



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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From the Pastor's Pen

Happy Fall Everyone! Here we are at the beginning of a new month and for me at least, the year 2024 has apparently garnished wings and has flown. We are merely three months from the end of the year. Much has yet to take place in the life of the church before we flip the calendar to 2025.

Our Annual Charge Conference will be taking place November 3rd at 3:00p.m. at Lower UMC in Hartfield. We will be gathering with several other United Methodist Churches to do the business of the church such as electing leaders and approving salaries ect. During that time we will also be acknowledging the life and ministry of the church over the last year. Part of that acknowledgment is that things have been tough. Some of our leaders have moved to other faith communities and the leadership and financial life of the church has been affected by these and other changes.

The United Methodist Church has experienced loss and we as a local church have experienced grief. And yet... ready for it? We are still doing the work of God through the power the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior! Lives are being touched and opened to the transformative power of God's Holy Spirit! May the Lord continue to be our focus and the building up of his Kingdom here on earth our mission! To God Be The Glory! Great things he has done, is doing, and has yet to do!

Praying For You,
Pastor Rebecca



Join us on Sundays!

Sunday Worship—9:15 a.m.

Sunday school—10:15 a.m.

[Live stream on YouTube](#)

Annual Birthday Luncheon

Sunday, October 13

11:30 am

Hosted by United Methodist Women

Please plan to come and
bring a side dish to share!

*It's a great opportunity to get to know
each other!*



World Communion Sunday is October 6th

On October 6th, donations will be collected for those who feel led to give. Your generosity provides scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development.



Offering envelopes will be in the pew racks that Sunday and can be placed in the offering plate or donations can be mailed to the church office. *Thank you!*

[\(Click here for more info\)](#)

Mission and Evangelism Makes Plans

At our meeting this month, we discussed our recent dinner and showing of the first episode of *The Chosen*. We all agreed that the first three episodes are introductory in nature and are not as interesting as subsequent ones. They really need a discussion period. As such, we decided that a Bible Study would be a better way for people to enjoy and learn from the show.

Our Serenity Garden has been tilled and is ready for us to begin work on it. John Lee and Ruthann will design a plan for the garden and distribute a picture of it to all committee members. We can then decide what contributions we can make from our own personal gardens and determine what needs to be purchased. We would like to incorporate daffodils, calla lilies, hostas, and perennial grasses as well as a dogwood tree. If anyone in the congregation would like to get some dirt in under their fingernails, please join us on October 16 at 10:30. Once the garden is planted, we would like to decorate it for the fall season with a hay bale, pumpkins, and corn stalks.

Our Mission Focus for October is Nelda's Closet and our Business Focus is Sentara Physical Therapy.

In November we will once again be sponsoring 25 needy families and providing them with all the fixings for thanksgiving dinner. This includes a turkey, potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, gravy, stuffing, rolls, and a pie. If you would like to contribute items, please bring them to and put non-perishable items in the designated box in the friendship classroom. If you would like to make a monetary contribution in November, please write *Thanksgiving dinners* on the item line of your check.



Betty and Ruthann will be responsible for our jars for hunger action month, and they will be ready by the end of January when they will be distributed to the congregation along with a calendar for February.

Linda Dalgety

Mission & Evangelism Chair



Nancy Jagger (on the left) delivered a check in the amount of \$275 from the "Christmas in July" program to Lauren Oden (middle) and Bernie Lacasse (on the right) at social services. (photo: Linda Dalgety)

October Mission Focus: Nelda's Closet

Our Mission Focus for August will be Nelda's Closet. This program is for students at Mathews High School and is administered by Nelda Gibbs.



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Students (referred by teachers or staff) that are in need of certain necessities (such as deodorant, soap, shampoo, feminine products) are allowed to access the closet at anytime. And since these kids are too old for the Snack Packs given to younger students, Nelda makes sure to supply the Closet with a healthy variety of snacks more suited to teenage tastes.

She also tailors the closet to meet individual needs. Recently, after hearing about a boy who couldn't participate in PE class because he didn't have sneakers, Nelda used some of the funds at her disposal and purchased shoes for him.

