



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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Pastor's Pondering

Grace and Peace!

I write to you on this steamy, hot and humid Monday with a grateful heart. We have been partners in ministry together for a year. I am so thankful that it was not this hot last June 24th.

We have gotten to know each other over the last 12 months and we will further deepen our understanding of one another and how God desires to use our gifts for the furthering of his kingdom, in the next 12. It is an exciting time to be in ministry with you as we follow Jesus Christ. As we draw our strength from God and in the power of the Holy Spirit, I have no doubt that God will continue to use us in mighty and powerful ways.

As I mentioned a couple weeks ago, there was much fun and laughter experienced during the Art and Bake Sale. Men and women of Central UMC came together and provided a place for art and tasty baked goods to be sold but even more, Central on a Saturday became the place to laugh and love in Christlike ways. It was good for this Pastor's soul! There have been times in the past and will continue to be times in the future for our Christian fellowship to be a source of lifting the soul and preparing us all for the tasks of ministry.

As the writer of Ecclesiastes says in Chapter 3 after explaining a time for everything.

12 I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. 13 That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. 14 I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing



Join us for Worship!
Sunday Worship—9:15 a.m.
Sunday school—10:15 a.m.

taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

I am truly excited for all that God has in store for Central United Methodist Church!

Praying for you,
Pastor Rebecca



Mother's Day flowers (5/12)—photo by Jamie Hall



Graduates were honored on June 9th and were presented with a gift Bible or book of daily scripture by the Paul Townsend Memorial Sunday school class during Sunday service. (6/9)

- Photo by Michael Cannon



**Choir Sings, "Two Fishermen"
(6/9)
(screen shot capture)**



**Women of Central Sing, "He's
Got the Whole World" (6/6)**

(screen shot capture)



UM Men Have Art Sale Success

The Central United Methodist Men held their Art Sale on Saturday, June 15, and Saturday, June 22. We had so many donations of art that we filled up all the tables that the church had in the Fellowship Hall plus five more borrowed from the Central Village Homemakers. Even then we had to hang some pieces outside and some were still in the boxes they came in. We actually sold the vast majority of what was donated to us for a total of \$1185 plus a \$100 donation. After advertising expenses, we will have a profit of about \$1200. Thank you so much! The remaining artwork was donated to the Rise as One Foundation who will sell them to raise money for veterans.

We couldn't have done it without the great support of all of you who donated so many pieces and those of you who made so many purchases. We can't thank Joe Arnold enough for heading up the project. He has been working on it for several months. We also could not have pulled it off without the help of Martha Arnold and her crew from the Central Village Homemakers, Jan Kynner, Lisa Krcese, and Maureen Connelly. Thanks again, ladies! Thanks also to all the members of the CUMM who took turns helping out.

After our summer break, we'll meet on Saturday, September 21, at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. We'll begin discussion on how to distribute our Art Sale profits to the organizations we have supported in the past, and maybe some new ones as well.

Have a great summer!

Chris Moughon

CUMM President

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

Ricky Hammond
Frank Crittenden
Anna Shaw Deagle



UM Men with UM Women Have successful Art & Bake Sale

-Photos by Dale Robinson

Below: Nancy Goldman and Hope Merrill
selling so many goodies at the UMW Bake sale.



Below: There were many items of art to choose from.



**July/August Upper Room
have been delayed but will be
available in the Narthex soon.**

UM Women Host Picnic

The Central United Methodist Women have had a busy June!

We could not have asked for a more beautiful day for our Bake Sale. We donned our CUMW aprons and sold \$396.65 of delicious homemade treats. It was a day of fun, laughter and way too much sugar!

On Father's Day it was our honor to recognize not only the fathers, but also the uncles, brothers, neighbors and friends – those who do so much to help others. We hope everyone had a special day filled with love, family and friends.

With the assistance of other congregation members, we watered and maintained the garden at the Witherspoon farm in preparation for the Three Rivers picnic on June 24th.

