



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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From the Pastor's Pen

The Church's Gift

I want to thank you for your generous giving towards the United Methodist Committee on Relief during September. Not that it is time for us to pat ourselves in the back, and the recovery will take a long time for many, but your gifts will bring practical assistance as well as represent hope to those in need. I am grateful that we can together take part in the blessing of giving.

When I see the ruins of an earthquake-ravaged town or the shattered houses in the wake of a storm, I can barely imagine the devastation that people have suffered. It is not just the cars and the homes they lost; their sense of security in life has been blown away. I would imagine they could use above all hope these days.

"Storms" come in different shapes and sizes in life, but the Scripture says that God is our "refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Ps. 46:1) Jesus said that whoever hears his words and does them are like those who built their houses on rock; when the inevitable storms come, it will not fall. We as the church are a community that together lives out such hope.

We are grateful for all who are assisting those in need. Let us remember, however, that we as the church are uniquely called to witness to the hope that is in God. By praying, sharing, listening or simply being there, we all

can be ambassadors of Jesus Christ and his compassion.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Rom. 15:13)

Gratefully,

John



Disaster Response Study Team

Something new is coming! Well, it looks new-- Connecting Neighbors Emergency Directory. With all the storms, power outages, limbs down or people hunkered down south of us, we need a way to check on folks. This directory does NOT replace the Church Directory. It is a geographical directory recommended by the Methodist Conference.

Home address of members have been grouped to geographical areas: Gwynn's Island, Port Haywood, Hallieford (1&2), Cobbs Creek, Moon (1&2), Glebe (1&2), and Central Mathews (1&2). You may not live in Moon, but your address is in close proximity to Moon, so therefore, you are with Moon folks.

Each group has a Team Contact Leader. Someone who will call to check on you prior to or during an emergency; to see if you are safe, have what you need, or report damage so that help can be sent your way. This does not mean that we will fix a roof or cut down a tree. It is just a "How are you doing? Do you

need assistance? Is there an emergency?"
Just keeping in touch.

This Directory will be posted and Team Callers will have their own copy. The Directory follows the Mathews County Emergency 911 Atlas. This atlas has street names as well as route numbers so it fits in with getting quick assistance if needed. Once in place it may need some tweaking to adjust the addresses with the groups with (1&2)'s. It was difficult to read the small house numbers.

We are just being concerned friends checking on our neighbors in time of storms or disasters. And by the way, you can also love your neighbor.

Janet Burgess, Team Leader

Hospitality

We are so thankful to all who served in any capacity for the month of September. The ushers and greeters were faithful and outstanding in their positions.



Our refreshment committee began with Bill Loving and Bob Tabor as our hosts followed by the evangelistic Committee donating home baked buns and ham/cheese muffins from their Market Days project. This contribution aided John and Sherry Hodges of hospitality. Also adding to our contributors was Karen Palmer, Grace Mortimer, Phyllis and Bobby Hudgins.

Promotion Day was celebrated on the fourth Sunday by honoring the children and teachers. A decorated cake was provided by Pat Gwaltney and a beautiful basket arrangement by Mark Lewis. Other food contributions were given by Marcia Fry, John and Sherry Hodges, Hal and Patty Hertzler. Our faithful people on K.P. duty are Ken, Karen, James, Dale, John, Sherry and David. Thank you so much for your help always.