If you feel led to support this month's Mission Focus, please write "Nelda's Closet" on the memo line of your check and put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

The Mission Focus of the month is adopted by the Administrative Council.

Bushel Full of Lights

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38)

The Central UMW used this passage for their cookbook title a few years ago. It would be easy, after reading this, to focus on what we would get out of giving, but it misses the whole point of this quotation. Jesus preceded his statement with, "Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked," (v. 35)." Jesus is asking us to love like our Father in heaven, who loves us in spite of our failings."

Our congregation is a bushel full of lights shining with different skills and talents. Don't let those talents and skills be hidden. Let Rev. Rebecca know what your interests are. Let her know too, what you might be able to do to help with the church mission and functions. If you have been on the fence about volunteering, go ahead and do it. Give of your talents and your time if you can. Encourage your church neighbor to consider volunteering for a leadership position that might help the church accomplish its goals.



Remember: "We don't give to get things. We give because God delights in our generosity. The way we love others is a reflection of God's loving heart toward us.**"

** From Tim Herndon, VAUMF, Sept. 16, 2024.

Blessings,

Dee Bane

Administrative Council Chair

Fundraising Plans

The Central United Methodist Men met on Saturday, September 21. We had 10 members present to enjoy a breakfast prepared by Pat Moughon and John Lee Callis.

We held the final discussion of last June's Art Sale and began preliminary discussion of future fundraisers and how to distribute the funds from past fundraisers. In October, we'll go down our list of past contributions and possibly look at some new ones as well. One fundraiser that we did decide upon was to prepare breakfast for the five United Methodist Women's groups in the county that are still affiliated with the United Methodist Church. This will take place at Central on Saturday, December 7. We're looking forward to hosting not only the ladies of Central, but four of our sister churches, too.

It was great to get back together after our summer hiatus to enjoy good food and good fellowship. We hope that more of the guys of Central will join us on Saturday, October 19, at 8 am for even more good food and fellowship. You won't regret it!

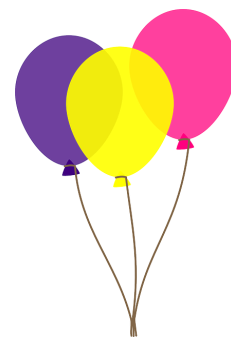
Chris Moughon,
CUMM President

Ladies Birthday Group

The ladies birthday group meets the third Thursday of each month to celebrate those of us having a birthday that month. If you would like to join us (even just occasionally), let me know and I will add you to our email list.

Everyone is welcome for this very casual event.

Susan Hill
timandsusan.hill@gmail.com



UM Women to Host Annual Birthday Lunch

As I look out my window, I see busy squirrels going back and forth across the yard with pecans to store up for the coming winter. The last of the hummingbirds have left for their long journey and the summer blooms have faded away. However, there are many butterflies still dancing, the sun is still warm and as we enter a new season, God's world is full of beauty and blessings.

The Central United Methodist Women continue to work for the good of the church and the community. Our Annual Birthday Luncheon will be October 13th at 11:30. Please plan to come and bring a side dish to share! It's an opportunity to get to know each other better and share a meal.

The collection of knitted items was delivered to CHKD. The nurses were amazed at how one person's hands were able to create such beautiful gifts that will bring comfort and joy to many children.

We began planning the Three Rivers Thanksgiving event that will be fun for the children and provide families with a Thanksgiving meal.

We are exploring fund raising opportunities that will enable us to provide donations to those in need in our community. We are also looking ahead to Christmas (yikes) and discussed potential activities.

How blessed we are to be members of Central. We are a church that takes care of each other. God lives in our church and in each of us. May we continue to be an example of forgiveness, grace and gratefulness for all that he has provided.

Nancy Goldman
CUMW President

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

Jim Pavik
Denise McCuiston



Flowers for the first Sunday of Fall

(9/22)

-photo by Brenda Lewis

-arranged by Mark Lewis

Henry Fork Service Center, Program News

Fall programming is gearing up beautifully. We began the school year with lots of energy and smiling faces, some returning and some new. This fall, we will be trekking through many Old Testament stories including Creation, Moses, Ruth & Naomi, Elijah, and Daniel, among others. Fall program will culminate with Thanksgiving and Christmas before we embark on spring curriculum. As staff prepare for upcoming activities, they are focusing on fun and enriching lessons and plans to go along with them.