The picnic day arrived, and Mother Nature seemed to have a hard time making up her mind. One minute it looked like rain and the next minute the sun came out. We decided to take a chance and have the picnic at the farm. There was cloud cover and a wonderful breeze but no rain! The farm was filled with children and their parents while Mike and Louise looked on from their deck. Children were playing with balls, hula hoops, bubbles, a parachute and they were flying kites, playing cornhole and swinging on the new swings Mike provided. They were trying to catch butterflies with colorful nets and they decorated a planter that contained a beautiful orchid for Louise. They planted herbs in the garden and they potted their own flower to take home. Meanwhile the parents were able to pickle a variety of vegetables in jars for their families to enjoy and we all had a delicious picnic lunch. The yard was filled with smiles, laughter and noise. Children, lots of space and playing in the dirt make a great combination. The kids had a wonderful farm experience and Mike and Louise have a garden that is flourishing with tomatoes, radishes, green peppers, squash, okra and herbs. How grateful we are to them for allowing us to enjoy their beautiful farm! What a great way to end a month that was blessed with friends, laughter and the joy of giving to others.

We do not have a formal meeting in July. Even though it is summer, the needs of the church and community do not take a vacation, so we do have several activities planned. Everyone stay cool and safe and enjoy your summer!

Nancy Goldman, CUMW President

**UMW host Three Rivers
Healthy Families at Witherspoon's Farm**
photos by Jamie Hall





Mathews Youth Opportunities Team:

A new evangelistic outreach initiative
to reach youth and families in Mathews County.

Who we are: A cluster of UMC churches in Mathews:
Central, Emmanuel, Grace-Providence, Mathews Chapel, and St. Matthew

Our mission: To move out in the community to meet youth and their families where they are to share God's love and grace.

What we will do: Provide youth-based activities to build relationships and foster growth of personal relationships with Jesus Christ.

How we will do this: Offer a variety of fun and free youth activities. Some examples are:

- Outdoor movie nights
- Community VBS
- Trunk or Treat
- Music Concerts
- Mission projects
- Sponsor youth team sports
- Youth Fishing Trips

How you can get involved:

- Pray for the youth, their families, and the ministry team.
- Join the Mathews Youth Opportunities Team.
- Volunteer at sponsored events.
- Donate to the Mathews Youth Opportunities Team Fund. Donations can be made to Emmanuel UMC, PO Box 628, North, VA 23128, [please include Mathews Youth Opportunities Team on the memo line.](#)

**Join us for our first
organizational meeting:
Thursday, July 11, 7:00 pm
At Central UMC**

For more information, contact Chris Merrill at 540-661-8173, d.christopher.merrill@gmail.com or Pastor Kristie Askew at 804-694-0509, kristieaskew@vaumc.org.



Give the Gift of Life!

Mathews Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 16, 12:30 –6:00 pm
Piankatank Ruritan Building

Go to redcrossblood.org for appt.
or Call [804-725-2485](tel:804-725-2485) for appt.
and for questions.



Just a Reminder!

Please indicate on the Disciples Engaged in Mission checklist, if you took part in any community service or outreach activities in April, May & June. Checklist is located in the Narthex. *Thank you!*



M and E Continue Collections

At our June 19th meeting we finalized plans for our Christmas in July dinner. This celebration, which is being held to benefit the Mathews Country Social Services Christmas Store, will be on July 17 beginning at 5:00. Betty Stewart has already been pricing turkey breasts and will be responsible for purchasing them and the other supplies for the stuffing and gravy.

Please bring an unwrapped new gift for either children or adults and join us for a fun filled evening of caroling while you admire our beautiful Yuletide decorations. We'll finish the evening by sitting down to a delicious potluck Christmas dinner. Please include your recipe for your dish so that we can share them with each other.

As soon as we get the Trustees approval for the Serenity Garden, we will coordinate with Richard Moughon to till the area, get the area ready for cultivation, and begin planting daffodil, lily, and iris bulbs. Unfortunately, it's been so hot and dry, we probably won't plant annuals until the Fall. We will, however, trim the existing bushes, put the birdbath and feeder and benches in place. When all that is done, we will have a dedication ceremony and the Garden will be ready as a place for contemplation or rest, or quiet conversations between individuals or with God. Thank you to Charles who has agreed to keep the bird feeder filled and to Richard for his help. We will let the congregation know when we will begin working on the garden and would eagerly welcome your help.

We have a surplus of money in our budget thanks to some unexpected contributions and entertained ideas where it could be used to further God's message of love and hope. It was mentioned that there are people in Mathews going through difficult times such as someone with cancer who is driving back and forth weekly to Richmond for treatment who would appreciate a gas gift card. Several other suggestions were also discussed and will be prayed about before a decision is made.

Christmas in July Dinner Program

Mission and Evangelism continues to sponsor a collection for a Christmas in July dinner program on July 17.