Mission and Evangelism

Thank you to all who made the Early Bird Breakfast and water giveaway a success at Market Days! We received \$323 in donation towards United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Your committee decided to distribute budget funds, in the name of Central Church, to the following:

- Hands across Mathews - \$300
- UMCOR - \$500 (including the above-mentioned \$323)
- Laurel Shelter, Inc. - \$200
- Mathews Fire Department - \$200
- Mathews Rescue Squad - \$200

Enjoy this fall season. "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go." – Gen. 28:15 NIV

Pat Gwaltney, Chair

Children and Youth Ministry

Congratulations to children who were promoted! They grow in wisdom and stature. Bri'onna Taylor was promoted to the Older Youth Class. Kate Small and Leah Taylor were promoted to the Disciple Class (elementary and middle school). We celebrated with the 9:30 A.M. Sunday fellowship time on Sep. 24. Promotion certificates and small gift were presented during 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Many thanks to the children's and youth Sunday School teachers, Nancy Jagger, Janet Gomez and Benda Lewis! Thank you also Richard Moughon, Judy Moughon, Pastor Choi, and the Hospitality Committee for their assistance in making Promotion Sunday special.

"Christ gave those gifts to prepare God's holy people for the work of serving, to make the body of Christ stronger." – Eph. 4:11-12

Pat Gwaltney, Chair

United Methodist Women

Our Central UMW visited the Wesley Community Center on Sept 15, 2017.

The center began in 1937 when Methodist Women met at the former Wright Memorial Church and gave birth to this mission which became a community outreach in Portsmouth. It is the only active national mission institution in the Virginia Conference. We gave a \$100 donation to the center in honor of some members that have recently been sick.



On September 17th UMW held our annual Ice Cream Social with music by the Bay Belles to benefit the Healing Eagle Clinic, one of our local mission projects. Donation were \$285.00. A good fellowship and ice cream was had by all who attended.



We will start off our October with the UMW District meeting at Williamsburg UMC October 7th....Again our women will make cakes for the Annual UMM Shrimp Dinner on October 20th.

Keep in mind our Annual Candle Burning and Birthday Luncheon on October 29 which is joint 5th Service Sunday.....Bring a dish and join us. Chicken, Beverage and dessert are furnished.

Donations received from the congregation for the Candle Burning may be dropped in to the collection plate and labeled candle burning or given to Christine Ulrich or any member.

Candle Burning Service is one of the Central UMW Pledge Services. The money collected will go to agencies that meet and empower the needs of women, children and youth. This Service makes our Central UMW a Community of Giving Women.

Nancy Jagger, President

(Photos by Judy Moughon)



3 Rivers Healthy Family at Central Church (8/25)
Photo by Judy Moughon

Hands Across Mathews

Presents
Singing From the Heart
featuring
Joel Grow, tenor
Charles Lindsey, piano



7:00 pm
Sat., October 7
Kingston Parish Hall



Creation Care Activities

Again this year, Thomas Hunter Middle School has requested Central's Creation Care team present their Recycle Program to all of Jerry Ligon's 7th grade science students.



We will be teaching 5 classes the second week in October.

Creation Care voted to try a new activity that would provide free recycled books to children who might not otherwise have their own books.



Background: the library did a major clear out of their children's books to replace with newer ones. They gave many boxes of books to the FOL Book Store. The book store has taken those in top condition. Creation Care requested that the extras books be processed by our team and then offered to **Hands Across Mathews** or other organizations like **Three Rivers Healthy Families**. These groups would distribute them to children who would love to **own their own book**.

Some of these great books require touch ups such as pulling out the old library pockets or mending a page. Our team spent time after

our meeting and we were able to get about 40 to 50 books ready for a "trial". The books were delivered to Louise Witherspoon for Hands Across Mathews. Louise reported that the books were a big success. This first basket of books set out emptied quickly. There is no cost to Creation Care, just the time needed to prep these books to continue to recycle them into young eager hands.



Michael Cannon, Creation Care



**Fridays IN
the Spirit**

St. Paul UMC
co-hosted with CUMC
Friday, Oct. 20
6:30 - 9:00 pm

FINS nights
include dinner,
Bible activities,
games and
FUN, FUN, FUN!!



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**Meals On Wheels Program
Volunteer Opportunities Available**

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

Janet Burgess will travel to Tangier Island with Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) team for a week of service during Oct. 2-7 (Mon-Sat).