We cannot thank you enough for all the love, prayers, and support you give us. The children's lives are forever touched by your Christian kindness. Thank you to all who have given your time and resources to help our programs succeed. We couldn't do this without you!



www.henryforkcenter.org

[Henry Fork Newsletter for September 2024](#)

Solar-Powered Disaster Response

We have all seen or heard of the devastating impact of the growing climate crisis has on the people around the world including in the USA. Leaders of United Methodist Global Ministries have joined a coalition of United Methodist agencies pledging to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across the organizations' ministries, facilities, operations and investments by 2050.

United Methodist Global Ministries have already taken many steps toward the net zero goal in individual churches and in many other joint projects. Below is just one example:



Solar-Powered Disaster Response Trailer Visits Charlotte

As climate change exacerbates more frequent and extreme heat waves, hurricanes, and other climate disasters, fossil fuels are still the go-to source of backup power during emergencies. Solar microgrid trailers, which provide clean power, are easily towed to where they are needed most during an emergency—to power cell phones, Wi-Fi, refrigeration, lighting, medical devices and other critical services.

In April of 2024, at the Charlotte North Carolina Convention Center, the public was invited to visit a state-of-the-art solar-powered disaster response trailer that combines environmental sustainability with the disaster ministry of The United Methodist Church.

In times of disaster, gaining access to a source of power is one of the most essential yet challenging parts of response and recovery. This trailer is a transportable eco-friendly energy source that provides vital emergency power without the environmental damage caused by traditional fossil fuels. The solar microgrid trailer is a tangible example of The United Methodist Church's commitment to CREATION CARE and environmental stewardship.

Michael Cannon
Creation Care Team



October is
Pastor Appreciation Month



2024 Charge Conference
Saturday, November 3
3:00 p.m., Lower UMC



September at Central



The Chosen show and a Hot dog dinner

(9/15) photos below by Linda Dalgety

Top photo (rt-left): John Lee Callis, Gloria Fulcher, Nancy Jagger and Judy Moughon get the food ready.

Bottom photo (rt-left): Nita Carter, Gloria Fulcher, Nancy Jagger and Bud Fulcher.



Flowers in appreciation of Marcia Fry's many years of service to Central (9/15)

-photo by Brenda Lewis,
-arrangement by Mark Lewis



From Central Member, Jean Sutton:

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Please allow me to use this means of appreciation to tell you how grateful I am for all the niceties you bestowed on me. Indeed, I had a nice celebration of 90 years of life. I received a lot of cards, flowers, phone calls, texts, goodies and most of all your prayers.

Please continue to keep Central church, a work in progress, in prayer.

I will pray for that.

My love, *Jean*



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>October 2024</h1>						
		1 UM Women 10:00 am	2 Central Village Homemakers 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	3	4	5
6 World Communion Sunday  Service, 9:15 am Sunday school, 10:15 am	7	8	9 SPRC 10:00 am	10 Paul Townsend Mem. Class Lunch, Noon Choir 7:00 pm	11	12
13 Service, 9:15 am Sunday school, 10:15 am Birthday Luncheon 11:30 am	14 Finance 8:30 am	15	16 Mission & Evangelism 10:00 am	17 Choir 7:00 pm	18	19 UM Men 8:00 am
20 Service, 9:15 am Sunday school, 10:15 am <i>Central Chimes Submissions Due</i>	21	22	23 Administrative Council 7:00 pm	24	25	26
27 Service, 9:15 am Sunday school, 10:15 am	28	29	30	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"><p>All meeting times & dates are subject to change. If in doubt, contact the committee chair.</p></div>	

Birthdays

Kate Small	5	Soles Small	23
Craig Small	13	Patty Hertzler	27
John Lee Callis	18	Allen Moughon	30

Anniversaries

David & Nancy Goldman 15