>>>You can donate New unwrapped items – toys, bikes, wagons, and ride-on trikes; sweatshirts, sweatpants, fleece for men, women and children; kitchen, housewares & household items; blankets and throws; personal products (soap, shampoo, gift sets); personal care products (hair dryers, shavers, curling irons); small electronics (toasters, coffee makers, toaster ovens, small microwaves, can openers, mixers, small space heaters); small technology products (speakers, headphones, etc.)

Please note used items cannot be accepted. Bring items to Central fellowship hall or call Jimmy or Betty Stewart at 804-725-3322. **Please bring donations by July 17.**

Linda Dalgety, M & E Chair



Dee Bane is pictured with Rachel Morris, Virginia Tech Extension Agent and 4 H Representative. Mission and Evangelism voted to sponsor a young person to attend 4 – H Camp this summer. Dee is presenting a check on behalf of the church. Photo by Linda Dalgety.

Mission Focus for July: Mathews Social Security Christmas Store

The Christmas store makes it possible for the holidays to be a little brighter for those in need. Some families will have to choose between paying bills and buying holiday presents. The Christmas store fills that gap and helps keep the giving spirit feasible. This program relies on the strength of our community and the recipients are truly grateful.

If you would like to make a monetary contribution, please make your check payable to Central UMC and write, "Christmas Store" on the memo line.

*The Mission Focus is adopted by the
Administrative Council.*

Designated Funds

Our Financial Secretary, Marcia Fry, and our Treasurer, Carolyn Rowe, came up with a list of designated funds that will make the donating process easier for the counters without making it any more difficult for the donors. This list has been approved by the Finance Committee and then by the Admin Council and is ready to be implemented immediately. There will be very little change in the way you donate; this will just streamline the process. As in the past, there are funds that you will be asked to donate to at specific times of the year and others that you can give to anytime. The Mission Focus of the month is the best example of one for a specific time and Building & Grounds is an example of a "year-round" fund.

This list will be posted on the bulletin board just outside the Fellowship Hall along with the monthly Finance Report.

As you have been doing in the past, simply write the name of the designated fund on the memo line of a separate check made out to Central United Methodist Church. You do not have to write anything on the memo line of your check to the regular, General Fund/Offering. Any check with nothing on the memo line will automatically be deposited in the General Fund.

The Finance Committee thanks you for all your generous giving, whether it is to the General Fund or one of these designated funds. As is always the case, if you have any questions, feel free to ask me or anyone else on the Finance Committee.

Blessings,

Chris Moughon

Finance Chair



Designated Funds List

(see full instructions in Finance article to the left)

Health & Welfare	Scholarship Fund
Flowers	Va Conference
Pastor's Discretionary fund	UMCOR Sunday
Mission & Evangelism Committee	Facility Usage
Hospitality	UMCOR Disaster Relief
Memorial Fund	Building & Grounds
World Communion Sunday	Parsonage Fund

Mission Focus

Annual Report for UMFS

The latest annual report for United Methodist Family Services is located on the table in the church foyer.

Letter of Thanks from UMCOR

Dear Friends in Mission,

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—*Thank you!*

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disaster around the world. And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms—sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes,

General Secretary

UMCOR International Disaster Response & Recovery

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>July 2024</h1>			 pixabay.com			
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day 	5	6
7 Service, 9:15 am Sunday school 10:15 am	8 Finance 8:30 am	9 <u>Office closed</u>	10 <u>Office closed</u>	11 <u>Office closed</u> Mathews Youth Opportunity Team 7:00 pm	12	13
14 Service, 9:15 am <i>Hospitality Fellowship after Service</i> Sunday school 10:15 am	15	16 Community Blood Drive Piankatank Ruritan club 12:30—6:00 pm 	17 Mission and Evangelism Dinner program 5:30 pm	18	19	20
21 Service, 9:15 am Sun. school, 10:15 am <i>Central Chimes & Report Submissions Due</i>	22	23	24 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	25	26	27
28 Service, 9:15 am Sunday school, 10:15 am	29	30	31	All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.		

Birthdays

Betty Lewis	1	Emily Moughon	20
Joe Arnold	2	Robert Hall	21
Tom Robinson	6	James Martin	21
Mary Marshall	8	Tim Hill	26
Hope Merrill	8	David Hudgins	29
Judy Moughon	20		

Anniversaries

Ken & Bev Childress	9
Jim & Linda Dalgety	10
Billy Hudgins & Mary Elizabeth	10
Jimmy & Betty Stewart	23