Please keep Janet and the team in your prayers.

Blessing of the Hats, Blankets, and Gifts

These gifts were blessed with prayers and were distributed to CHKDS and the Peninsula Cancer Institute. Many thanks to Anne South for leading this wonderful annual ministry and to all who contributed in some way. This is a true blessing to all who receive these gifts.



UM Men

The UMM met on September 16, to plan the shrimp dinner. The dinner will be held on October 20, and plans are shaping up as usual. There will be another meeting of the UMM on October 14 to put the finishing touches on our shrimp dinner plans. We look forward to a successful dinner and I hope all who have agreed to help will be available

Ken Palmer, President

CENTRAL U M M E N ' S Steamed Shrimp Dinner



Friday, October 20
4:00-7:00 P.M.



Donation

\$17.00 Eat-in or \$16.00 Take-out

Children Age 5 -10 \$6.00 Under 5 FREE

Purchase tickets in advance from any member of the Central United Methodist Men or call 725-8673, 725-2488 or 725-3751 today!



\$2673.83 was received during September and will be sent to United Methodist Committee on Relief (Advance #901670, U.S. Disaster Relief – www.umcor.org).

Thank you.

Please watch for additional mission opportunities in the months ahead.

October 29

5th Sunday Joint Service

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service

~Worship led by our Youth~

“UMW Candle Burning Service”



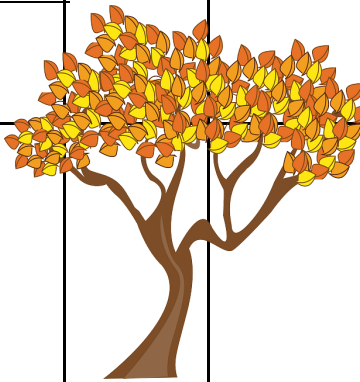
Donations are .60 per minute
Remember or honor a loved one

**UMW Birthday Luncheon
following worship service**

**2:15 pm Song Service
at Riverside Convalescent Center**

Greeters/Ushers for October


8:30 am service	James & Dale Martin
11:00 am service	Tom & Marilyn Tucker

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1  WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	2 Prayer Time 8:00 am	3 Moses 7:00 pm	4 CVH 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Moses 10:00 am	5 Children's Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	6	7	
8 Trustees 1:00 pm	9 Prayer Time 8:00 am UM Women 10:00 am Women's Choir Practice 7:00 pm	10 Moses 7:00 pm	11 Moses 10:00 am Finance 7:00 pm	12 Paul Townsend Class 6:00 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	13	14 UM Men 8:00 am	
15	16 Prayer Time 8:00 am SPRC 7:00 pm	17 Moses 7:00 pm	18 Mission & Evangelism 9:00 am Moses 10:00 am	19  Children's Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	20 UMM Shrimp Dinner 4:00 to 7:00 pm FINS @ St. Paul UMC 6:30 to 9:00 pm	21	
22 <i>Central Chimes Submissions Due</i>	23 Prayer Time 8:00 am Trustees 7:00 pm	24 Creation Care (at the Cannon's) 9:00 am Moses 7:00 pm	25 Administrative Council 7:00 pm Moses 10:00 am	26 Children's Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	27	28 	
29 Youth Sunday Candle Burning Joint Service 10:00 am Song Service @ Nursing Home 2:15 pm	30 Prayer Time 8:00 am Women's Choir 7:00 pm	31 Moses 7:00 pm	<h1>October 2017</h1>				

Birthdays

Glen Morgan	2	Pat Gwaltney	20	Soles Small	23
Kate Small	5	Nate Houser	21	Patty Hertzler	27
Marilyn Tucker	9	Peggy Pierce	23	Steve Leap	27
Gerald Taylor	14			Allen Moughon	30

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

	Liz Fischer	Wilton Ford
	Lear Ponton	Colie Hudgins
	Fred Crittendon	James Owens