were told to "wait and see" what Santa would bring, or what the new school teacher would be like, or what would happen to us based on our behavior, good or bad. Even as we grew up, we had to "wait and see" if we would get into the college of our choice, or get the promotion at work we desired, or the scary "wait and see" of a medical test or procedure.

Yes, life is full of "waits and sees" and that is where we find ourselves once again with the pandemic. Just a couple of months ago, I thought sure that we would have completely turned the corner and been nearly totally opened back up at Central, but it was not to be. I was so looking forward to a regular communion and maybe a fellowship lunch or even a fall picnic to replace our annual Yacht Club picnic that we missed again this year. The uptick in Covid cases has thrown the Post Covid Recovery Group and the Admin Council into a, you guessed it, "wait and see" mode for the time being. We didn't loosen any restrictions, nor did we reinstate any while we are "waiting and seeing" how this all plays out.

Like I keep saying, all these things are happening on God's time, not ours. We just need to keep praying and helping each other while we "wait and see" together.

Chris Moughon

Administrative Council Chair



Give the Gift of Life!

Mathews Community Blood Drive
Tuesday, September 14,
2:00 -7:00 pm
Piankatank Ruritan Building
Must call for an appointment
at 804-725-2485 or go to
redcrossblood.org

Check the website often to see if your time becomes available.

**World Communion Sunday
is October 3**



United Methodist Women

Central United Methodist Women did not meet in August. 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. That being said, we decided to collect monetary donations for our School Kits and to give those donations to support the community wide local backpack program in Mathews called "No Walls Community Day" held on August 14th. 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 which will be donated to this wonderful program.

In the future, we will be collecting for Hygiene Kits (\$12 each) which will be given to Hands Across Mathews. We will purchase items and assemble these kits at our October meeting. 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

**Sept/Oct Upper Room
devotionals available
in the Narthex or Fellowship hall**





(Left) A hybrid (zoom + in-person) Sunday School meeting taking place in the Fellowship Hall. Nancy Wroten Memorial Class and Faith in the Now Class have merged to become one.



(Right) The United Methodist Men meets for fellowship on Aug. 21. UMM meets on every third Saturday of the month.



(Left) The study on the parables of Jesus met for seven weeks on Tuesday night and concluded on Aug. 24.

Children's Ministry

There will be a new monthly Children's Sunday school here at Central starting soon. It will be an afternoon of 2 hours with food, games, crafts, movies and Bible school lessons.

The time will be 4:00 pm to approximately 5:30 pm, Sunday being a school night.




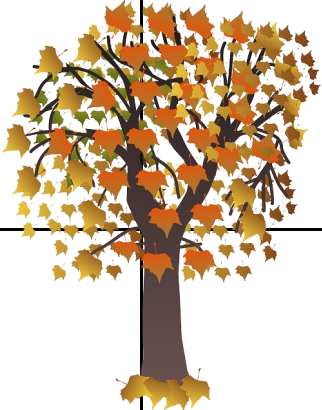
Let's get the children back to church!!!

Please let myself or Pastor John know if you have a child/grandchild interested.

Nancy Jagger

Children's Ministry Chair



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>September</h1>			1 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	2 Tai Chi 9:30 am	3	4
			<p>All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.</p>			
5	6 Labor Day	7	8 Finance 7:00 pm	9	10	11
12 Knitting Display Lewis Celebration 1:00 pm  pixabay.com	13 UM Women 10:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	14 Blood Drive Piankatank Ruritan Club 2:00 - 7:00pm 	15 Mission and Evangelism 10:00 am	16	17	18 UM Men 8:00 am Finance 9:30 am
19 Central Chimes & Report Submissions Due	20 Trustees 7:00 pm	21	22 First Day of Fall  Administrative Council 7:00 pm	23 Tai Chi 9:30 am	24	25 
26	27	28	29	30 Tai Chi 9:30 am		

Birthdays

Judy Haynes	1	Mildred Stillman	10
Cheryl Wheeler	2	Ben Leigh	11
June Hudgins	4	Jim Dalgety	24
Chris Moughon	9	Randy Miles	30

Anniversaries

Tom & Marilyn Tucker	7	Billy & Shirley Snow	19
Hal & Patty Hertzler	9	John & Sherry Hodges	21
Mark & Brenda Lewis	12	Greg & Leigh Lewis	27